

DE WARE AND RARITAN CANAL COMMISS  
25 Calhoun Street  
Trenton, NJ 08618

MINUTES OF MEETING

DATE: August 21, 1975

TIME: 12:30 - 3:00 p.m.

LOCATION: Red Room, Labor and Industry Building, Trenton, NJ

ATTENDING:

COMMISSION-- Mayor Arthur Holland, Mr. Martin Jessen, Mr. Donald B. Jones,  
Mr. Benjamin Kirkland, Mr. Ian Walker

DEP-- Mr. Alfred T. Guido

ATTORNEY GENERAL-- Jonathan Weiner, Esq.

ABSENT WITH CAUSE-- Commissioner David J. Bardin, Mrs. Lee Bullitt, Mr. Joseph Burns  
Mrs. Barbara Levin, Mr. James Sayen, Mr. Frank Torpey

GUESTS-- Mr. Mel Myers, DEP Bureau of Water Facility Operations

Minutes of July 30 and August 11, 1975 Meetings

Minutes of a special meeting held August 11, 1975, were distributed by Mr. Kirkland. It was moved by Mr. Jessen and seconded by Mr. Jones that the minutes of the two previous meetings be approved as submitted. All Commissioners present and voting unanimously agreed.

Executive Director

The Commission decided not to re-offer the position of Executive Director to Mr. Simmens. Mr. Guido will prepare a draft letter and forward it to Mr. Kirkland for his review. The letter will also state that any claim for compensation should be presented to the Commission.

Franklin Township

Copies of correspondence were distributed from Franklin Township and from the members of the Commission stating that the site plans for the Girl Scout Council were approved. Mr. Weiner stated that he would write to Franklin Township advising that a mistake was made and the letter did not constitute formal action by the Commission. It was also discussed that the applicant must meet municipal requirements of the zoning and planning ordinances before the Commission could take action. Copies of Mr. Weiner's correspondence will be sent to all members.

Mr. Kirkland extended an invitation to Mr. Consovoy and the Township Administrator of Franklin Township to attend the next meeting.

### Hillstone River Acquisition (Flood Plains)

Mr. Guido stated that Commissioner Bardin had asked that the matter be brought to the attention of the Commission for approval. A discussion ensued regarding the property to be acquired, its use for trails and paths, and the compensation to be paid to the property owners. A motion for approval of the acquisition was made by Mr. Jones and was seconded by Mayor Holland. All Commissioners present and voting unanimously agreed.

### Tocks Island

Copies of a news release were distributed to the members of the Commission for their information.

### Sewage Treatment Plant - Garden Apartment Complex

The right of granting permission to put a discharge pipe on State property in Franklin Township must be reviewed by DEP and later brought to the Commission for approval. Further discussion of this matter will take place at a later date.

### Funds

The Commission's funds, which are presently in the General State Treasury, are to be transferred over to the Commission. Mr. Guido stated that he, Mr. Weiner, and Mr. Sid Ytkin will check to see what is legally required and the guidelines that must be followed in order to secure the necessary banking services. This information will be transmitted to the Commissioners so that they will be able to take action on this matter at the next meeting.

### Washington Crossing State Park Plans

At the next meeting copies of the tentative development plans and work schedule will be presented to the Commission for their discussion and information.

### Lease Permits

Mr. Myers reported that there are approximately 40 leases that must be approved by the Commission. It was suggested that a working committee of the Commission be appointed to summarize the proposed leases in order to present them to the Commission for action. Mr. Kirkland advised that he would appoint a sub-committee before the next regular meeting. It was discussed that procedural system for presenting all departmental matters including leases to the Commission must be set up. These guidelines will be prepared by the Department and presented for discussion at the next meeting of the Commission.

### Other Matters

Mr. Weiner suggested that a procedure be adopted requiring all topics for discussion at a Commission meeting be submitted to the Department or Executive Director no later than 10 days prior to the meeting.

Mr. Myers stated that Ewing Township wants to improve roads and drainage into the canal. It was suggested that this be put on the agenda for the next meeting.

### Next Meeting

The next regular meeting is scheduled for September 17, 1975.