

**MINUTES**  
**RARITAN & MILLSTONE RIVERS FLOOD CONTROL COMMISSION**  
**SEPTEMBER 28, 2016**

Chairman Jurewicz called the meeting to order at 7:06 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 September 28, 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, Manville, Montgomery, Rocky Hill, Somerset County

**Municipalities Absent:** Bridgewater, Millstone, Raritan, Somerville 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 – possibly Franklin or Raritan.

**SECRETARY’S REPORT**

**Approval of Minutes:**

A motion was made by Franklin, seconded by Rocky Hill to approve the minutes of August 24, 2016 as submitted. Said motion carried unanimously upon voice vote.

Chairman Jurewicz reported he has not received any correspondence or response from the Army Corps of Engineers. He reported the A3901/S166 – Establishing the Hunterdon-Somerset Flood Advisory Task Force is awaiting signature by the Governor. Members on this Task Force include the following:

- (1) the Commissioner of Environmental Protection, or the commissioner’s designee;
- (2) the Director of the State Office of Emergency Management in the Division of State Police in the Department of Law and Public Safety, or the director’s designee;
- (3) two mayors who represent municipalities located in the Delaware River basin;
- (4) two mayors who represent municipalities located in the Raritan River basin;
- (5) one representative from the Hunterdon County Office of Emergency Management;
- (6) one representative from the Somerset County Office of Emergency Management;
- (7) one representative from the Millstone and Raritan Rivers Flood Control Commission; and
- (8) two members of the public who shall be individuals with relevant expertise in the areas of engineering, flood mitigation, public planning, environmental protection, or related issues.

*(It has been further determined since this meeting was held that Governor Christie signed this bill on August 31, 2016.)*

#### **TREASURER’S REPORT**

Chairman Jurewicz presented the following Treasurer’s Report:

- 1) Claims for Payment:

Vella Singer Martinez	\$100.00	Check #173
Ann Marie McCarthy	\$600.00	Check #174
- 2) Income – None
- 3) Budget Encumbrances – None
- 4) Donation of Gift to RMRFCC – None

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

#### **FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT**

Chairman Jurewicz presented the following report:

- The available balance of the account as of approval of the above payments \$10,333.57.
- Check #172 to NJ Gannett dated 08/24/16 in the amount of \$404.75 remains outstanding.
- Account cannot be fully reconciled as a result of outstanding check.

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

### **ENGINEERING REPORT**

Mr. Andreassen spoke of looking for items out of the box while reviewing the US Army Corps of Engineers Millstone River Basin, NJ Flood Risk Management Feasibility Study & Report. He stated he spoke with the Army Corps and reviewed the various parameters within the report. He stated there did not seem to be anything in the report that is out of the ordinary.

### **PUBLIC PORTION**

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

Richard Onderko, Mayor, Manville, announced that the Somerset County Freeholders would be holding a press conference in Manville in the Lost Valley Section at Noon to announce their Blue Acres Program. Mayor Onderko spoke on how there is no difference between Bound Brook and Manville and how it doesn't make sense that Bound Brook was able to meet the CBR and Manville did not.

Michael Kassick, Manville, asked who the Mayor of Manville 30 was years ago. He spoke of a rumor that Manville was asked to join the Bound Brook study and declined. He asked if they could be added. He spoke of the flowing on South Main Street from the American Legion to Bridge Street.

Jens Riedel, Central Jersey Stream Team, spoke on upcoming cleanups. He noted cleanups in November and December are to be determined. Chairman Jurewicz asked if the Royce Brook between Hillsborough and Manville (downstream from the railroad tracks) could be cleaned up.

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

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### ***Draft Response Letter to Army Corps of Engineers regarding Study***

The Commission reviewed three versions of a draft response letter to the Army Corps of Engineering regarding the Study. After a brief discussion of its outline, the following tentative schedule was determined:

- Comments by members to Secretary McCarthy – *October 5, 2016*
- Committee to review comments – *October 10, 2016*
- Letter to Municipalities – *October 17, 2016*
- Responses from Municipalities – *October 24, 2016*
- Vote & Mail Letter – *October 25, 2016*

### **Year in Review**

Chairman Jurewicz spoke on the following issues:

- Problems with WeatherCam at Point
- Meetings in October and December discuss reasons whether the Commission continues or not
- Goals for 2017 – Continue one more year – seat on the Task Force
- Army Corps of Engineers Letter/Meetings
- Next Year – Town Tour

### **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Montgomery to adjourn the meeting at 8:52 p.m. Said motion was seconded by Hillsborough and carried unanimously upon call of the roll.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Marie McCarthy  
Recording Secretary