

**Agenda of the
Raritan and Millstone Rivers Flood Control Commission
May 22, 2013
Meeting Minutes Draft 6/5/2013**

CALL TO ORDER - WELCOME

Chairman Jurewicz called the meeting to order 7:08pm

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, Raritan, Rocky Hill, Somerville, Somerset County

Municipalities Absent: South Bound Brook

FLAG SALUTE

MOMENT OF SILENCE –

INTRODUCTION – Overview -Notes

- June’s monthly meeting will be in Millstone
 - o Start at 6pm with tour and walk to the river and impact of flooding
- 2013 MEETING Time: – All other meetings will start at 7:00pm
- Subcommittee meetings will be held the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 6:00 at the Manville borough hall.
- New Email address :
 - o rmfcc <rmfcc@manvillenj.org>
 - o rmfcc <rmfcc@gmail.com>
- Added to Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/#!/RMR FCC>
- Phone# (406) 356-6365 (floodnj)

Recording SECRETARY’S REPORT (Daniel Dixon)

Approval of Minutes:

Approval of minutes **April 2013** meeting: Motion to approval moved by Franklin 2nd by Hillsborough Ayes 10 Abstentions 1 Minutes approved 10-0

Correspondence:

Email and Mail sent to the Commission from:

- Emails to representative.
- Email forms Various Representatives to be discussed by Secretary with a scheduled meeting with Rush Holt by end of May, 2013
- Various responses from governing officials to be discussed by Secretary

We have gotten responses from the mailing that was sent out to your Representatives. They have asked us that in the future to please email them instead of mailings.

Representative Rush Holt office has been in contact with Chairman Jurewicz. Meeting is planned to meet with Representative Rush Holt in June.

Follow-up on the emails from the Representatives to get their support for the RMRFCC study that was started twelve years ago by the Army Corps Army of Engineers.

TREASURER'S REPORT (Kevin Sluka)

1) Claims for Payment:

- a. Payment to Carmella Shaw as per contract: 3 month fee \$300
- b. Reimbursement to Frank Jurewicz \$39.03 for workshop supplies
- c. Payment to Frank Linnus, Esq. for legal services rendered as per invoice dated February 6, 2013

Motion to approve payment of claims moved by Rocky Hill 2nd by Somerville Ayes 10 Nays 0 Abstentions 1 Payments Approved 10-0

2) Income: \$250.00 Montgomery: Dues

3) Budget Encumbrances (none)

4) Donation of Gift to RMRFCC (none)

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT (KEVIN SLUKA)

The balance of the account as of May 20, 2013 is \$8,866,70.

The Bank account was reconciled through April 30, 2013.

Invoices will be sent to Borough of Raritan for year 2013.

Motion to approve the Finance Report moved by Franklin 2nd Rocky Hill Roll Call Vote:
Ayes: 10 Bridgewater, Franklin, Hillsborough, Manville, Millstone, Montgomery, Raritan,
Rocky Hill, Somerville, Somerset County. Nays 0. Approved 10-0

ANNUAL DUES

Checks or purchase orders can be sent to:

Mail checks to:
P.O. BOX 8736
Somerville, NJ, 08876

BUDGET CREATION FOR 2013

The updated budget status has been e-mailed to all members on the finance committee.

RESOLUTIONS 2013

OPEN – NONE

Commission Secretary –

LEGISLATIVE and COMMUNICATION COMMITTEE REPORT (Dan Dixon) **Support**

The following is written as direct communication from the RMRFCC Secretary:

1. The Board will follow up with the following Government officials with the purpose to set up a meeting to discuss our concerns for funding our funding our study, and the economical and personal impact that the lack of funds is having in their districts
Contact has been gained with the following, with some very strong response:
Governor Christie
Rush Holt (per Recording Secretary Note)
Senator Launtenburg Class 2
Assemblyman Anthony Bucco
Frank Pallone District 6
Rodney Frelinghuysen District 11
Senator Christopher Bateman District 16
Assemblyman Upendra Chivukula
2. The Petition Letter:

As a group, we haven't done a great job of getting signatures for our Petition. At our April meeting, I made an announcement that I had Petition Letters for anyone that wanted to help us get signatures to show our Government Officials that we have the support from our communities and their constituents that we are committed to getting this funding to complete our study. Only two people from the meeting came to me and asked for the Petition Letter. I wanted to thank those two individuals for their commitment and time for helping us in this fight.

Kevin Sluka suggested that we put email Petition letter together for each town to put on their Official Town website and on the RMRFCC website. This would make it easier to collect the signatures.

ENGINEERING COMMITTEE REPORT (Carl Andreassen)

Review the topic of interest to commission from an engineering perspective: Setting up overview presentation of count master plan and how it fits with the flood preparative plan. Look in to taking a tour with ACOE to Bound Brook flood walls.

Hillsborough Township Engineer, Mr. Bill White, will be open to talk about how Hillsborough's planning and Zoning Boards reviews applications and follows then latest storm water laws.

MONTHLY STATUS REPORT - ARMY CORPS of ENGINEERS

Update and status report on study

New Rep

Email:

Mail: 26 Federal Plaza, 21st Floor, Room 2127, New York, NY 10278.

Take a tour of Lost Valley and Franklin side of the Millstone River.

Robert Grecco has been assigned new Project Manager for the RMRFCC Study. He was not able to attend the meeting. No update.

PRESENTATION and SPECIAL GUEST

Go over how Master plans can help prevent flooding and how you can be prepaid to respond when flooding happens.

[Anthony McCracken from Somerset County Planning](#)

[Doug Vornlocker from County OEM](#)

Members of the commission thanked Mr. Mr. Doug Vornlocker from County OEM and also thanked Mr. Adam Slutsky, P.E. from County of Somerset Engineering Division. For filling in for Mr. Anthony McCracken he hasn't able to attend.

OLD BUSINESS

- State creation of a flood task force update – Still not voted on.
- Webpage – Setting up meeting with the county, host our webpage and email accounts?
- Working with Rutgers on getting help on projects in 2013/2014

The Commission discussed setting up the Flood Task Force in place by July-August. The Commission is hoping to get clarification if the County can or cannot host our webpage and email accounts in the near future.

Rutgers is working with The Commission to clarify what projects they might be able to help The Commission with.

NEW BUSINESS

- Visit with Representative Rush Holt next week for request for help for funding for the ACOE Raritan Basin Flood Study.

Meeting with Representative Rush Holt had to be moved to June 2013 due to scheduling conflict.

Goals and Objectives

- Goal and objectives for 2013
 - To be official
 - Have official stationary.
 - Letter head with address and representatives of the Commission.
 - Envelopes with return address.
 - Official business cards for executive board.
 - Official website.
 - Official phone number.
 - Official spokesperson for the Commission. This way we can send one message. Example would include press releases and interviews.
 - What is our objective for 2013?
 - How to implement our plan to accomplish our objectives?
 - What is our message?
 - How do we get our message heard?
 - Can we get people to act from our message?
 - Build a working relationship with our representative.

PUBLIC PORTION

- Motion to open to the Public 8:50pm

Motion to Open Public Comment: moved by Rocky Hill 2nd Hillsborough.

No comments for the Public

Public comment ended 8:52pm

COMMENTS FROM THE COMMISSION MEMBERS

- Q/A

No comments from the Commission Members.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to Adjourn moved by Rocky Hill, 2nd by Hillsborough.
Unanimous 10 Aye vote to Adjourn 8:55pm

Daniel Dixon

Date: May 22, 2013