



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 18 NOVEMBER 1980

TIME: 12:00 noon to 3:00 p.m.
PLACE: The Canal House
25 Calhoun Street
Trenton, New Jersey
DATE: Tuesday, 18 November 1980

ATTENDING:

COMMISSIONERS: Messrs. Kirkland, Jessen, Torpey, Sayen, and Hamilton

STAFF: Mr. Amon, Mrs. Perilli, General Whipple

DAG: Mr. Gray

GUESTS: Mr. Galley, WSFE
Mr. Hazen, Labertville Beacon

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Mr. Kirkland called the meeting to order and stated that the Open Public Meeting Law had been properly met for the meeting of 18 November 1980.

It was moved by Mr. Jessen and seconded by Mr. Torpey to approve the minutes of the meeting of 21 October 1980 as submitted. The motion was carried unanimously.

Mr. Kirkland requested that Mr. Amon prepare a report to bring together known information on water quality in the canal relying on the Rutgers Hydrologic Survey done for Mike Galley's office.

Leases

It was moved by Mr. Jessen and seconded by Mr. Jones to approve the leases as submitted. The motion was carried unanimously.

Old Business

Smith's Mill: Mr. Jones told the Commission that the Smith's Mill Society

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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

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had applied to HUD for a grant to restore the mill but was turned down because the mill is owned by the State. Mr. Guidotti, Assistant Director of State Park Services, stated that no state funds were available; however, in a conversation with Mr. Amon, he suggested three alternatives:

1. apply for an Office of Historic Preservation grant, but the Smith's Mill Society would be required to match 50% of the amount of the grant;
2. the Division of Parks could supply a CETA crew for the summer, however, the Mill Society would have to supply the supervision of the crew;
3. the mill could be leased to a private business if the use of the mill was compatible with the nature of the park.

Mr. Jones recommended having an engineer's study done to determine the minimum amount of work required to preserve the mill until money is available. Mr. Amon said that the study would have to be done through the Division of Parks and Forestry.

Mr. Jessen offered to send a mason to inspect the site.

Dr. Hamilton said he would present a Meadows Foundation slide show to the Mill Society to show what can be done.

Lambertville Railroad Station: The Commission discussed the Lambertville Railroad Station, which is once again up for sale. It was noted that there is a possibility that Hunterdon County and the City of Lambertville could acquire the station for public uses, but they would have no need for the entire 5 1/4-acre tract. It was the general consensus that this parcel of land would be an excellent addition to the Canal Park, and that its acquisition by the State might make it easier for acquisition and suitable use for the train station by reducing its price. Mr. Amon said he would pursue this matter with the Division of Parks and Forestry.

Review Zone Action

A. Projects:

80-21-0029 McClean Engineering -- addition

It was moved by Mr. Jessen and seconded by Mr. Sayen to approve the McClean Engineering project as submitted. The motion was carried unanimously.

80-29-0031 Guild Housing -- addition to Onka garage

Action on this project was suspended until the December meeting to allow the project sponsor to provide adequate screening to meet the requirements of the regulations.

B. Peremptory Approval Status:

No action.

C. New Regulations for Flood Plain Management:

Mr. Amon distributed a draft of an amendment to the regulations that was developed by Messrs. Gray, Jessen, Whipple and Amon for flood plain management. Copies were sent to the NJ Division of Water Resources, MSM, the Stony Brook-Millstone Watershed Association, and the NJ Alliance for Action with no response from any of these organizations. Mr. Jessen moved to have the draft published in the New Jersey Register as the first step in adopting the draft as an amendment to the regulations. The motion was seconded by Mr. Torpey and carried unanimously.

Executive Director's Report

Mr. Jessen moved to approve the resolution accepting the grant of \$3,000 from the Office of Historic Preservation for the historic sites survey in Lambertville. The motion was seconded by Dr. Hamilton and carried with no dissenting votes.

Mr. Amon explained to the Commission that some time ago David Brook began a study of the outlets of the canal and would like to complete the study. In lieu of payment Mr. Brook said that he would like some type of document acknowledging his work.

Mr. Amon recommended that a document proclaiming friends of the canal should be printed, to be awarded in situations such as this. He said he would prepare a draft for the December meeting.

Mr. Amon distributed a memo regarding the salary history of the Commission staff and requested that raises be approved to be effective 1 July 1981. At this point, it was moved by Mr. Jessen and seconded by Mr. Torpey that, because the Commission would be discussing matters concerning the employment of the Commission staff, the meeting enter an executive session. It was agreed that Mr. Kirkland would look into the matter of raises for the Commission staff.

No longer in executive session, Mr. Amon suggested the possibility of waiving review requirements in cases of single family dwellings or additions to single family dwellings. Mr. Jones asked Mr. Gray to check into delegating review authority to the Executive Director, with certain restrictions, for these situations.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.