

**MINUTES**  
**RARITAN & MILLSTONE RIVERS FLOOD CONTROL COMMISSION**  
**JANUARY 28, 2015**

Secretary McCarthy called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Secretary McCarthy read the following Open Public Meetings Act Statement:

“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 the Manville Borough Hall, Council Chambers, 325 North Main Street, Manville, NJ 08835 on Tuesday, January 28, 2015. 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.”

**Municipalities Present:** Bridgewater (arrived at 7:20 p.m.), Franklin, Hillsborough, Manville, Millstone, Montgomery, Somerville, Somerset County

**Municipalities Absent:** Raritan, Rocky Hill and South Bound Brook

Everyone present participated in the pledge of allegiance and a moment of silence led by Chairman Jurewicz.

**INTRODUCTION – OVERVIEW NOTES**

Chairman Jurewicz announced that this meeting is the 2015 Reorganization Meeting for the Raritan & Millstone Rivers Flood Control Commission.

He announced the February meeting is scheduled for February 25, 2015 in Franklin.

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2015**

**Nomination & Election of Chairperson**

Somerville nominated **Frank Jurewicz** as Chairperson for 2015. Said nomination was moved by Franklin, seconded by Montgomery and carried unanimously upon call of the roll with an abstention by Manville.

**Nomination & Election of Vice Chairperson**

Manville nominated **Daniel Dixon** as Vice Chairperson for 2015. Said nomination was moved by Somerville, seconded by Franklin and carried unanimously upon call of the roll with an abstention by Millstone.

**Nomination & Election of Treasurer**

Manville nominated **Kevin Sluka** as Treasurer for 2015. Said nomination was moved by Montgomery, seconded by Hillsborough and carried unanimously upon call of the roll with an abstention by Somerville.

**Nomination & Election of Commission Secretary (Webpage)**

Manville nominated **Steven DeRochi & Alison Whitman** as Commission Secretary (Webpage) for 2015. Said motion was moved by Manville, seconded by Montgomery and carried unanimously upon call of the roll.

**Nomination & Election of 1<sup>st</sup> Trustee**

Manville nominated **Scott Thomas** as 1<sup>st</sup> Trustee for 2015. Said nomination seconded by Hillsborough and carried unanimously upon call of the roll with the abstention of Franklin.

**Nomination & Election of 2<sup>nd</sup> Trustee**

Montgomery nominated **Thomas Belanger** as 2<sup>nd</sup> Trustee for 2015. Said nomination was moved by Somerville, seconded by Franklin and carried unanimously upon call of the roll with the abstention of Hillsborough.

**Appointment of Board Attorney**

Montgomery nominated **David Singer**, of Vella, Singer & Martinez, P.C. as Board Attorney for a one-year term ending December 31, 2015. Said nomination was seconded by Hillsborough and carried unanimously upon call of the roll.

**Appointment of Board Recording Secretary (Web Administrator)**

Somerville nominated **Ann Marie McCarthy** as Board Recording Secretary (Web Administrator) for 2015. Said nomination was seconded by Montgomery and carried unanimously upon call of the roll.

**ADOPTION OF THE AMENDED 2015 MEETING SCHEDULE**

The following 2015 Meeting Schedule of the Raritan & Millstone Rivers Flood Control Commission was amended and adopted by motion of Franklin, seconded by Montgomery and carried unanimously upon call of the roll:

<u>Month</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Topic</u>
January	01/28/15	Manville – 7:00 p.m.	Reorganization
February	02/25/15	Franklin – 7:00 p.m.	
March	03/26/15 (Thurs.)	Raritan – 7:00 p.m.	
April	04/22/15	Bridgewater – 7:00 p.m.	
*May	05/27/15 or Sunday, May 31 <sup>st</sup>	– Dukes Park in Manville – River Fest & Clean Up	
June	06/24/15	Hillsborough – 7:00 p.m.	
July	No Meeting	*****	
August	No Meeting	*****	
September	09/23/15	Manville – 7:00 p.m.	Yearly Review
October	10/28/15	TBD	
November	No Meeting	*****	
December	12/16/15	County Building – 7:00 p.m.	Budget/Year End Mtg.

A discussion ensued regarding the planning of a River Fest to be conducted in May and take place of the regularly scheduled May meeting. The tentative date is Sunday, May 31<sup>st</sup> at Dukes Park in Manville. It would be a River Fest/Clean Up.

