

**Raritan and Millstone Rivers Flood Control Commission**  
**March 16, 2013**  
**Meeting MINUTES** \*\*draft 3-25-13\*\*

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**CALL TO ORDER** – Chairman Jurewicz called the meeting to order 9:37 A.M.

**OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT**

“This meeting is being held in compliance with the ‘OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT’, because adequate notice of this meeting has been provided by notifying the Manville News, the Courier News and the Star Ledger, and by posting notice of such meeting in the Borough Hall on a bulletin board reserved for such announcements and by filing of said notice with the Borough Clerk of the Borough of Manville. Formal Action may be taken at this meeting.”

**ROLL CALL**

Municipalities Present: Bridgewater, Franklin, Hillsborough, Manville, Millstone, Montgomery, Rocky Hill, Somerville, South Bound Brook, Somerset County

**FLAG SALUTE**

**MOMENT OF SILENCE**

**INTRODUCTION – Overview** – Mr. Jurewicz

The meeting was opened at the RVCC Workshop. Mr. Jurewicz began with a brief overview of who the commission is, how it came into being, what are their ultimate goals and what actions are in place now and what actions are being planned to attain these goals.

**PRESENTATION AND SPECIAL GUEST** 9:43 A.M.

The meeting was opened to the various presenters. (See attached Workshop Agenda)

**PUBLIC PORTION**: 2.15 P.M.

Various questions from the audience were answered directly by the board and guest speakers.

1. Larry Morrell. Questions the Health of the Soil and losing soil at exponential rates. Dr. Stephen Souza, Princeton Hydro suggests the public demand the rule be enforced for surface water management and hard surface coverage by their planning boards.
2. Ed O’Malley. Asks the presenters if they have a vision of what a soil management group should look like. S. Souza offers the brief outline of first, understand soil water management then incorporate the three components, Quality, Recharge and

Quantity. Ultimately he stressed the public's personal involvement and the fact that small incremental steps win.

3. Ted Chase, Asks about things we can do without spending money and also the issue with existing detention basin design and the concrete overflow.
4. Liz Palius interjected a question to the issue of the concrete low flow channel. If basins were redesigned, what affect would that have on volume? S. Souza offered an approximate 25% reduction could occur in volume with a one year storm. Liz continued to question the purposefulness of the study and if Manville is the wrong focus. Ed Zimmerman explained that the study is looking upstream and the broader issues.
5. Robert Zumlenki. Asked the board if they were working with the Delaware and Raritan Canal Commission. Chairman Jurewicz answered, not as of yet.

Any further questions should be forwarded to the Commission at P.O. Box 8736, Somerville, N.J. 08876 or email: [RMRFCC@gmail.com](mailto:RMRFCC@gmail.com) or [rmrfcc@manvillenj.org](mailto:rmrfcc@manvillenj.org)

### **COMMENTS FROM THE COMMISSION MEMBERS**

Chairman Frank Jurewicz thanked everyone for their presentations and the excellent information provided. All were thanked for their attendance and support of the group.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to Adjourn moved by Rocky Hill, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Manville. Unanimous 10 Aye vote to adjourn 2:36 pm

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CJShaw  
Carmella Shaw  
Recording Secretary  
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Date: \_\_\_\_\_3/28/13\_\_\_\_\_