

**MINUTES**  
**Morris County - Flood Mitigation Committee (FMC)**  
**30 Schuyler Place - 4th Floor, Morristown, New Jersey**  
**December 21, 2015**

The meeting was called to order at 5:35 p.m. by Chair Louise Davis.

Members present:

Paula Danchuk	Tom Pepe
Louise Davis	Laura Szwak
Ted Eppel	

Members with an excused absence

Julie Baron  
Gary Large

Also attending:

Christine Marion, Director, Planning & Preservation Division  
Jennifer McCulloch, Coordinator, Flood Mitigation Program (FMP), Planning & Preservation Division

**OPEN PUBLIC MEETING STATEMENT**

Chair 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.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no members of the public present.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The Minutes of the October 19, 2015 meeting were reviewed and on a motion by Laura Szwak, which was seconded by Ted Eppel, the Committee approved said Minutes.

**PROGRAM UPDATE**

Ms. McCulloch provided the following updates:

- **Preliminary Flood Insurance Rate Maps (P-FIRMs) Status** – FEMA estimates that these maps will be ready mid-January 2016
- **New Jersey Association of Floodplain Managers (NJAFM) Conference Report** – Ms. McCulloch attended this conference from October 20-22 and provided a precis [*doc. A*]
- **Great Swamp Watershed - Municipal Alliance presentation** – on November 10<sup>th</sup>, Ms. McCulloch gave a presentation on flooding in NJ and the MC Flood Mitigation Program to the Municipal Alliance, a consortium of municipalities. It was a well-attended workshop and resulted in a November 23, 2015 Daily Record article [*doc. B*]

- **State Legislation**

- **S2577** – prevents foreclosure proceedings for a period of three years if a homeowner is trying to repair their home from Hurricane Sandy
- **A3507** – allows municipal/county stream cleaning of rivers with stream bed widths of up to 30 feet (was formerly 15 feet).
- **A1726** – requires the NJ-DEP’s delineation of Special Flood Hazard Areas (in the Flood Hazard Area Control Act) to match FEMA delineations

**CLOSED SESSION**

At 5:55 p.m., on a motion by Ted Eppel, seconded by Tom Pepe, 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 6:15 p.m., on a motion by Tom Pepe, seconded by Paula Danchuk, the FMC returned to open session by unanimous vote.

The proposed amendments to the Flood Mitigation Program Rules and Regulations were approved by the Committee on a motion by Tom Pepe, seconded by Ted Eppel.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

There was no correspondence to review.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Christine Marion presented Paula Danchuk and Ted Eppel with Resolutions of Appreciation from the Board of Chosen Freeholders for their excellent service as founding members of the Flood Mitigation Committee and their role in shaping the program and assuring its continued success.

**ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion by Ted Eppel, seconded by Laura Szwak, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

**NEXT MEETING DATE**

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 25, 2016 at 5:30 pm in the 4<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Room of the Offices of Planning & Public Works, located at 30 Schuyler Place, Schuyler Annex Building, in Morristown, New Jersey.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer N. McCulloch