



MINUTES OF THE MEETING ON 3 JANUARY 1978

TIME: 12:00 noon - 4:15 p.m.
PLACE: The Canal House, 25 Calhoun Street
Trenton, N.J.
DATE: Tuesday, 6 December 1977

ATTENDING:

COMMISSIONERS: Mr. Jessen, Mr. Jones, Mayor Holland,
Mr. Kirkland, Mr. Light, Mr. Sayen,
Mr. Torpey

STAFF: Mr. Amon, Mrs. Max
DEP: Mr. John Kraml and Mr. James Nami,
Division of Parks and Forestry
Mr. Michael Galley and Mr. Melvin Myers,
Bureau of Water Facility Operations
Mr. Sidney Ytkin, Division of Administrative Operations

DAG: Mr. Gray

GUESTS: Mr. John Hazen, Lambertville
Mrs. Betty Davison, Franklin Township
Mr. George Dawson, New Brunswick Home News

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Chairman Kirkland brought the meeting to order and stated that the requirements of the Open Public Meeting Law had been properly met for the meeting of the Delaware and Raritan Canal Commission on 3 January 1978.

Mr. Sidney Ytkin, Director of the Division of Administrative Operations was present to answer questions on the status of the Commission with regard to the Public Bidding Process and the Voucher System. He explained that, since an opinion had been rendered by the D.A.G. office making the Commission subject to the Public Bidding Procedure, the Commission must now wholly enter the state system and abide by the Voucher Regulations. It must relinquish its independent checking

EXECUTIVE
DIRECTOR
James C. Amon

COMMISSIONERS

Benjamin B. Kirkland <i>Chairman</i>	Martin D. Jessen <i>Vice-Chairman</i>	Donald B. Jones <i>Treasurer</i>	Rocco D. Ricci Bruce A. Hamilton	Joseph H. Burns Arthur J. Holland	James C. Sayen Frank J. Torpey
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account, do business solely with state vendors, and send all invoices to central accounting. Future contracts with consultants will be dealt with by the State Selection Committee, however, with the Commission retaining ultimate approval. He pointed out that it will not be necessary for the Commission to receive state committee approval for consultants' contracts under \$2500 (that is, \$2500 in any one year to any one consultant). Mr. Ytkin promised that a staff member from his department would come to the Commission office by the end of January to instruct Mr. Amon and Mrs. Max in the new procedures to be followed.

Old Business

Mr. Amon stated that at the 6 December meeting two resolutions had been passed which needed to be reaffirmed at this time. This is necessary due to the fact that only 4 Commissioners were present on 6 December when the vote was taken, while a fifth Commissioner was polled by telephone.

Historic Survey Consultant

With reference to the appointment of David Gibson as historic consultant to the Commission, Mayor Holland moved to reaffirm the judgment of the 6 December meeting, with the amendment that Mr. Gibson's contract be subject to compliance with proper regulations. The motion was seconded by Mr. Jessen and carried without dissent.

Design Vocabulary Guide

Mr. Amon explained that many Commissioners had expressed dissatisfaction with the guide in its present form. It, therefore, had been suggested that the book be used as a resource base and that Mr. Amon restructure the guide. A total of \$2500 would be made available to Mr. Amon to hire one or several free-lance consultants to aid him in his work.

Mr. Jessen noted that the guide as designed by the staff of Cook College did not take into account the 19th century ambiance of the canal and that he hoped the restructured guide would reflect this atmosphere. He stressed that Canal Park signs should be in the Victorian style, if the Division of Parks is able to so manufacture them.

Mr. Jones read the motion as recorded in the 6 December minutes and said that he moved to reaffirm this motion verbatim : "to authorize the Executive Director to redesign the Design Vocabulary Book, using such resources as he sees fit and that he be allowed to draw against the Commission Treasury for up to a sum of \$2500 for payment to necessary consultants". The motion was seconded by Mr. Torpey and carried unanimously.

Division of Parks Presentation of Canal Park Development

Canal Park Development plans which were initially presented on 6 December were reviewed in more detail at this month's meeting. Copies of an analysis of 8 main projects and their respective costs were distributed to each Commissioner. Mr. Kraml showed sketches of the footbridge planned for Bogen Meadows (#8) and the gates which would control access on the towpath (#4).

