



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 21 APRIL 1981

TIME: 12:00 noon to 2:30 p.m.
PLACE: The Canal House
25 Calhoun Street
Trenton, New Jersey
DATE: Tuesday, 21 April 1981

ATTENDING:

COMMISSIONERS: Messrs. Kirkland, Jessen, Jones, Sayen, Hamilton, Bridges

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

DAG: Ms. Lessne

GUESTS: Paul Stern, Frank Guidotti; Division of Parks
Mike Galley, WSFE
Norman Mathis, Tom Harris; Somerset County

Mr. Kirkland called the meeting to order and stated that all applicable provisions of the Open Public Meeting Law of 1976 had been properly met for the meeting of 21 April 1981.

It was moved by Mr. Sayen and seconded by Mr. Jones to approve the minutes of the special meeting of 31 March as submitted. The motion was carried unanimously.

Old Business

Mr. Amon reported that he has contacted the Governor's office to see if someone has been selected to replace Commissioner Burns. No action has been taken. Mr. Jessen suggested that any Commissioner who can recommend a prospective applicant might suggest it to the Governor.

Mike Galley told the Commission that dredging of the Route 1 conduit was ready to begin and they are waiting for the Division of Building and Construction to advertise for bids. It was moved by Mr. Jessen to approve the specifications prepared by WSFE for the cleaning of the Route 1 conduit. The motion was seconded by Mr. Sayen and carried unanimously.

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

Leases

It was moved by Mr. Jessen and seconded by Mr. Sayen to approve the Niece Lumber lease. The motion was carried with no dissenting votes.

Review Zone Action

A. Projects

81-29-0060 Mobil Research and Development -- General Services Building

It was moved by Mr. Jones and seconded by Mr. Sayen to approve the project as presented. The motion was carried unanimously.

81-30-0064 Larken Associates -- industrial building

It was moved by Mr. Jessen to approve this project with the condition specified in Schedule A. The motion was seconded by Mr. Jones and carried unanimously.

81-18-0065 Princeton Office Associates -- office building

It was moved by Mr. Jones and seconded by Mr. Sayen to approve this project as submitted. The motion was carried without dissent.

B. Waiver Requests

Mr. Amon explained that the Mercer Medical Center was erecting a parking garage. Because there will be less impervious surface than is presently there, and because this property cannot be seen from the canal, he recommended that the project be waived. Mr. Jessen moved to waive the project. The motion was seconded by Mr. Jones and carried unanimously.

Mr. Amon explained to the Commission the Ewing Township has submitted a project for tennis courts that has been approved by Green Acres. The project covers 200 square feet more than one acre of additional impervious surface, but no detention basin has been planned. However, storm water runoff will flow over athletic fields which will have almost the effect of a basin, and it drains into a stream which shows no history of exchanging water with the canal. For these reasons Mr. Amon felt the Commission should waive this project.

Mr. Jones felt that the Commission should have better guidelines to waive a project. It was his opinion that Ewing Township could easily conform to the Canal Commission regulations by reducing the size of the parking lot.

It was moved by Mr. Jessen to waive the project with the suggestion that the parking lot be reduced in size. The motion was seconded by Mr. Sayen. Messrs. Kirkland, Sayen, Hamilton and Jessen voted to waive the project. Messrs. Jones and Bridges were opposed. The motion was carried.

Change at Weston Causeway

Mr. Amon introduced Mr. Mathis and Mr. Harris of the Somerset County Engineer's office who explained that Somerset County proposed to realign Weston-Canal Road

so the approach to the causeway from the north swings away from the canal before joining the causeway to cross over the canal. The County plans to donate the old roadway and land between the old roadway and the new to the state pending approval by the Somerset County Council. It was suggested that the old roadway be used as parking and access to the canal.

Mr. Jessen moved to approve this project with the condition that the plans include the provisions agreed upon between the Division of Parks and Somerset County. Dr. Hamilton seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.

Mr. Mathis commented that the plans do reflect these provisions.

Executive Director's Report

Mr. Amon reported that General Whipple's contract expires 1 June. He requested that the Commission approve the termination of General Whipple's contract one week after the new review zone officer begins working full time for the Commission. It was moved by Mr. