

Minutes of Meeting

DATE: May 15, 1975
 TIME: 3:20 - 6:00 PM
 LOCATION: Blue Room, Labor and Industry Building, Trenton, NJ

ATTENDING:

COMMISSION--Mrs. Lee Bullitt, Mr. Joseph Burns, Mr. Martin Jessen,
 Mr. Donald Jones, Mr. Benjamin Kirkland, Mr. Frank Torpey
 and Mr. David Bardin

DEP--Mr. Alfred Guido and Mrs. Barbara Levin

ATTORNEY GENERAL--Jonathan Weiner

GUESTS--Mr. James Sayen; Mr. Gene Schneider; Mr. Greg Chase and Mr. Michael
 Galley of DEP's Bureau of Water Facility Operations, Mr. David
 Poinsett of DEP's Historic Sites Section, Mr. Kemble Widmer of DEP's
 Bureau of Geology

ABSENT WITH CAUSE--None

ABSENT WITHOUT CAUSE--None

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Mr. Kirkland moved that the minutes of the previous monthly meeting be approved as submitted. Mrs. Bullitt seconded the motion and all the Commissioners present and voting unanimously concurred.

Presentation by Michael Galley

Mr. Galley displayed and discussed a map prepared by his staff showing three levels of drainage affecting the water quality, supply or structures of the canal. This information was summarized in table form and distributed to the Commissioners.

This map is part of a larger study designed to provide a water supply management program for the canal. Mr. Bardin requested that at the appropriate time the details of this management program be made available to the Commission.

Procedural Guide

Mr. Gene Schneider of the County and Municipal Government Study Commission distributed and discussed the outline of a proposed procedural guide which he had prepared for the Commission's review.

It was decided that the outline should be sent to the county planning directors of Hunterdon, Mercer, Middlesex and Somerset. A covering letter will accompany the outline explaining what it is, what is wanted from the counties by way of review, and that someone from the Commission will be in touch to discuss and report their comments to the full Commission. The following Commissioners will be responsible for their respective counties: Mr. Kirkland-Hunterdon, Mr. Sayen-Mercer, Mr. Burns-Middlesex, Mrs. Bullitt and/or Mr. Torpey-Somerset. Once this process is completed, notice of the Commission's proposals will be sent to each of the 17 municipalities and a press release to the news media at the same time. This latter task was assigned to Mr. Torpey.

Master Plan

A memorandum prepared by Mr. Burns was presented and discussed. It was decided to ask the DEP to prepare a proposed work outline for completion of an interim master plan. This would include all the aspects

specified in N.J.S.A. 13:13A-13b and would be based on information currently existing in one form or another within the Department.

Attorney General's Opinion

Mr. Bardin suggested that the Commission request a formal opinion from the Attorney General regarding interpretation of various questions that have been discussed by the Commission relative to the Canal Park legislation.

Jon Weiner was asked to formulate this request.

Corps of Engineers

Mr. Guido informed the Commission of a recent telephone conversation with Raymond Morgan of the New York District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Mr. Morgan told Mr. Guido that the Corps considers the canal under its jurisdiction as a navigable waterway and is now completing a study of the canal.

Mr. Bardin suggested that he seek clarification on this matter through informal contacts and report to the Commission.

Election of Officers

Mr. Jones was nominated as vice-chairman and Mr. Jessen as treasurer. Both appointments were approved unanimously by all Commissioners present and voting.

DEP

Mr. Guido brought the following to the attention of the Commission:

1. The Canal House at 25 Calhoun Street should be ready for occupancy about June 1. This schedule may be impaired if acts of vandalism--three to date--continue and require additional time and effort by the work force to repair. The security of the house is developing into a major problem. It was mentioned that the Commission may not want to move into the house until a solution has been found.
2. The Commission logo and two maps--one on recreation and one on the history of the canal--prepared by the Department were presented. The Commissioners were asked to review these items and provide in writing any comments or recommendations for change.