

MINUTES
RARITAN & MILLSTONE RIVERS FLOOD CONTROL COMMISSION
JUNE 23, 2016

Vice Chairman Dixon 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 Duke Farms, 1112 Dukes Parkway West, Hillsborough, NJ 08844 on June 23, 2016. 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, Millstone, Montgomery, Rocky Hill, Somerset County

Municipalities Absent: Bridgewater, Manville, 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 reported that Facebook has been updated with daily pictures and weather forecasts.

He announced the next meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 24, 2016 at a location to be determined.

SECRETARY’S REPORT

Approval of Minutes:

A motion was made by Hillsborough, seconded by Franklin to approve the minutes of March 23, 2016 and May 25, 2016 as submitted. Said motion carried unanimously upon voice vote.

Correspondence

Vice Chairman Dixon reported correspondence was received from the Borough of Manville in reference to Resolution #2016-109 endorsing the draft Restoration Plan/Environmental Assessment's "Preferred Alternative", being the "Weston Mill Dam Removal and IFW Fish Passage Re-Design."

TREASURER'S REPORT

Vice Chairman Dixon presented the following Treasurer's Report:

1) Claims for Payment:

#166	Voided Check	\$ 0.00
#167	Ann Marie McCarthy	\$ 600.00
#168	Courier News	\$ 100.79
#169	Home News Tribune	\$ 104.96
#170	Suplee, Clooney, Company	\$1,200.00

2) Income – None

3) Budget Encumbrances – None

4) Donation of Gift to RMRFCC – None

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

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Vice Chairman Dixon presented the following report:

- The balance of the account as of approval of the above payments \$11,243.28
- Audit is complete.
- Montgomery processed payment for 2015 but check never received the Township of Montgomery was notified.
- Upon acceptance of audit, invoices for 2016 to be mailed.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT

Vice Chairman Dixon led a lengthy discussion regarding the Commission's response to the Army Corps of Engineer's Flood Study Report and the four options discussed at the May 25, 2016 meeting:

1. Draft letter requesting reconsideration related to issues with cost/benefit calculation;

2. Formal appeal of final agency action of the Army Corps of Engineers;
3. Alternative Funding from Army Corps discretionary flood control funding and/or partnership with FEMA;
4. Do Nothing

It was the consensus at the conclusion of this discussion; the Commission Executive Board would draft a response letter and report back to the Commission at the August meeting.

ENGINEERING REPORT

Mr. Andreassen reported on his review of the ACE's Flood Study Report. He stated the Commission is in receipt of the summary, not the final report. He stated the details and data are not in this summary. He spoke of his concerns challenging the study calculation. He spoke of his concerns of the draft letter having an unfriendly tone and then the Commission requests funding. He expressed his opinion the Commission should thank the Army Corps for the Study and the Commission should move on with smaller projects. Mr. Thomas added there are many factors that should have been considered and if they were added in, the results of the study may have changed.

PRESENTATIONS

Impervious Cover Assessment and Reduction Action Plan for Manville Borough, NJ

Christopher C. Obropta, Ph.D, P.E., Associate Extension Specialist in Water Resources, Rutgers Cooperative Extension Water Resources Program, made a presentation regarding Impervious Cover Assessment and Reduction Action Plan for Manville Borough to the Commission. A copy is attached to the end of these minutes and is made part of said minutes.

Rain Barrel Demonstration

Robert O'Neill, New Jersey Water Supply Authority, gave a brief presentation on rain barrels and the program sponsored by the New Jersey Water Supply Authority. Information can be found on its website at <http://www.njwsa.org>.

PUBLIC PORTION

A motion was made by Franklin, seconded by Millstone to open the public portion. Said motion carried upon voice vote.

Steve Van Deursen announced their next cleanup is Saturday, June 25th at 8:00 a.m. on the lower south branch of the river off of Old York Road.

A motion was made by Montgomery to close the public portion. Said motion was seconded by Millstone and carried upon voice vote.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Millstone to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 p.m. Said motion was seconded by Franklin and carried unanimously upon call of the roll.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Marie McCarthy
Recording Secretary