

**January 17, 2018 Minutes of the Meeting  
Delaware and Raritan Canal Commission**

TIME: 10 a.m.  
DATE: January 17, 2018  
PLACE: Prallsville Mills, Stockton, New Jersey

**ATTENDING COMMISSIONERS:**

Vice Chairman John Loos, Commissioner Julia Allen, Commissioner Bruce Stout,  
Commissioner Mary Leck, Commissioner Phil Lubitz, Mr. Bob Bostock

STAFF: Executive Director John Hutchison, Mr. Joseph Ruggeri, DAG Melissa Abatemarco,  
Ms. Colleen Christie Maloney, Ms. Tammy Rohmsdahl

GUESTS: Superintendent Patricia Kalleser; Mr. Mike Sellar, NJWSA; Mr. Robert Barth, D&R  
Canal Watch; Mr. Robert von Zumbusch, D&R Canal Commission Advisory Committee;  
Ms. Rebecca Gelmen, Gelmen Architecture; Mr. Michael Ehrenreich, River Road, LLC;  
Mr. Craig Stires, Stires Associates; Ms. Pamela V'Combe, D&R Canal Watch; Mr. Ted  
Bayer, Bayer-Risse

Vice Chairman Loos announced that this was a regularly scheduled meeting of the D&R Canal Commission and that all provisions of the Open Public Meeting Law of 1976 had been met in the scheduling of the meeting.

**Administrative Items**

The Commission confirmed the February 21, 2018 Commission meeting date.

**Minutes**

Vice Chairman Loos called for a motion on the December 20, 2017 meeting minutes. Commissioner Lubitz made a motion to approve the minutes and Commissioner Stout seconded the motion. Vice Chairman Loos asked for any corrections on the minutes. Hearing none, he called for a vote and the minutes were approved unanimously.

Mr. Bostock joined the meeting at 10:15 a.m.

**Review Zone Projects**

**Zone A Projects**

**16-4952 The General's Retreat**

Vice Chairman Loos asked for comment from the commission. Mr. Bayer presented materials illustrating the screening of the project from the D&R Canal State Park path and discussed the updated landscaping plans.

Vice Chairman Loos asked for a motion on the project. Commissioner Stout made a motion to approve the project with conditions as noted in the director's staff report, and Commissioner Lubitz seconded the motion. Vice Chairman Loos asked for comment and, hearing none, he called for a vote. The project

was approved unanimously.

**Zone B Projects**

17-4735A 745 Hamilton Street

17-4310D Stony Brook Millstone Watershed Connector Path

Vice Chairman Loos asked for a motion on the two projects. Commissioner Stout made a motion to approve the projects and Commissioner Allen seconded the motion. Vice Chairman Loos asked for comment. Hearing none, he called for a vote and the project was approved unanimously.

10-4008 Gibraltar Quarry Upgrades

Director Hutchison distributed an email submitted by a representative of the Sourland Conservancy that morning requesting greater mitigation than proposed in the staff report. Mr. Ruggeri provided an overview of the project and described the stream corridor and waivers requested by the applicant. Mr. Ruggeri, Mr. Stires, Vice Chairman Loos, Commissioner Lubitz and Commissioner Stout discussed the stream corridor, mitigation and buffer averaging. Vice Chairman Loos asked for a motion to approve the project. Commissioner Stout motioned to approve the project and Commissioner Lubitz seconded the motion. Vice Chairman Loos asked for further comment and, hearing none, he called for a vote. The project was approved unanimously.

**Executive Director's Report**

Director Hutchison commented on the month's work load and fees. He introduced Ms. Rohmsdahl, who joined the commission staff. The director thanked D&R Canal State Park staff for agreeing to do a trash pickup. He reported on the office's roof project. He reported on a presentation he attended at Rutgers related to a proposed bicycle and pedestrian bridge across the Raritan River, outside of the commission's review zone but which would connect to a trail system. The director attended a quarterly Abbott Marshlands meeting.

Director Hutchison discussed the DRCC DOT joint bridge task force. He noted discussions he had with Commissioner Stout, Mr. Barth, and Mr. von Zumbusch about the objectives of the task force going forward.

Commissioner Leck commented about a proposed new connector trail from Lamberton Road on Duck Island across the marsh to Roebling Park, which may require a bridge over the canal.

Director Hutchison reported on a meeting with Vice Chairman Loos and NJWSA to discuss potential water quality mitigation projects as it relates to the NJ Transit County Yard project.

Director Hutchison reported on a homeowner's solar array in Delaware Township which is now in compliance with our permit.

Director Hutchison reported for Superintendent Kallesser on water damage caused by a broken pipe in the Griggstown Bridgetender's House.

Commissioner Lubitz asked if there is a way to record and evaluate sentinel events in the park, such that conclusions and changes might be made Vice Chairman Loos asked that the matter be placed on the agenda for discussion at the following meeting.

**New Jersey Water Supply Authority (NJWSA) Report**

Mr. Sellar reported on the status of the Griggstown wastegate replacement and canal flow levels as it related to a repair in Griggstown.

**Public Forum**

Mr. Barth commented on the Canal Watch activity schedule, including a cleanup in South Bound Brook that Saturday and a January 28 walk in Lambertville. He noted park property in the Landing Lane area which may allow access to a canal features in the Route 18 area.

Mr. Bostock commended Canal Watch on the extraordinary work they do to raise public awareness of the history of the canal, and that it is a great service to New Jersey.

Mr. von Zumbusch noted that, related to Director Hutchison's attending a meeting at Rutgers, he hoped additional work would be done on the path in the New Brunswick area.

**Adjournment**

Vice Chairman Loos called for a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Lubitz made a motion to adjourn and Commissioner Stout seconded the motion. It was approved unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



John Hutchison, Secretary