

# Agenda of the Raritan and Millstone Rivers Flood Control Commission March 31, 2014

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**CALL TO ORDER - WELCOME**

**OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT**

“In accordance with Section 5 of the Open Public Meeting Act, Chapter 231, Public Law 1975, be advised that adequate notice of this Meeting of the Raritan and Millstone Rivers Flood Control Commission was made by the posting on the bulletin boards in the participating municipalities and transmitted to the officially designated newspapers, a list of dates, annually, indicating that this Meeting would take place at Rocky Hill Municipal Building, 15 Montgomery Avenue, Rocky Hill on Monday, March 31, 2014. In addition, a copy of this notice is and has been available to the public and is on file in the Office of the Municipal Clerk in the Township of Franklin.”

**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			
Raritan			
Somerset County			
Total			

Source: FJJ

**FLAG SALUTE**

**MOMENT OF SILENCE -**

**INTRODUCTION - Overview -Notes**

- Contact information
  - o New Email address :
    - rmrfcc <[rmrfcc@gmail.com](mailto:rmrfcc@gmail.com)>
  - o New Email address :
    - rmrfcc <[rmrfcc@rmrfcc.org](mailto:rmrfcc@rmrfcc.org)>
- Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/#!/RMR FCC>
- Webpage [www.RMR FCC.ORG](http://www.RMR FCC.ORG)
- New email will come after webpage is up
- Phone# (406) 356-6365 (floodnj)
- MEETING Time: - Next meeting is April 23<sup>rd</sup> in Manville
  - o will start at 7:00pm
- 2014 officers
  - o Chairman: Frank Jurewicz (Manville)
  - o Vice-Chair: Dan Dixon (Millstone)
  - o Treasurer: Kevin Sluka (Somerville)
  - o Commission Secretary: Alice Whitman (Millstone)
  - o 1<sup>st</sup> Trustee: Name: Carl Hauck (Franklin)
  - o 2<sup>nd</sup> Trustee: Name Gail Smith(Montgomery)
- 2014 Paid position
  - o Recording Secretary and Webpage Admin : Ann Mary McCarthy
  - o Board Attorney: David Singer
  - o Public Relations: Rebecca Perkins
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**ADOPTION OF the 2014 CALENDAR**

<b>Month</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Location/Time</b>	<b>Topic</b>
January	01/22/14	Manville/7:00 p.m.	Reorganization Meeting
February	02/26/14	Hillsborough/7:00 p.m.	Army Corp/NJDEP
March	03/26/14	Rocky Hill/7:00 p.m.	Web Page/Public Relations
April	04/23/14	Manville/7:00 p.m.	NJDEP Presentation
May	05/28/14	Hillsborough/7:00 p.m.	Dukes Farms
June	06/25/14	Franklin/7:00 p.m.	
July	No Meeting		
August	No Meeting		
September	09/24/14	Manville/7:00 p.m.	Year/Project Plan Overviews
October	10/22/14	*Raritan/7:00 p.m.	Target Hits & Misses
November	No Meeting		
December	12/17/14	Somerset Cnty. /7:00 pm	Budget Meeting

**ADOPTION of the 2014 Budget**

Proposed Budget 2014  
Date 12/5/13

2013

2014

Total Surplus Anticipated		3,500.00	5,020.00
Miscellaneous Revenues:			
	Dues	6,500.00	6,500.00
	Interest	0.00	0.00
	Grants	0.00	0.00
	Donations	0.00	0.00
Total Revenues:		10,000.00	11,520.00
Appropriations:			
	Salaries	0.00	0.00
	Secretarial Services/Doc. Writer	1,400.00	2,800.00
	Office Supplies	50.00	150.00
	Legal Advertising	350.00	250.00
	Audit	300.00	600.00
	Legal Services	800.00	800.00
	Educational Seminars	750.00	750.00
	Meeting Expenses	100.00	100.00
	Copies	50.00	120.00
	Mileage	50.00	50.00
	Postage	150.00	200.00
	Contingency	200.00	200.00
	Public Relations	500.00	1,000.00
	IT/Computer	0.00	0.00
	Web	1,300.00	250.00
	Subscription & Dues	0.00	0.00
	Grant Projects (Grant Writer/Lobbyist)	4,000.00	4,000.00
	Insurance	0.00	250.00
	Prior Year Bills	0.00	0.00
Total:		10,000.00	11,520.00