Mr. Jessen recommended alterations to project # 5: rather than introduce new designs along the canal, canoe launches should be incorporated into existing "fender" constructions at locks and bridges.

Mr. Jessen also suggested that in the stead of the foot-bridge (#8) as presented by the Division of Parks, a swing-bridge (either a representation or a functioning one) be installed. The swing bridge would lend an historic atmosphere to the canal and provide an example to school children of past methods of transportation. After considerable debate on the pros and cons of building a swing-bridge and whether it would be feasible in cost to have it actually function, it was decided that the Division of Parks should investigate all possibilities with a firm which manufactures bridges.

The Commissioners were in agreement that the park should be restored in an historical sense and that if this were not done correctly now, there might never be an opportunity to redo it at a later date.

Mr. Kirkland observed that HAER (Historic Engineers) possibly could be of help to the Division of Parks.

Mr. Jones moved to approve the projects as follows:

1. as outlined but with the exceptions of: 20 picnic tables, grills and play equipment, temporary portajohns, permanent comfort station.

2. as outlined, except temporary porta-johns.
3. as outlined.
4. as proposed.
5. temporarily excluded.
6. as submitted.
7. as proposed with the provision that two or three surfaces be tried.
8. temporarily excluded.

Mr. Torpey seconded the motion. Mr. Kirkland asked if there were discussion. Mrs. Davison commented that the parking areas as proposed were entirely too large and having concentrations too great for the towpath. She preferred smaller size lots at more frequent intervals. Mrs. Davison also felt that it would prove difficult to register Griggstown as an historic district if it contained a parking lot the size of a football field.

Mayor Holland said he thought the park should try to be excellent neighbor to these historic districts and as Mrs. Davison was a representative for these districts, the Commission should defer to her opinion. Mayor Holland moved to amend the motion on the floor with regard to #2 as follows: to proceed with construction of a 25-car lot at Griggstown at this time, with additional land to be set aside for future development. The amendment to the motion was seconded by Mr. Torpey and the motion was carried unanimously.

Master Plan Distribution

Mr. Amon stated that there would probably be several hundred people who should receive complimentary copies of the master plan and asked for recommendations from the Commissioners. It was decided to send the master plan to:

- all members of the Legislature
- libraries
- County Directors of Planning
- County and Municipal Directors of Recreation
- Municipal Planning Boards
- Consultants and friends of the Commission

Mr. Light suggested that a letter of transmittal, signed by Chairman Kirkland, accompany the complimentary copies.

Mr. Kirkland indicated that Senators Bateman and Merlino should receive separate, special letters in recognition of their work in passing the Canal Park Law.

Mr. Kirkland also proposed that the Governor be formally presented with the master plan. He asked if Mr. Light would arrange to have this done in a proper manner. Mr. Light agreed to do so.

[At this point Mr. Torpey left the meeting]

Election of Commission Officers

Mr. Light moved to re-appoint Mr. Jessen as Vice-Chairman and Mr. Jones as Treasurer. The motion was seconded by Mr. Sayen and carried without dissent.

Annual Report

Several corrections were made to the Annual Report:

Page 1, Paragraph 1 - the addition of a hyphen -
... along its sixty~~0~~mile route ...

Page 1, Paragraph 4 - the word "them" should be
changed to "it" - ... The Commission's
enabling statute instructs it to determine...

Page 3, Paragraph 2 - the addition of the letter
"v" to the word "coering" - ... financial
statement covering ...

Financial Report

The quarterly financial report was received without comment.

Executive Director's Report

Mr. Amon stated that a request had been received from Cook College for \$1000 for additional work on the Design Vocabulary Guide. It was agreed by the Commissioners that, as Mr. Amon will proceed to restructure the Guide, the Cook College staff should be notified that their additional work will be postponed indefinitely.

Mr. Myers said that Franklin Township Sewer Authority has requested approval to replace 18-inch pipes with 24-inch pipes along Easton Avenue in Franklin Township. Mr. Amon commented that if the area is to be disturbed, then the Sewer Authority should eventually restore it with hand-placed rip-rapping.

Mr. Amon and Mr. Jessen stated that before approval is granted, they would like the opportunity to investigate the area. Mr. Myers was asked to arrange an appointment for all involved parties.

The meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.