

**MINUTES**  
**Morris County-Flood Mitigation Committee (MC-FMC)**  
**30 Schuyler Place - 4th Floor, Morristown, New Jersey**  
**January 22, 2018**

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Christine Marion, Director.

Members present:

Betty Cass-Schmidt	Julie Baron
Andrew Crawford	Gary Large
Louise Davis	Thomas Pepe

Members with an excused absence

Joseph Pawelczyk

Also attending:

Christine Marion, Director, Office of Planning & Preservation  
Virginia Michelin, Flood Mitigation Program Coordinator, Office of Planning & Preservation  
Barbara Murray, Open Space Program Coordinator, Office of Planning & Preservation

**OPEN PUBLIC MEETING STATEMENT**

Chair Louise Davis announced that in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, adequate notice of this meeting had been provided and filed with the Town of Morristown, the Morris County Clerk, the Daily Record and the Star Ledger.

**BOARD ORGANIZATION**

- **Election of Officers:** On a motion by Julie Baron, seconded by Thomas Pepe, the committee elected Louise Davis to be the FMC Chair by a unanimous verbal vote. On a motion by Julie Baron, seconded by Louise Davis, the committee elected Thomas Pepe to be the FMC Vice-Chair by a unanimous verbal vote. Chair Davis assumed control of the meeting.
- **Member Roster [handout, inside binder pocket]:** FMC members were provided with a roster of current members and Freeholder liaisons. All welcomed Julie Baron back to the committee.
- **2018 Meeting Dates [handout, inside binder pocket]:** Meeting will be held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month, at 5:30 pm in the 4<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference room of the Offices of Planning and Preservation, located at 30 Schuyler Place, Schuyler Annex Building, in Morristown, New Jersey. There are three exceptions: meetings will be held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the months of February, November and January 2019. The meeting schedule is as follows:

*February 26, 2018*  
*May 21, 2018*  
*August 20, 2018*  
*November 26, 2018*

*March 19, 2018*  
*June 18, 2018*  
*September 17, 2018*  
*December 17, 2018*

*April 16, 2018*  
*July 16, 2018*  
*October 15, 2018*  
*January 28, 2019*

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no members of the public present.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The Minutes of the December 18, 2017 meeting were reviewed and on a motion by Betty Cass-Schmidt, which was seconded by Thomas Pepe, the Committee approved said Minutes. Julie Baron abstained from voting.

### **PROGRAM UPDATE**

Virginia Michelin provided the following updates:

- **CRS Assistance Program** – the CRS User Group is scheduled to meet on February 13, 2018, at 9am in Lincoln Park. The schedule is to continue to meet quarterly. The next speaker is Chris Testa, State OEM, presenting “Addressing Flood Risk at a Municipal Level”. Virginia Michelin is planning on taking the NETC/FEMA – National Flood Insurance Program/Community Rating System Course in June at their facilities in Maryland.
- **Storm water permit/ArcGIS online application** - The NJDEP adopted the Tier A & B storm water permits on January 1, 2018 for municipalities. They are planning to release the County Complex permits end of January/ beginning of February 2018. The NJDEP is also looking to release a free ArcGIS online application that municipalities can use to meet the mapping requirements of those permits. It is also expected to be released soon by the NJDEP.
- **Preliminary Flood Insurance Rate Maps (pFIRMs)** –Virginia Michelin has indicated the 90 day appeal period is scheduled to start soon, government shutdown might impact this. All appeals get submitted thru the municipalities. Will provide information when it comes out, appeal originally scheduled to have started by now.

### **CLOSED SESSION**

At 5:34 p.m., on a motion by Thomas Pepe, seconded by Betty Cass-Schmidt, the FMC closed the open portion of the meeting pursuant to P.L. 1975 Ch. 231, the Open Public Meetings Act, and per the Committee’s standard resolution language, voted to conduct a closed session wherein the subject of real property acquisition shall be discussed.

### **RETURN TO OPEN SESSION**

At 5:48 p.m., on a motion by Thomas Pepe, seconded by Betty Cass-Schmidt, the FMC returned to open session by unanimous vote.

There were no actions taken, as a result of Closed Session deliberations.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

There was no correspondence.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

There was no new business to review.

**ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion by Thomas Pepe, seconded by Andrew Crawford, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 5:49 p.m.

**NEXT MEETING DATE**

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 26th at 5:30 pm in the 4<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Room of the Offices of Planning & Preservation, located at 30 Schuyler Place, Schuyler Annex Building, in Morristown, New Jersey.

Respectfully submitted,

Virginia Michelin, CFM