

MINUTES
RARITAN & MILLSTONE RIVERS FLOOD CONTROL COMMISSION
MAY 27, 2015

Vice Chairman Dixon called the meeting to order at 7:11 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 Municipal Building, 325 North Main Street, Manville, NJ 08835 on May 27, 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: Franklin, Manville, Millstone, Montgomery, Rocky Hill, Somerset County

Municipalities Absent: Bridgewater, Hillsborough, Raritan, Somerville 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, June 24, 2015 in Hillsborough.

PUBLIC PORTION – Agenda Items Only

A motion was made by Franklin, seconded by Millstone 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.

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SECRETARY’S REPORT

Approval of Minutes:

A motion was made by Montgomery to approve the minutes of April 22, 2015. The motion was seconded by Franklin and carried upon voice vote.

TREASURER'S REPORT

There was no Treasurer's Report presented to the Commission at this time. A motion was made by Manville, seconded by Somerset County that the report be sent to the Commission via email. At the time these minutes were drafted, a copy had not been received to be distributed.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

There was no Finance Committee Report presented to the Commission at this time. A motion was made by Manville, seconded by Somerset County that the report be sent to the Commission via email. At the time these minutes were drafted, a copy had not been received to be distributed.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT

Vice Chairman Dixon spoke on Governor Christie's visit to Manville regarding the Blue Acres Funding given to those homeowners who have experienced excessive flooding of their homes over the last 20 years.

ENGINEERING COMMITTEE REPORT

No report was given at this time.

PUBLIC RELATIONS & COMMUNICATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. DeRochi reported that three ads were published on three consecutive Sundays in the Courier News regarding the River Clean Up Event. He also reported that he has made the changes to the Survey. Ms. McCarthy stated she would speak with Chairman Jurewicz regarding the Survey to see if it can be distributed next week.

OLD BUSINESS

Last minute details for the River Cleanup/OEM Event were discussed. There was a walkthrough of the park and the river at Dukes Park on April 30th.

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 Millstone and carried unanimously upon call of the roll.

Rich Onderko, Councilman, Manville, acknowledged Governor Christie's visit to Manville earlier that day and noted that the demolition of homes hurts the image of Manville but there is no other option at this time. He suggested that there be a strong plan for the next round of funding and a catalog of what homes are next. He noted there are over 200 homes on the second list. He spoke of NJ Flood and cataloging information including home location, flood zone, etc. He stated it would cost \$1,000.00 to hire NJ Flood. He formally asked the Commission to assist in paying for this information. He also suggested that Millstone and Hillsborough be part of the cataloging.

A discussion ensued regarding the use of rain barrels and stormwater management regulations. The Commission also discussed ordinances be adopted by municipalities that would require new construction to provide rain guards such as rain barrels and dry-wells. It was suggested that this information be collected and a draft uniform ordinance be constructed and sent to the municipalities.

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

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Manville to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m. Said motion was seconded by Rocky Hill and carried unanimously upon call of the roll.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Marie McCarthy
Recording Secretary