

DELAWARE AND RARITAN CANAL COMMISSION
25 Calhoun Street
Trenton, NJ 08618

MINUTES OF MEETING

DATE: June 19, 1975

TIME: 1:00 - 4:30 p.m.

LOCATION: Blue Room, Labor and Industry Building, Trenton

ATTENDING:

COMMISSION-- Mrs. Lee Bullitt, Mr. Joseph Burns, Mr. Arthur Holland,
Mr. Martin Jessen, Mr. Donald Jones, Mr. Benjamin Kirkland,
Mr. James Sayen, Mr. Frank Torpey and Commissioner David J. Bardin.

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

ATTORNEY GENERAL-- Morton Goldfein

GUESTS-- Mr. Michael Galley (DEP), Mr. Eugene Schneider (MUSTO)

Minutes of May 15, 1975 meeting

It was moved by Mr. Jessen and seconded by Commissioner Bardin that the minutes of the previous monthly meeting be approved as submitted. All Commissioners present and voting unanimously concurred.

Recreation and Historic Maps

It was suggested that the Department:

1. Contact the D & R Canal Coalition to see what comments they have on the recreation map and to coordinate production with their user's guide of the canal;
2. complete the historic map and be sure in so doing that the map communicate meaningful information;
3. submit both maps to the Commission again when the necessary revisions have been made.

Vollmer Master Plan

Copies of the master plan prepared by Vollmer Associates for the D & R Canal were distributed to members of the Commission for their information.

Canal Day

It was decided that due to the State's present fiscal crisis Canal Day celebrations scheduled for June 25 should be cancelled.

Canal House

The Commission decided to use the canal house at 25 Calhoun Street as its executive offices.

Vice-Chairman and Treasurer

On advice of counsel, Mr. Kirkland noted the oral resignations of Mr. Jones and Mr. Jessen from the positions of vice-chairman and treasurer respectively. These resignations will be confirmed in writing. Mr. Torpey moved to accept the resignations as indicated and Mrs. Bullitt seconded the motion. All Commissioners present and voting unanimously concurred.

Nominations for the position of vice-chairman were then opened. Mr. Jessen's name was placed in nomination by Mrs. Bullitt and the nomination was seconded by Mr. Sayen. Mr. Burns moved that nominations be closed and Commissioner Bardin seconded the motion. All Commissioners present and voting unanimously concurred in the nomination.

Nominations for the position of treasurer were then opened. Mr. Jones' name was placed in nomination by Mr. Sayen and the nomination was seconded by Mrs. Bullitt. Mr. Burns moved that nominations be closed and Mr. Torpey seconded the motion. All Commissioners present and voting unanimously concurred in the nomination.

Executive Director

The Commission met in executive session, with all non-members absenting themselves, to discuss the candidates for the position of executive director. After concluding their discussion the meeting was re-opened. At that time, Mr. Sayen moved and Mr. Holland seconded the motion that Mr. Herbert Simmens be employed by the Commission as its executive director. All Commissioners present and voting unanimously concurred.

This was followed by a discussion of the salary and fringe benefits that would be offered Mr. Simmens and the arrangements by which he would be hired. Commissioner Bardin said he would have Sidney Ytkin, Director of Administration for DEP, look into the matter and advise the Commission of its options.

It was agreed that Mr. Kirkland and Mr. Jessen would meet with Mr. Simmens as soon as possible to negotiate the terms of employment.

Hamilton Marshes

The remainder of the meeting was devoted to discussing the proposed highway construction in the Hamilton marshes area. It was concluded that the Commission should continue discussions with DOT and invite DOT to make a presentation at the next monthly meeting of the alternatives proposed and their environmental impact.

Mr. Kirkland will extend this invitation to Mr. Bogdan and, at the suggestion of Commissioner Bardin, Mr. Keith Rosser.

Mr. Kirkland noted that he will be away on vacation until Mid-July and that Mr. Jessen will assume the chairman's responsibilities in his absence.