

MINUTES
RARITAN & MILLSTONE RIVERS FLOOD CONTROL COMMISSION
AUGUST 24, 2016

Chairman Jurewicz called the meeting to order at 7:01 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 Millstone Municipal Building, 1353 Main Street, Millstone, NJ 08844 on August 24, 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, Manville, Millstone, Montgomery, Rocky Hill, Somerville, Somerset County

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

He announced the next meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 25, 2016 at a location to be determined. He stated that the Commission will review the report at the September meeting.

AMEND AGENDA

A motion was made by Franklin, seconded by Millstone to amend the agenda to move the Presentation/Tour of Elevated Millstone Homes to this point on the agenda. Said motion unanimously carried upon voice vote.

PRESENTATION/TOUR – ELEVATED HOMES – MILLSTONE

Vice Chairman Dixon introduced Derek Johnson a contractor who has been contracted to elevate historical homes in Millstone. Mr. Johnson reviewed the process a homeowner goes through to elevate a home. At this time, the Commission left the building and toured several homes that have, are in the process or are going to be elevated.

Upon motion by Somerville, seconded by Millstone, the Commission returned to the building and the regular meeting at 8:02 p.m. Said motion carried upon voice vote.

SECRETARY’S REPORT

Approval of Minutes:

A motion was made by Montgomery, seconded by Franklin to approve the minutes of June 23, 2016 as submitted. Said motion carried unanimously upon voice vote.

TREASURER’S REPORT

Treasurer Sluka presented the following Treasurer’s Report:

- 1) Claims for Payment:
 #171 Vella Singer Martinez \$ 200.00
- 2) Income – Montgomery 2015 payment – all payments for 2015 closed out
- 3) Budget Encumbrances – None
- 4) Donation of Gift to RMR FCC – None

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

A motion was made by Rocky Hill, seconded by Millstone to pay the bill in the amount of \$404.75 for the Courier News Display Ad. Said motion carried unanimously upon call of the roll.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Treasurer presented the following report:

- The balance of the account as of approval of the above payments \$11,438.32
- Audit completed and submitted.
- Invoices authorized to be mailed.

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

LEGISLATIVE REPORT

Chairman Jurewicz and Vice Chairman Dixon led a lengthy discussion regarding the Commission's response to the Army Corps of Engineer's Flood Study Report. After a lengthy discussion, it was the consensus of the Commission to draft a response letter and review it at the September meeting.

PUBLIC PORTION

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

Joseph Lukac, Manville, asked the Commission to continue its awareness education to Manville, noting the more information and education the better.

Richard Onderko, Mayor, Manville, spoke on a press release from the Sierra Club.

A motion was made by Somerville to close the public portion. Said motion was seconded by Rocky Hill and carried upon voice vote.

OLD BUSINESS

- Draft Response Letter to Army Corps of Engineers regarding Study and review it at the September 28th meeting. Send out letters to Mayors with Invoices.
- No to \$4,000 Maintenance Agreement for EarthCam
- Hunterdon-Somerset Flood Advisory Task Force Legislation on Governor's Desk waiting signature.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Marie McCarthy
Recording Secretary