**ADOPTION OF 2015 BUDGET**

The following 2015 Budget of the Raritan & Millstone Rivers Flood Control Commission was moved by Franklin, seconded by Montgomery and carried unanimously upon call of the roll with an abstention by Bridgewater:

**(BUDGET DOCUMENT TO BE INSERTED HERE)**

Chairman Jurewicz spoke on reaching out to Branchburg for membership resulting in the Commission being basin-wide and the Commission is waiting to hear back from them. He stated that the Commission has offered to make their presentation to each member municipality. He stated the Commission will be looking for smaller projects as a result there being no Army Corps of Engineers Project.

**SECRETARY’S REPORT**

**Approval of Minutes:**

A motion was made by Somerville, seconded by Franklin to approve the December 17, 2014 minutes of the Raritan & Millstone Rivers Flood Control Commission. Said motion carried as follows upon call of the roll:

- Ayes: Franklin, Hillsborough, Manville, Montgomery, Somerville, Somerset County
- Nays: None
- Abstain: Bridgewater, Millstone
- Absent: Raritan, Rocky Hill, South Bound Brook

## TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Sluka presented the following report:

- 1) Claims for Payment:** No claims for payment
- 2) Income:** None
- 3) Budget Encumbrances:** None
- 4) Donation of Gift to RMR FCC:** None

## FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Treasurer Sluka presented the following Finance Committee Report:

- All members were provided an electronic invoice for 2015 in the amount of \$500.
- Somerset County was provided an invoice for \$5,000.
- The Finance Committee will schedule a budget meeting for 2015.
- The balance of the account as of approval of the above payments is \$9,293.86 as of January 29, 2015.

A motion was made by Bridgewater to accept the aforesaid Finance Committee Report. Said motion was seconded by Millstone and carried unanimously upon call of the roll.

## LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

Vice Chairperson Dixon presented the following Legislative Committee Report:

- Looking for members to be appointed to this committee.
- 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 to express their dedication to the completion of the US Army Corps of Engineers study and to mitigate the flooding in Somerset County.

A discussion ensued regarding information on the closing of the Amwell Bridge in Franklin Township and its affect it had on traffic when other bridges in the Township were closed resulting from flooding.

## ENGINEERING COMMITTEE REPORT

Chairman Jurewicz thanked Carl Andressen from Somerset County for reviewing the data from the Army Corps of Engineers and providing a positive outlook on it. He stated the Commission can use the data from the study to obtain other funding for smaller projects. He stated that the data will be shared with all member municipalities.

## **PUBLIC RELATIONS & COMMUNICATION COMMITTEE REPORT**

No report at this time.

## **MONTHLY STATUS REPORT – ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS**

No report at this time.

## **PRESENTATION AND SPECIAL GUEST**

None at this time.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

- Status of State Flood Commission – status unknown at this time.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

The following was discussed:

- Letter to Federal representative for funding project for 2015.
  - Setup a meeting to talk to our representatives in Washington.
- Setup having meeting in May at a park to clean up river and have flood fair.

## **PUBLIC PORTION**

A motion was made to open the meeting to the public by Somerville. Said motion was seconded by Montgomery and carried unanimously upon call of the roll.

Chairperson Jurewicz announced that the meeting was open to the public.

Phillip Kramer, Franklin, provided some Zoning changes that could have impact on flooding issues such as requirements that involve rain barrels and rain gardens. It was recommended that the RMRFCC presentation be sent or presented to local Planning and Zoning Boards or Planners. Mr. Dixon suggested this be incorporated in the Best Practices Lists.

Patricia Walsh, Freeholder, spoke on the possibility need to revise the Commission's mission statement resulting from the results of the Army Corps of Engineers Study.

There being no further comments from the public, a motion was made by Somerville to close the meeting to the public. Said motion was seconded by Hillsborough and carried unanimously upon call of the roll.

**COMMENTS FROM THE COMMISSION MEMBERS**

Mr. Belanger spoke on grant received by Hillsborough in connection with rain gardens and the Royce Brook.

Mr. Moench introduced himself as the representative from Bridgewater and noted he looks forward to working with the Commission.

Chairperson Jurewicz wished all a happy new year.

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Somerville to adjourn the meeting at 8:31 p.m. Said motion was seconded by Millstone and carried unanimously upon call of the roll.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Marie McCarthy  
Recording Secretary