## **SECRETARY'S REPORT**

### **Approval of Minutes:**

- RESOLVED, the Commission approves the minutes of the February 26, 2014 meeting.

### **Correspondence:**

Email and Mail sent to the Commission from:

- Dukas Farm
- Email dated February 26, 2014 from Senator Booker's Assistant regarding the setting up of a meeting.

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

### 1) Claims for Payment:

- a) (Vote required)

### 2) Income: \$250 received from Somerville Borough 2013- dues.

3) Budget Encumbrances (none)

4) Donation of Gift to RMR FCC (none)

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

- The 2 trustees, vice-chair, chair and treasurer make up the finance committee.
- The budget of \$12,000 was adopted at the last meeting.
- All invoices in the amount of \$250.00 have been forwarded to participating municipalities.
- Request to the County of Somerset to a contribution of \$4,000.00 for 2014.

Payments in the amount of \$250 are due for year 2014.

### **ANNUAL DUES \$250**

Checks or purchase orders can be sent to:

Mail checks to:

P.O. BOX 8736

Somerville, NJ, 08876

### **LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT (Dan Dixon, Steven Rodzinak and Ed Zimmerman)**

- Setup meeting with our representatives
- Work with intern to get data on the rivers
- The Commission will continue correspondence with supporting Legislation and seek further contact with our Senators and Governor. The Board is open to meeting in Washington DC to express its dedication to the completion of the US Army Corps of Engineers study and to mitigate the flooding in Somerset County.

### **ENGINEERING COMMITTEE REPORT (Carl Andreassen, Tom Belanger, Scott Thomas, Gail Smith)**

- Overview of each plan of the study going to NJDEP

### **PUBLIC RELATION and COMMUNICATION COMMITTEE REPORT (Alison Whitman)**

- Work with Rutgers to create the Web page.
- Frank, Alison and Dan will work with Rebecca to do presentation.
- Appoint member to the committee

### **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

- He will do a status review at the project plans sent to the NJDEP at the meeting.

### **PRESENTATION and SPECIAL GUEST**

Amy Soli [mailto:asoli@thewatershed.org]

<http://thewatershed.org/>

The Stony Brook-Millstone Watershed Association is central New Jersey's first environmental group. Since 1949 we've worked to protect your water and environment through conservation, advocacy, science and education.

They speak out for your water and environment, protect and restore sensitive habitats, test our waterways for pollution and inspire others to care for and protect the natural world.

Their goal is to improve the health and quality of central New Jersey's water and sustain a network of protected habitats for wildlife and people.

They have a successful track record of more than 60 years of effective environmental protection.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

- Go over Goal and objectives for 2014.
- Setup a meeting with the County for the yearly funding.
- Reach out to Branchburg to joint commission
- Status on the state flood commission
- Setting up Presentation for Freeholder in April
- Can we be setup to raise money? (DS).

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- Present to Freeholders on April 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- Letter to Federal representative for funding project for 2014.
  - Setup a meeting to talk to our representative in Washington.
- Setup meeting to present our point of view of the 3 plans with our State representatives, NJDEP and Army Corp of engineers.
- American Water Grants
  - Setup live cam, water meter and weather station at the point.
  - Cleanup Raritan River (Finderne Bridge to the Point) 2015

### **PUBLIC PORTION**

### **COMMENTS FROM THE COMMISSION MEMEBERS**

### **ADJOURNMENT**