

MINUTES
RARITAN & MILLSTONE RIVERS FLOOD CONTROL COMMISSION
OCTOBER 1, 2015

Chairman Jurewicz called the meeting to order at 7:08 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 Municipal Building, 325 North Main Street, Manville, NJ 08835 on October 1, 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, Hillsborough, Manville, Millstone, Rocky Hill, Somerville, Somerset County

Municipalities Absent: Bridgewater, Montgomery, 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 next meeting is Wednesday, October 28th in Millstone with the topic of Millstone Homes/Elevated or Relocated. There is no meeting in November. The last meeting of the year is December 16, 2015 at the County Administration Building with a possible topic of the Army Corps of Engineers Report Review.

SECRETARY’S REPORT

Approval of Minutes:

A motion was made by Hillsborough to approve the minutes of June 24, 2015. The motion was seconded by Millstone and carried upon voice vote with Rocky Hill abstaining.

TREASURER’S REPORT

Treasurer Sluka presented the following Treasurer’s Report:

- 1) Claims for Payment
 - a) Ann Marie McCarthy - \$600.00 – Check #154
 - b) Courier News - \$29.92 – Check #155
 - c) Vella, Singer, Martinez - \$200.00 – Check #156
 - d) Central Jersey Stream Team - \$150.00 – Check #157

- 2) Income – Hillsborough, Rocky Hill, Bridgewater - \$1,500.00
- 3) Budget Encumbrances (None)
- 4) Donation of Gift to RMR FCC (None)
- 5) Uncashed Checks: Gannet (Advertising) – Check in the amount of \$855.00

A motion was made by Rocky Hill to approve the aforesaid Treasurer's Report. Said motion was seconded by Somerset County and carried unanimously upon voice vote.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Treasurer Sluka presented the following Finance Committee Report:

- The balance of the account as of approval of the aforesaid payments is \$9,880.14.
- Outstanding Payment Invoices Montgomery & Somerset County.

A motion was made by Rocky Hill to approve the aforesaid Finance Committee Report. Said motion was seconded by Somerset County and carried unanimously upon voice vote.

Reminder Notices will be sent out to Somerset County and Montgomery.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT

Vice Chairman Dixon asked that reminder notices be sent out regarding the Questionnaires. He spoke on sponsoring or co-sponsoring seminars on rain barrels with other entities such as the NJ Water Supply, Duke Farms or municipal Environmental Commissions. He recommended that we use the website and Facebook more to get the municipalities more involved with the Commission.

Mr. Belanger recommended programs involving rain barrels and gardens are put together and presented to the Commission in February and conducted in March.

Chairman Jurewicz expressed his disappointment and frustration in not being able to make contact with Congresswoman Bonnie Watson-Coleman.

Chairman Jurewicz reported the data from the Army Corps of Engineers report should be turned over to the Commission prior to the December 16th meeting and then scheduled as a discussion item at the meeting. He spoke of the discussion topic for next month's meeting regarding the Millstone homes and grants for elevation or relocation.

Chairman Jurewicz spoke on various flooding bills in the current Legislative Session, noting they will not move since it is the end of the session.

ENGINEERING COMMITTEE REPORT

Chairman Jurewicz reported there is only one complaint that he has heard regarding flooding which is why is the commission not doing something to stop flooding.

PUBLIC RELATIONS & COMMUNICATION COMMITTEE REPORT

After a brief discussion, it was noted that improvements are needed with updating the webpage and Facebook. It was suggested to reach out to Sara Malone for assistance and to set up a meeting with the Committee, Ms. Malone, Ms. McCarthy and Chairman Jurewicz.

Chairman Jurewicz suggested the Commission sponsor Flood/Hurricane Preparedness Information Cards. He also recommended hiring a public relations person to assist in getting the Commission out to the public.

AGENDA ITEMS

Year End/Project Plan Overviews

Chairman Jurewicz presented the EarthCam to the Commission. The Commission discussed what information they would like to see from it and how to get the information out to the municipalities.

The Commission discussed the following:

- Recognize what municipalities are doing on the Commission's webpage
- Provide a Monthly Web News Page
- Change Meeting Schedule for Commission as a Whole and Increase Participation and Meetings of Subcommittees
- Look for Small Grants and Projects

PUBLIC PORTION

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.

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 Franklin to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m. Said motion was seconded by Millstone and carried unanimously upon call of the roll.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Marie McCarthy
Recording Secretary