

MINUTES
Morris County - Flood Mitigation Committee (FMC)
30 Schuyler Place - 4th Floor, Morristown, New Jersey
February 23, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 5:35 p.m. by Jennifer McCulloch.

Members present:

Julie Baron	Gary Large
Paula Danchuk	Thomas Pepe
Louise Davis	Laura Szwak

Members with an excused absence:

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Also attending:

Deena Leary, Director, Morris County Department of Planning & Public Works
Christine Marion, Director, Planning & Preservation Division
Jennifer McCulloch, Coordinator, Flood Mitigation Program (FMP), Planning & Preservation Division
John Napolitano, Esq., Special Counsel to FMP

OPEN PUBLIC MEETING STATEMENT

Ms. McCulloch 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.

BOARD ORGANIZATION

- **Election of Officers** – On a motion by Julie Baron, seconded by Paula Danchuk, the committee elected Louise Davis to be FMC Chair by a unanimous roll call vote. Chair Davis assumed control of the meeting at this point. On a motion by Julie Baron, seconded by Tom Pepe, the committee elected Laura Szwak to be FMC Vice-Chair by a unanimous roll call vote.
- **Member Roster / Member Terms [doc. A]** – FMC members were provided with a roster of current members, including Freeholder Liaisons and Morris County staff information.
- **2015 Meeting Dates [doc. B]** – Meetings will held on the 3rd Monday of the month, at 5:30 p.m. in the 4th Floor Conference Room of the Offices of Planning & Public Works, located at 30 Schuyler Place, Schuyler Annex Building, in Morristown, New Jersey. There are two exceptions: meetings will be held on the 4th Monday in February 2015 and January 2016 due to conflicts with national holidays. The meeting schedule will be as follows:

February 23, 2015

June 15, 2015

October 19, 2015

March 16, 2015
April 20, 2015
May 18, 2015

July 20, 2015
August 17, 2015
September 21, 2015

November 16, 2015
December 21, 2015
January 25, 2016

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the October 20, 2014 meeting were reviewed and on a motion by Julie Baron, which was seconded by Tom Pepe, the Committee unanimously approved said Minutes.

PROGRAM UPDATE

Ms. McCulloch provided the following updates:

- **Expiration Letters / Extension Request: Lincoln Park 4021 – extension** [*Doc. C*] – The members were provided with an example of the spreadsheet reflecting grant funding expiration dates sent to each municipality with ongoing FMP projects. Lincoln Park has requested a 6-month extension on its Lincoln Park-4021 grant funding due to renewed interest; the Borough’s request letter and a copy of its approved grant extension from FEMA was supplied.
- **Governor’s Environmental Excellence Award** – The Flood Mitigation Program received the 2014 Governor’s Environmental Excellence Award in the Land Preservation category. Awards were given to programs / projects that demonstrated leadership and innovation, and as a result provided a unique or valuable benefit to our state’s environment.
- **State Legislation: A3318** [*doc. D*] – This proposed legislation expands the definition of “acquisition” for county and municipal open space trust funds to include demolition, removal of debris, and restoration of those lands to a natural state or to a state useful for recreation and conservation purposes.
- **State Legislation: A4197** [*doc. E*] – This bill implements the constitutional dedication of Corporation Business Tax (CBT) revenues for open space (including flood acquisition), farmland and historic preservation, and recommends funding allocations. Flood acquisition funding for local governments is to be derived from the NJDEP Green Acres Program, which has a proposed funding allocation of 27.5% of the CBT for county and municipal open space and flood acquisition projects.
- **Federal Legislation: EO 13690 and Federal Flood Risk Management Standards** [*doc. F*] – This executive order amends EO 11988 and establishes federal flood risk Standards, see attached summary for details.

CLOSED SESSION

At 5:55 p.m., on a motion by Julie Baron, seconded by Paula Danchuk, 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 Julie Baron, seconded by Paula Danchuk, the FMC returned to open session by unanimous vote.

The following actions were taken:

- **Resolution 2015-01 – Flood Mitigation Committee Re-Organization** - memorializes the vote conducted on January 20, 2015 which set the location, time, date and agenda of each FMC meeting. On a motion by Gary Large, seconded by Tom Pepe, this resolution was passed unanimously.
- **Resolution 2015-02 – Pequannock-4021 – 42 Greenwood Ave – Final Approval** - MATCH acquisition funding in the amount of \$46,042 to cover Morris County's 25% cost-share and a recommendation that the corresponding Grant Agreement with Pequannock be executed. On a motion by Gary Large, seconded by Paula Danchuk, the committee granted Final Approval by unanimous roll call vote.
- **Lincoln Park – 4021 – Grant Extension Request** – On a motion by Julie Baron, seconded by Laura Szwak, the committee unanimously granted a 6-month extension on grant funding to this project area; funds will be available until October 25, 2015.

CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence to review.

NEW BUSINESS

- **2015 New Jersey Land Rally** – Ms. McCulloch will present the FMP at this state land conservation/preservation rally in a workshop that focuses on municipal actions that can be taken to mitigate flooding.
- **NJ-League of Municipalities Magazine** – The FMP will be featured in an article in the April issue of this magazine
- **Marketing Campaign** – Ms. McCulloch will begin assessing which flood-prone municipalities might benefit from participation in the FMP (that have not already applied to the program) and will develop an outreach plan.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Tom Pepe, seconded by Paula Danchuk, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 6:28 p.m.

NEXT MEETING DATE

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 16th at 5:30 pm in the 4th 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