

**MINUTES**  
**RARITAN & MILLSTONE RIVERS FLOOD CONTROL COMMISSION**  
**APRIL 22, 2015**

Vice Chairman Dixon called the meeting to order at 7:02 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 April 22, 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 Vice Chairman Dixon.

**INTRODUCTION – OVERVIEW NOTES**

Vice Chairman Dixon reviewed the contact information for the Raritan and Millstone Rivers Flood Control Commission. He announced the June meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 27, 2015 in Manville.

**PUBLIC PORTION – Agenda Items Only**

A motion was made by Manville, seconded by Franklin to open the public portion on agenda items only. Said motion carried unanimously upon voice vote.

At this time, there were no comments from the public.

A motion was made by Manville, seconded by Franklin to close the public portion on agenda items only. Said motion carried unanimously upon voice vote.

**SECRETARY’S REPORT**

**Approval of Minutes:**

A motion was made by Montgomery to approve the minutes of March 26, 2015. The motion was seconded by Somerville and carried upon voice vote.

**TREASURER’S REPORT**

Treasurer Sluka presented the following report:

**1) Claims for Payment:**

- a) Check #149 – Vella, Singer & Martinez - \$100.00

**2) Income:** None

**3) Budget Encumbrances:** None

**4) Donation of Gift to RMR FCC:** None

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

A motion was made by Manville to waive the second signature on the check. Said motion was seconded by Bridgewater and carried upon call of the roll.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT**

Treasurer Sluka presented the following Finance Committee Report:

- The balance of the account as of approval of the above payments is \$10,615.06 as of April 21, 2015.

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

A reminder was made to the outstanding municipalities who have not paid their 2015 Dues to date.

**LEGISLATIVE REPORT**

Vice Chairman Dixon spoke on the feedback to a basin wide commission and the draft survey to all members of the Commission. He stated the final survey will be distributed in May. He spoke of grants and other smaller opportunities to assist those municipalities along the Raritan Basin.

**ENGINEERING COMMITTEE REPORT**

Mr. Andreassen spoke on the Blue Acres article in the Courier News awarding monies to homeowners who have been flooded numerous times. He spoke on an article regarding the river (Raritan River) that runs through central New Jersey.

**PUBLIC RELATIONS & COMMUNICATION COMMITTEE REPORT**

Vice Chairman Dixon thanked and commended Steve Rodzinak for drafting the survey. Mr. Rodzinak stated he has received comments and will make the changes to the survey shortly for review by the Executive Committee. He spoke on the flyer and advertisement for the River Clean Up and asked that it be linked on the Commission's website.

### **PRESENTATION AND SPECIAL GUEST**

Henry Patterson, Executive Director and mark Brooks, Chief Engineer of the New Jersey Water Supply Authority made a presentation regarding the Canal Dredging Project Update. A copy of the presentation will be posted on the Commission's website in the near future.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Last minute details for the River Cleanup/OEM Event were discussed. There was to be a walk through of the park and the river at the end of the week at Dukes Park on April 30<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Smaller grants and opportunities for other municipalities in addition to Manville need to be addressed.

Mr. Sluka asked if any of the outstanding municipalities needed a second dues invoice.

### **PUBLIC PORTION – Any Matter of Concern**

A motion was made to open the meeting to the public for any matter of concern by Franklin. Said motion was seconded by Rocky Hill and carried unanimously upon call of the roll.

There being no comments from the public, a motion was made by Somerville to close the meeting to the public on any matter of concern. Said motion was seconded by Montgomery and carried unanimously upon call of the roll.

### **COMMENTS FROM THE COMMISSION MEMBERS**

Mr. Sluka spoke of a repetitive loss emergency services grant for those properties continually being flooded through FEMA and with matching funds from Somerset County.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Franklin to Somerville the meeting at 8:07 p.m. Said motion was seconded by Franklin and carried unanimously upon call of the roll.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Marie McCarthy  
Recording Secretary