

MINUTES
RARITAN & MILLSTONE RIVERS FLOOD CONTROL COMMISSION
OCTOBER 26, 2016

Chairman Jurewicz called the meeting to order at 7:07 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 October 26, 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: Bridgewater, Franklin, Hillsborough, Manville, Millstone, Montgomery, Rocky Hill, Somerville (arrived at 7:56 p.m.), Somerset County

Municipalities Absent: Raritan and Somerville

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, December 13, 2016 at the Somerset County Administration Building.

SECRETARY’S REPORT

Approval of Minutes:

A motion was made by Franklin, seconded by Rocky Hill to approve the minutes of September 28, 2016 as submitted. Said motion carried unanimously upon voice vote with an abstention by Millstone.

Correspondence

Chairman Jurewicz spoke of an invitation by Mayor Onderko of Manville where Somerset County announced its Flood Mitigation Funding Program on September 29 at the Lincoln Avenue ball fields in Manville.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Chairman Jurewicz presented the following Treasurer's Report:

- 1) Claims for Payment: None
- 2) Income – None

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.
- Audit is complete and Commission needs to find way to get own Tax ID.

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

LEGISLATIVE REPORT

Vice Chairman Dixon thanked everyone for their ideas regarding the response letter and noted the feedback was tremendous. He stated moving forward the Commission needs more government involvement.

PUBLIC RELATIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS REPORT

Chairman Jurewicz thanked Steve DeRochi for drafting the response letter to the US Army Corps of Engineers. He stated the Commission needs to start a Road Show starting in February to the municipalities and get back into conversations with legislators. Vice Chairman Dixon suggested the Commission reach out to Rutgers to assist in smaller projects and grants.

ENGINEERING REPORT

No Report at this time.

PUBLIC PORTION

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

There being no comments made at this time, a motion was made by Bridgewater to close the public portion. Said motion was seconded by Millstone and carried upon voice vote.

OLD BUSINESS

Draft Response Letter to Army Corps of Engineers regarding Study

The Commission reviewed the draft response letter to the Army Corps of Engineers regarding the Study. Several comments and recommendations were made. The final draft is due October 31st. The tentative schedule for the Response Letter is to mail letter and do the press release by November 14th.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Thomas spoke on a report regarding the Green Brook Commission Flood Mitigation – Flood Prone Communities Bound for Greatness.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Bridgewater to adjourn the meeting at 8:47 p.m. Said motion was seconded by Hillsborough and carried unanimously upon call of the roll.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Marie McCarthy
Recording Secretary