



State of New Jersey

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
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Delaware and Raritan Canal Commission

MINUTES OF MEETING

DATE: 18 September 1975

TIME: 12:30-4:30pm

LOCATION: Aboard canal barge, Pennsylvania Canal, New Hope, Pa.

ATTENDING:

COMMISSION: Mr. Benjamin Kirkland, Mr. Ian Walker (for Commissioner Bardin), Mrs. Lee Bullitt, Mr. Joseph Burns, Mr. Martin Jessen, Mr. Donald Jones, Mr. James Sayen, Mr. Frank Torpey.

COMMISSION STAFF: Mr. James C. Amon, Mrs. Elizabeth Ranney

DEP: Mrs. Barbara Levin, Mr. Michael Galley

ATTORNEY GENERAL: Jonathan Weiner, Esq., Morton Goldfein, Esq.

ABSENT WITHOUT CAUSE: Mayor Arthur Holland

GUESTS: Mr. Joe Higgins, Director, Franklin Township Planning Board;
Mrs. Cleveland, Secretary, Franklin Township Planning Board;
Mrs. Riley, member, Franklin Township Planning Board.

Minutes of August 21, 1975 Meeting

It was moved by Mr. Jessen and seconded by Mrs. Bullitt to approve the minutes as read. All Commissioners present and voting agreed.

Resignation of Acting Secretary

Mr. Kirkland read a letter of resignation as acting secretary of the D&R Canal Commission from Barbara Levin, effective immediately. Mr. Jessen moved to accept the resignation and Mr. Jones seconded the motion. All Commissioners present and voting agreed.

Introduction of Executive Director

Mr. Kirkland introduced James C. Amon as the Executive Director for the D&R Canal Commission.

Executive Director's Report

Mr. Amon reported that the Commission's office at 25 Calhoun St., Trenton is now officially open.

Telephone: 609-396-3063

Security measures are being looked into.

Mail: The Commission agreed that mail will continue to be delivered to Box 1390, Department of Environmental Protection, Trenton, N.J. 08625

By-laws: Procedures will be taken to change the by-laws so that future meetings will be held at 12:30pm.

List of leases to be signed by the Executive Director will be distributed to the Commissioners prior to the monthly meeting. Unless objections are raised and carried, the leases will be signed by the Executive Director.

Logo: It was moved by Mrs. Bullitt and seconded by Mr. Sayen to rescind the adoption of the logo previously accepted by the Commission. The motion was carried with no dissenting votes. The Executive Director will conduct a competition to select a new logo.

Treasurer's Report

Mr. Jones reported that the DEP will release \$10,000 of the Canal Commission's funds to be put in an account at the First National State Bank of Central Jersey.

Franklin Township

Mr. Higgins and members of the Franklin Township Planning Board discussed their problems with proposed development adjacent to the Canal. The Commission acknowledged their concern with the proposal but can not make any recommendations until the review zone is delineated. The Commission urged the Executive Director to proceed with the establishment of a master plan and review zone with all due speed.

Open Discussion of Review Zone

The Commissioners mentioned various factors that must be considered in delineating a review zone: water drainage, aesthetics, erosion, ecology, historical structures, degree of development along Canal and cost of land acquisition. Mr. Galley discussed the present operation of the Canal as a water resource.

Guidelines for Communications between the Commission and the DEP

Barbara Levin reported that representatives of the Divisions of Parks and Water Resources will hold monthly staff meetings which the Executive Director will attend. He will act as liaison between the Commission and the DEP. The Commission will be notified of all major decisions of the DEP regarding the Canal prior to their final implementation for the Commission's review. Day to day operation of the Canal by the Divisions of Parks and Water Resources will continue as usual.

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Next Meeting

The next regular meeting is scheduled for October 16, 1975.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James C. Amon". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

James C. Amon

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