



MINUTES OF THE MEETING 5 DECEMBER 1978

TIME: 12:00 noon - 4:00 p.m.
PLACE: The Porkyard, Coryell St. & The Canal
Lambertville, N.J.
DATE: Tuesday, 5 December 1978

ATTENDING

COMMISSIONERS: Mr. Kirkland, Mr. Jessen, Mr. Sayen,
Mr. Torpey, Mr. Jones, Mayor Holland,
Mr. Burns.
STAFF: Mr. Amon, Mrs. Max
DEP: Mr. Galley, B.W.F.O.
Mrs. Blood, Historic Sites.
DAG: Mr. Gray
GUESTS: Mr. Carl Cather, Mayor of Stockton
John Hazen, Lambertville

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Chairman Kirkland called the meeting to order and stated that the requirements of the Open Public Meeting Law had been properly met for the meeting of 5 December 1978.

It was moved by Mr. Jones and seconded by Mr. Torpey to accept the minutes of the 20 November meeting as presented. The motion was carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Kirkland reported that he visited Commissioner O'Hern on December 4th to discuss Commission matters. It is the intention of the Commissioner to attend Canal Commission meetings once a quarter in order to better understand Commission business.

Mr. Carl Cather, Mayor of Stockton, was introduced and spoke on a matter of concern to citizens of Stockton. The northern end of the towpath in Stockton is located on state property leased by the Gallup family. It appears that the Gallups do not understand properly the terms of the lease and continually chase people from

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DIRECTOR	Benjamin B. Kirkland	Martin D. Jessen	Donald B. Jones	Daniel J. O'Hern	Joseph H. Burns	James C. Sayen
James C. Amon	Chairman	Vice-Chairman	Treasurer	Bruce A. Hamilton	Arthur J. Holland	Frank J. Torpey

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the property. Mr. Cathers asked for a determination from the Commission so that the towpath can be kept open to the public. The Commissioners agreed that the towpath should be open and will investigate the problem.

Mr. Cathers also reported on the Smith's Mill work:

1. the railroad car was removed from the premises about three weeks ago.
2. a new roof is needed on the Linseed Oil building. Mr. Cathers described the materials he plans to use and received suggestions from Mr. Jessen.
3. 4 CETA workers helped to get some work done this past summer. (Mr. Cathers felt two workers would have been sufficient.)

SELECTION OF MEETING DAY

The Commissioners decided to hold the 1979 regular meetings on the third Tuesday of each month.

LEASES AND PERMITS

Mr. Amon explained that the City of Trenton desires to lease a piece of Canal Park property near the Battle Monument. This property would be included in the City's park development program and would be a continuation of the North 25 project. Presently, the land is unused.

It was moved by Mr. Jessen and seconded by Mr. Sayen to approve the lease. The motion was carried without dissent. Mayor Holland abstained from voting.

LAND EXCHANGE IN LAWRENCE TOWNSHIP

The D.E.P. is attempting to obtain a conservation easement on property in Lawrence Township. The owner of the 2 lots in question would like to settle for an exchange of land, rather than an outright sale.

Mr. Gray pointed out that it may be premature for the Canal Commission to pass a resolution as land appraisals are not complete.

Mr. Jessen moved that there is no objection on the part of the Commission as to the State pursuing this action with regard to the Lawrence property exchange; in addition, with consideration given to what may be received in exchange, the Commission may have no need for this particular parcel. The motion was seconded by Mr. Torpey and carried unanimously.

HISTORIC SURVEY

Mr. Amon introduced Mrs. Judith Blood, Acting Chief of the Historic Sites Section. Mrs. Blood distributed copies of her proposed solution to the problem of the Historic Survey and also copies of a proposed budget. She noted that the City of Trenton was not included in the present survey for the following reasons:

1. it is an enormous undertaking and will cost a great deal of money.
2. Historic Sites has been approached by the Trenton Planning Board with the prospect of funding a special project for an historic survey in the City.

Mrs. Blood anticipated that one Preservation Planner could be hired full-time for a period of 12-18 months at a salary of approximately \$13,000-\$15,000 per year. In addition there would be 2 interns during the summer months. These three persons would be expected to frame legislation and work with municipal groups. They would be considered part of the Commission staff, but subject to Historic Sites supervision in order to see that the work is accomplished. Suzanne Hand, as Survey Coordinator for the State, would check survey sheets coming in, etc.

Mr. Torpey moved to authorize the Director to go ahead with the program as proposed by Historic Sites. The motion was seconded by Mr. Burns and carried without dissent.

Mrs. Blood recommended that Mr. Amon send a job advertisement to the Historic Preservation News as soon as possible as there will be a delay of 2 months before resumé's are returned and read.

Discussion was held by the Commissioners on the subject of the Commission obligation to David Gibson, Historic Consultant, who had expected to be hired for the Survey.

Mr. Amon noted that Mr. Gibson has attended community meetings on behalf of the Commission and has spent a substantial amount of time designing and completing a slide presentation on historic architecture along the canal.

Mr. Burns observed that since the Commission is dealing with State funds, there should be a tangible product to buy from Mr. Gibson.

Further discussion of this problem was tabled until the next Commission meeting.

REVIEW ZONE PUBLIC HEARINGS

The Commissioners decided:

1. not to have a Court Reporter for the next 4 Public Hearings. Transcripts take 3 - 4 weeks to prepare and cost \$1.68 per page.
2. to purchase a tape recorder to be used at the Public Hearings in lieu of a Court Reporter.
3. to invite General Whipple to attend the Somerset County Hearing as a consultant.

The meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.