

**Agenda of the  
Raritan and Millstone Rivers Flood Control Commission  
Sept. 25, 2013**

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**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**

- MEETING Time: – Next meeting is Oct 23<sup>th</sup> in Bridgewater
  - o will start at 7:00pm
- New Email address :
  - o rmrfcc <[rmrfcc@gmail.com](mailto: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: June 2013 meeting will be voted on)

### **Correspondence:**

Email and Mail sent to the Commission from:

## **TRESURER'S REPORT** (Kevin Sluka)

- 1) Claims for Payment: Carmella Shaw  
2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Invoice \$300 April/May/June
- 2) Income: (none)
- 3) Budget Encumbrances (none)
- 4) Donation of Gift to RMR FCC (none)

## **FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT** (KEVIN SLUKA)

The reconciled balance of the account as of August 30, 2013 is \$8,736.04

### **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)

### **ENGINEERING COMMITTEE REPORT** (Carl Andreassen)

Review the topic of interest to commission from an engineering perspective:

### **MONTHLY STATUS REPORT - ARMY CORPS of ENGINEERS**

#### **Update and status report on study**

#### **Project Manager: Robert Greco**

Email: Robert.Greco@usace.army.mil

Mail: 26 Federal Plaza, New York, NY 10278

- Overview of tour of Lost Valley and Franklin side of the Millstone River.
- 2013 funding for study
- Go over 3 options from the outcome of the study.
- Ratio number
- Next steps (NJDEP, Governor, approvals)

### **PRESENTATION and SPECIAL GUEST**

Army Corp and DEP

### **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?
- Rutgers to design Webpage after we get the system from the county
- Working with Rutgers on getting help on projects in 2013/2014
- Review the Brochure and Power Point Loop (prepared by Steven DeRochi) to be used at the fair.
- Table coverage for the Duck raise in Raritan :
  - Raritan River Fest and Rubber Duck Race is taking place on Sunday, September 29, 2013 from 12:00 PM to 5:00 PM between Canal Street Park, between Nevius Street Bridge and Basilone Statue.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- Work with Rutgers to identify grant projects for the grant writer to go for.
  - Cleanup of the Millstone River.
  - Plant and grass planning in open space
  - Etc...
- Letter from Senator Menendez.
  - Contact Senator = <http://www.menendez.senate.gov/contact/>
- NJ Flood Buyout and Elevation Grant Program
  - The State of New Jersey will be administering programs for the possible buyout or elevation of flood-affected homes. Although the funding for these programs comes from Super Storm Sandy, the Towns in Somerset County are also eligible as Somerset County was a declared disaster area after the storm. While the applications are pointed at coastal communities, please contact your local administrator to complete them anyway.
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## **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**