

**MINUTES
RARITAN & MILLSTONE RIVERS FLOOD CONTROL COMMISSION
FEBRUARY 25, 2015**

Chairman Jurewicz 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 Franklin Municipal Complex, Council Chambers, 475 DeMott Lane, Somerset, NJ 08873 on Wednesday, February 25, 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, Franklin, Hillsborough, Manville, Millstone, Montgomery, Rocky Hill, Somerville, Somerset County

Municipalities Absent: Raritan 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 reviewed the contact information for the Raritan and Millstone Rivers Flood Control Commission. He announced the March meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 26, 2015 in Raritan. He reviewed the 2015 Officers and Paid Positions.

ADOPTION OF THE 2015 CALENDAR

The 2015 Meeting Schedule of the Raritan & Millstone Rivers Flood Control Commission is as follows:

<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.	Flood Insurance
April	04/22/15	Bridgewater – 7:00 p.m.	Canal Dredging
May	05/27/15	Manville – 7:00 p.m.	Clean-Up Details
	05/31/15	Dukes Park–Manville - 9:00 a.m.	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.

SECRETARY’S REPORT

Approval of Minutes:

None Submitted.

Correspondence:

Chairman Jurewicz spoke on the Earthcam purchased with the NJ American Water Grant.

TREASURER’S REPORT

Treasurer Sluka presented the following report:

1) Claims for Payment:

- a) Vella, Singer and Martinez - #145 - \$100 (Invoice Date: February 12, 2015)
- b) Purchase of Weather Station from Davis Instruments Corp. - \$1295
- c) Purchase of Mounting Pole Kit from Davis Instruments Corp. - \$35

2) Income: \$981.20 (NJ American Water)

- a) \$500.00 – Somerville
- b) \$500.00 – Manville
- c) \$500.00 – South Bound Brook

3) Budget Encumbrances: None

4) Donation of Gift to RMR FCC: None

The aforesaid Treasurer’s Report was approved upon motion by Bridgewater, seconded by Franklin and carried upon call of the roll.

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.
- Franklin has submitted a Purchase Order. No other Purchase Orders or Checks have been received as of February 25, 2015.
- The balance of the account as of approval of the above payments is \$10,345.06 as of February 25, 2015.
- All Tax Reporting has been submitted and mailed out.
- This year an audit of the Commission is required and they will request a proposal from Suplee & Clooney.

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

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

Vice Chairperson Dixon thanked Matthew Moench for volunteering to be on the Legislative Committee. He called for other volunteers to join the committee.

ENGINEERING COMMITTEE REPORT

Chairman Jurewicz thanked Car Andreassen for his assistance in talking to Legislators and looks forward to doing smaller projects and brainstorming with the Engineers.

PUBLIC RELATIONS & COMMUNICATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Chairman Jurewicz suggested a survey that asks how the Commission can communicate better to the residents. He spoke on Green Brook's Top 10 List of storms and floods. He spoke on the website in relation to the camera, weather station which should be up and running by April or May.

PRESENTATION AND SPECIAL GUEST

Scott Thomas, Senior Engineer.CRS Coordinator, Franklin provided an update of New Jersey Water Supply Authority Dredging of the Delaware and Raritan Canal from Kingston to Amwell Road. He reported the project has been delayed because of a difference of opinion as to where the main staging area will be located. The delay will be 1½ to 2 years. He spoke on the project consisting of 10.5 miles divided into 6 sections and it will take approximately 3 years to complete. He stated the project will include tree trimming, vacuum barge that will suck up the sediment into huge bags and clean water will be put back into the canal. He announced a full presentation will be made by the NJ Water Supply Authority in April. There were questions by the Commission addressed by Mr. Thomas at this time.

OLD BUSINESS

- The Executive Board will be meeting on March 11th to discuss the tax issues that need to be addressed for the Commission.
- The Weather Station/Earthcam is being set up and should be online in April.
- Discussed was the dirt that was added/Removed at Zarephath and it was noted that Scott Thomas would get the information on this matter by the next meeting.
- May 31st Riverfest/Clean Up: After a lengthy discussion, the Riverfest Clean Up was changed to the following: River Clean Up/OEM Demo Recovery at Dukes Park in Manville from 9 am to 1 pm. Final Details will be discussed at the May 27th meeting.

A motion to hold the River Clean Up/OEM Demo Recovery Event was made by Manville, seconded by Rocky Hill and carried unanimously upon call of the roll.

- After a brief discussion regarding the status of the State Commission, Chairman Jurewicz stated he would contact Senator Bateman via email on this matter.

NEW BUSINESS

After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Manville to use Evoice answering service at \$12 per month. Said motion was seconded by Somerville and carried unanimously upon call of the roll. This service will allow calls to be returned more quickly and efficiently.

PUBLIC PORTION

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

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

Barbara ten Broeke, East Millstone, suggested that the public portion be held at the beginning of the meeting. She spoke on detention basins flooding with the rivers full and vegetative management.

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 Bridgewater and carried unanimously upon call of the roll.

COMMENTS FROM THE COMMISSION MEMBERS

A discussion ensued regarding the possibility of holding two separate public portions – one for any matter of concern and the second one regarding agenda items only versus holding one public portion. It was the consensus of the Commission to try the two public portions at the next meeting.

Mr. Belanger spoke on storm water regulations and the town's responsibility for keeping an inventory of all its detention basins, both public and private. Mr. Thomas provided Franklin Township's permit process regarding detention basins and discussed its ordinance.

A public meeting will be held on March 19th regarding FEMA's revised flood maps held at the Fire Academy in Hillsborough from 4 to 8 p.m.

Detention Basins will be listed under Old Business at the next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Somerville to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 p.m. Said motion was seconded by Franklin and carried unanimously upon call of the roll.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Marie McCarthy
Recording Secretary