



Minutes of the Meeting 19 February 1980

TIME: 12 noon to 2:00 p.m.
PLACE: The Canal House
25 Calhoun Street
Trenton, New Jersey
DATE: Tuesday, 19 February 1980

ATTENDING:

COMMISSIONERS: Messrs. Jessen, Graham, Holland, Sayen,
Hamilton
STAFF: Mr. Amon, Mrs. Perilli
DAG: Mr. Gray
GUESTS: Mr. Galley, WFSE
Mr. Guidotti, Division of Parks

Mr. Jessen called the meeting to order and stated that the requirements for the Open Public Meeting Law had been properly met for the meeting of 19 February 1980.

It was moved by Mr. Graham and seconded by Mr. Sayen to approve the minutes of the 18 December 1979 meeting as submitted. The motion was carried unanimously.

Election of Vice-Chairman and Treasurer

Mr. Graham moved to re-elect Mr. Jessen as Vice-Chairman and Mr. Jones as Treasurer of the Canal Commission. The motion was seconded by Dr. Hamilton and carried unanimously.

Lease

Dr. Hamilton moved to approve the GAF Corp. lease as submitted. The motion was seconded by Mr. Graham and carried without dissent.

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EXECUTIVE	COMMISSIONERS					
DIRECTOR	Benjamin B. Kirkland	Martin D. Jessen	Donald B. Jones	Jerry F. English	Joseph H. Burns	James C. Sayen
James C. Amon	Chairman	Vice-Chairman	Treasurer	Bruce A. Hamilton	Arthur J. Holland	Frank J. Torpey

NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
Brendan Byrne, Governor Jerry F. English, Commissioner

Old Business

Canal Park Maintenance: Mr. Graham requested that another meeting be set up with counties and municipalities to request their assistance in Canal Park maintenance.

Meadows Bridge and Canoe Launch: Dr. Hamilton asked the status of the bridge and canoe launch at the Meadows and was told by Mr. Guidotti that the application for permit will soon be submitted.

It was generally felt that since the canal was no longer a navigable waterway that bridge projects on the canal should not be subject to approval of the Coast Guard. Mr. Amon said he will bring up this problem area at his meeting in Washington.

Annual Report: Mr. Amon presented the Canal Commission's Annual Report and stated that the report fulfills the statutory obligations. He asked for the Commissioner's comments.

Mayor Holland and Mr. Sayen felt that the Commission's concern about the lack of funding should be included in the report.

Mayor Holland moved to present a petition signed by Mr. Kirkland to the Joint Appropriations Committee to support the Division of Park's budget. The motion was seconded by Mr. Sayen and carried with Mr. Graham abstaining.

Consulting Contract for General Whipple

It was moved by Mr. Sayen and seconded by Dr. Hamilton to approve the one year extension of the consulting contract for General Whipple. The motion was carried unanimously.

Report from the Division of Parks and Forestry

Mr. Guidotti gave a brief report on the status of canal park projects and explained that the administrative processes, although lengthy, are underway.

Mr. Sayen informed the Commission that the owner of the old hotel at Alexander Road was now willing to negotiate and suggested that the state consider acquiring the property. It was stated that the policy of the state is that no property will be acquired without an adaptive use and, after restoration, the property has a viable use to justify the reconstruction expense.

Trap Rock Quarries

Mr. Amon reported that using stone from Trap Rock Quarries before going through a crusher would yield about one third to one half usable stone for rip-rapping. At a cost of \$9 - \$10 a ton, the stone would be much more economical than using stone which meets the rip-rap specifications from Lumberville Quarry at \$90 a ton.

Bel Del Glen Afton

Mr. Graham reported that all vertical barriers and signs are now posted along the tow path in the Glen Afton area. Problems in that area seem to have diminished.

Executive Director's Report

Mr. Amon reminded the Commission that last year the Canal Commission gave \$12,000 in surplus budget funds to the City of Trenton, matching a grant for historic preservation to restore the Hanover Street Canal House.

The architect's plans call for basic renovations to make the house habitable.

The lowest bid for the project was \$34,000 -- \$10,000 more than the city has to spend.

Mr. Amon explained that because the two review zone officer positions were not filled, there is an excess of about \$20,000 in the Canal Commission budget, a part of which might be used to complete the amount needed.

Mr. Graham moved 1) to have Mr. Amon talk with the City of Trenton suggesting that they negotiate with the low bidder; 2) to try to extend the bid deadline; and 3) to authorize Mr. Amon to proceed to transfer up to \$10,000 from unexpended budget. The motion was seconded by Dr. Hamilton and carried unanimously.

Jarvis Place

Mayor Holland informed the Commission that the residents of Jarvis Place -- located along the canal near Prospect Street -- request an exit road to alleviate parking and congestion problems. Mr. Galley said that his office had done a survey for this request several years ago and that he will provide a copy of the survey. Mayor Holland moved to request consideration of this project be placed on the agenda for the next meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Sayen and passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m.