

**Agenda of the  
Raritan and Millstone Rivers Flood Control Commission  
Dec. 18, 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 Jan 22<sup>nd</sup> in Manville (reorg meeting)
  - 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>
- Webpage [www.RMR FCC.ORG](http://www.RMR FCC.ORG) and [WWW.RMR FCC.NET](http://WWW.RMR FCC.NET)
- New email will come after webpage is up
- Phone# (406) 356-6365 (**floodnj**)

## **Recording SECRETARY’S REPORT** (Carmella Shaw)

### **Approval of Minutes:**

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

### **Correspondence:**

Email and Mail sent to the Commission from: Rutgers University, USACE, Ann Marie McCarthy.

Correspondence from the commission: Holiday cards sent to all US and NJ Legislation, Mayors included and Rutgers contacts.

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

- 1) Claims for payments: (Nine)
- 2) Income: (none)
- 3) Budget Encumbrances (none)
- 4) Donation of Gift to RMR FCC (none)

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

The balance of the account as of December 18, 2013 is \$7298.98

Budget meeting was held on December 4 at 6:00 at Somerville Borough Hall.

The proposed budget for 2014 is \$15,520

### Major Points:

- No increase request in the amount of municipal and county contribution
- Additional contractual staffing needs from \$1,400 to \$2,800
- Increase in Auditing Services \$300 to \$600

- Increase in Public Relations from \$500 to \$1,000
- Small increases in postage, office supplies and mileage.
- Reductions in legal advertising, and webs services

## **ANNUAL DUES & FINANCIAL COMMUNICATIONS**

Checks, purchase orders & other financial communications can be sent to:

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

## **BUDGET Review FOR 2014**

- Go over propose budget for 2014 has been e-mailed to all members of the commission
- Make motion to accept budget for 2014

## **RESOLUTIONS 2013**

OPEN – NONE

## **Commission Secretary –**

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

- Motion to appoint new secretary for 2014

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

Setup meeting with Army Corp, DEP, and state representative to go over plans. Provide them our point of view of the plans (pluses and minus)

## **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

- Robert could not make the December meeting but will be at the January 2014 meeting.
- The feasibility level alternative plans were presented to the RMR FCC in late September 2013. Please note that the costs for each alternative and the economics analysis have not been provided to the RMR FCC pending review by our non-fed cost sharing partner, NJDEP.
- Robert formally provided to NJDEP on December 3, 2013, a summary of the alternative plans, plan sheets for each alternative (levee floodwall plan, channel plan, non-structural plan), costs for each alternative and the economics analysis for each

alternative for their review. NJDEP acknowledged receipt of the above products on December 4, 2013. The next step is to await comments from NJDEP. Upon resolution of comments we anticipate holding a meeting with the RMRFCC to report the results of our analysis.

## **PRESENTATION and SPECIAL GUEST**

Joseph David  
Central Jersey Stream Team  
Jdavid979@yahoo.com

- Go over cleanup of the Raritan River what has been done and what in plan for the future
- Lesson learn
- What can the commission do moving forward?

## **2014 Calandor review**

- Go over meeting dates for 2014. (attachment)

## **OLD BUSINESS**

- State creation of a flood task force update – Still not voted on.
- Rutgers to design Webpage (tech meeting)
- Working Rutgers on getting help on projects in 2013/2014
  1. Webpage document writing
- Work with proper group to identify grant projects for the grant writer to go for.
- Cleanup of the Raritan or Millstone River

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- Guest company overview of what they can provide
  - **Jon Dupre**
  - Flood Mitigation Specialist
  - **Orange Industries Flood, LLC**
  - 23 West Beech Street - Islip, NY 11751
  - P 631.206.0046 :: C 516.220.9821 :: F 631.206.0049
  - [www.orangeindustries.com](http://www.orangeindustries.com)
- New offices for 2014 –
- Committee chairs for 2014.
- New committee (Public Relations)
- Does the RMRFCC want to become a member of the Sustainable Raritan River Collaborative? If yes we have to draft a Resolution template for review and ratification.

## **Goals and Objectives**

- Goal and objectives for 2013 - what have we accomplished?
  - 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.
- Create Goal and objectives for 2014
  1. Remember we had 3 objectives as commission and we should focus on goals and objects related to them
    - Work with Army Corp of Engineers to get the study funded and done. Get our name out there.
    - Education – bring topic and information to help the citizen and communities who are being affected by flooding
    - Small projects we can get funding for in the short term to help reduce the flooding in the basin.

## **PUBLIC PORTION**

- Motion to open to the Public

## **COMMENTS FROM THE COMMISSION MEMBERS**

- Q/A

## **ADJOURNMENT**