

**Agenda of the
Raritan and Millstone Rivers Flood Control Commission
Feb. 27, 2013**

CALL TO ORDER - WELCOME

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

Roll call Members on the Commission

Towns	Present	Absent	Arrival Time
Bridgewater			
Franklin			
Hillsborough			
Manville			
Millstone			
Montgomery			
Rocky Hill			
Somerville			
South Bound Brook			
Somerset County			
Total			

Source: FJJ

FLAG SALUTE

MOMENT OF SILENCE –

INTRODUCTION – Overview -Notes

- 2013 MEETING Time: – All meetings will start at 7:00pm
- Workshop meeting March 16th at RVCC
- Subcommittee meetings will be held the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 6:00 at the Manville borough hall.
- New Email address :
 - rmfcc <rmfcc@manvillenj.org>
 - rmfcc <rmfcc@gmail.com>
- Added to Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/#!/RMR FCC>

Recording SECRETARY'S REPORT

Approval of Minutes:

- RESOLVED, the Commission approves the minutes (the following meeting: Jan 2013 meeting will be voted on)

Correspondence:

Email and Mail sent to the Commission from:

- Email to and from DEP about meeting.
- Email to and from RVCC about Workshop
- Email to Somerset County for Grant writing and OEM.

TREASURER'S REPORT (Kevin Sluka)

- 1) Claims for Payment: (none)
- 2) Income: \$250.00 Manville: Dues
- 3) Budget Encumbrances (RVCC encumbrance for 3/16 event- additional \$250.00 total \$1,000)
- 4) Donation of Gift to RMR FCC (none)

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT (KEVIN SLUKA)

The balance of the account as of February 26 is \$7,131.98. The February statement has not been received as of yet therefore this is not a reconciled balance.

Gail Smith has been added as a signatory to the account, as requested by the auditing firm.

Purchase Orders from Hillsborough & South Bound Brook has been received, payments pending:

2013 Payments or Purchase Orders are due from Montgomery, Rocky Hill, and Somerset County.

The following are paid: Bridgewater, Franklin, Manville, Millstone & Somerville

The Borough of Raritan has requested a formal request to join prior to joining.

ANNUAL DUES

Checks or purchase orders can be sent to:

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

BUDGET REVIEW

The bank register has been e-mailed to all members on the Finance Committee and an updated spending budget has been e-mailed.

RESOLUTIONS 2013

Motion to approve Resolution 13.2.1 to support the Raritan and Millstone Rivers Flood Control Commission that it does hereby request all State and Federal representatives with jurisdictions along the Raritan and Millstone Rivers assure the Commission that the necessary funding to complete the Millstone River Basin, N.J., Flood Damage Reduction and Ecosystem Restoration Study will be accomplished through the use of Super Storm Sandy assistance funds.

Commission Secretary - LEGISLATIVE and COMMUNICATION COMMITTEE REPORT (Dan Dixon)

Support

Status of letter to be sent to Federal and State representatives to encourage them to support the flood commission and the funding for the study by the Army Corps of Engineers with the funding from Sandy

Status on the creation of a letter template that can be used by residents to send to their Federal and State representatives to encourage them to support the flood commission and the funding for the study by the Army Corps of Engineers.

Status on setting up Meetings with our Congressmen and Senators in Washington to go over our needs and ask for their support to get funding for the study by the Army Corps of Engineers.(target date May/June)

ENGINEERING COMMITTEE REPORT (Carl Andreassen)

Review the topic of interest to commission for the view of engineering:
Setting up overview presentation of count master plan and how it fit with the flood preparative plan. Setup up some point in 2013 (target May). Invite OEM to talk at the same meeting.

MONTHLY STATUS REPORT - ARMY CORPS of ENGINEERS

Update and status report on study

David Gentile

Email: David.T.Gentile@usace.army.mil

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

PRESENTATION and SPECIAL GUEST

Somerset county grant writer Denise Katula presentation and opportunities for the commission to go for grant funding:

Denise A. Katula, Grants Coordinator 
Somerset County Administrator's Office
P.O. Box 3000
Somerville, NJ 08876-1262
T 908-231-7517
F 908-231-1740
www.co.somerset.nj.us

Angela S Clerico of (*Natural Systems Utilities*) will bring additional ideas for potential funding sources.

OLD BUSINESS

- State creation of a flood task force update – Still not voted on.
- Status of Raritan to join the Commission in 2013.
 - Will leave invite out to Raritan if they want to vote on it we will accept them.
- Webpage – Setting up meeting with the county, host our webpage and email accounts?
- Funding – alternate funding for the commission (Grant writer)
- Work shop overview at RVCC
- 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.

NEW BUSINESS

- Recommendation for appointments
 - Web page
 - Grant writer?
 - Committee members

PUBLIC PORTION

- Motion to open to the Public

COMMENTS FROM THE COMMISSION MEMBERS

- Q/A

ADJOURNMENT

**RESOLUTION OF THE
RARITAN AND MILLSTONE RIVERS
FLOOD CONTROL COMMISSION**

WHEREAS, as a result of the record flooding on the Raritan and Millstone Rivers caused by Hurricane Floyd in 1999, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers commenced a Reconnaissance Report; and

WHEREAS, the Reconnaissance Report recommended that a larger, more detailed study of flooding be done; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in 2002 commenced a \$6,800,000 study called, Millstone River Basin, N.J., Flood Damage Reduction and Ecosystem Restoration Study; and

WHEREAS, since 1996, there has been seven (7) disaster declarations due to flooding in the Raritan and Millstone Basin; and

WHEREAS, four of the top six floods of record on the Raritan and Millstone Rivers have occurred in 1999, 2007, 2010, and 2011; and

WHEREAS, the study commenced in 2002 by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is now 11 years in progress and only \$3,846,719 has been funded to date of the original cost of \$6,800,000; and

WHEREAS, communities along the Raritan and Millstone Rivers were also declared disaster areas as a result of the Super Storm Sandy and are eligible for funding assistance; and

WHEREAS, it is extremely important that the Millstone River Basin, N.J., Flood Damage Reduction and Ecosystem Restoration Study be completed before other studies are funded with Super Storm Sandy Aid.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Raritan and Millstone Rivers Flood Control Commission that it does hereby request all State and Federal representatives with jurisdictions along the Raritan and Millstone Rivers assure the Commission that the necessary funding to complete the Millstone River Basin, N.J., Flood Damage Reduction and Ecosystem Restoration Study will be accomplished through the use of Super Storm Sandy assistance funds; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to: Senator Frank Lautenberg, Senator Robert Menendez, Congressman Rush Holt, Congressman Leonard Lance, Congressman Rodney P. Frelinghuysen, Senator Christopher “Kip” Bateman, Assemblyman Jack M. Ciattarelli, Assemblywoman Donna M. Simon, Senator Bob Smith, Assemblyman Upendra J. Chivukula, Assemblyman Joseph V. Egan, Senator Mike Doherty, Assemblyman John DiMaio, and Assemblyman Eric Peterson.

Raritan and Millstone Rivers Flood Control
Commission

By: _____
Frank Jurewicz, Chairman

ATTEST:
