

**Agenda of the
Raritan and Millstone Rivers Flood Control Commission
April. 24, 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			
Raritan			
Rocky Hill			
Somerville			
South Bound Brook			
Somerset County			
Total			

Source: FJJ

FLAG SALUTE

MOMENT OF SILENCE –

INTRODUCTION – Overview -Notes

- May's monthly meeting will be in Hillsborough
- 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 (Carmella Shaw)

Approval of Minutes:

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

Correspondence:

Email and Mail sent to the Commission from:

- Emails to representative.
- Letters, resolution and petition sent to representative from flood commission.

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

2) Income: \$250.00 Montgomery: Dues

3) Budget Encumbrances (none)

4) Donation of Gift to RMR FCC (none)

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT (KEVIN SLUKA)

The balance of the account as of April 23rd is \$6,415.73. The April statement has not been received as of yet therefore this is not a reconciled balance. The account was reconciled through February

2013 Payments from all invoiced municipalities have been received. The purchase order for County of Somerset for \$4,000 have been executed and returned.

Raritan Borough will be invoiced after 30 days.

The workshop cost has been totaled at \$1,755.28 which includes school use cost, insurance, advertisement, food and supply reimbursement.

ANNUAL DUES

Checks or purchase orders can be sent to:

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

BUDGET REVIEW

Budget review has been submitted to Finance Committee with all updates through April 23 (included the authorized bill payments from today)

RESOLUTIONS 2013

OPEN - NEW

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 from an engineering perspective:
Setting up overview presentation of count master plan and how it fits with the flood preparative plan. Set 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

Dr. Judy Shaw will go over an opportunity for the flood commission to work with the Rutgers studio to benefit programs the commission may want to do in 2013/2014.

Here is as quick overview of what it is:

First, what do we hope the studio might provide?

Rutgers' Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy trains the leaders of tomorrow. The students in our Masters program apply their planning education to real projects as a requirement for graduation. Each year we select cutting-edge projects for these studio classes. As the client, the RMFCC would direct the student 'firm' as they craft a plan for flood risk reduction in your region.

The project would assemble data for each of the partner communities and the final product would be an implementation plan for flood mitigation on a regional level.

We would hope this project would be presented to you at your December meeting of the Commission. We would provide you with a full description of the project at your September meeting and hold at least one mid-course client meeting.

There is no standard fee for this, but of the Commission would like to make a donation toward the studio, that would be fine.

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OLD BUSINESS

- State creation of a flood task force update – Still not voted on.
- Status of Raritan to join the Commission in 2013.
 - Raritan has accept our invitation to join the Flood Commission (Welcome!)
- Webpage – Setting up meeting with the county, host our webpage and email accounts?
- Work shop overview at RVCC – Review: take a ways good and the bad.
 - What can be done different for next year’s workshop?
- Accept report from executive committee meeting that was had at Senator Bateman’s office with the DEP. (Vote to accept the report or make Resolution)

NEW BUSINESS

- Additional funding from the State and Federal Government for buy out and long term mitigation for area hit by Sandy and Irene.

Goals and Objectivers

- 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

COMMENTS FROM THE COMMISSION MEMBERS

- Q/A

ADJOURNMENT