

**Agenda of the
Raritan and Millstone Rivers Flood Control Commission
May 22, 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

- 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 rmrfcc <rmrfcc@manvillenj.org>
 - o rmrfcc <rmrfcc@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: April 2013 meeting will be voted on)

Correspondence:

Email and Mail sent to the Commission from:

- Emails to Representatives.
- Email form 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

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 May 20, 2013 is \$8,866.70. The Bank account has been reconciled through April 30, 2013.

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

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 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 want to thank those two individuals for their commitment and time for helping us in this fight.

Please help us in getting signatures from your communities.
Please see me after the meeting and I will be glad to give you one.
Thank you for your support.

3. I wanted to thank any individuals for taking the time and effort to supply the Commission with information which has been very helpful in bringing attention to the H.R. 152, especially Chapter 4-Titled Department of the Army. Thank you for your support.

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 the 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.

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](#)

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

NEW BUSINESS

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

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

COMMENTS FROM THE COMMISSION MEMBERS

- Q/A

ADJOURNMENT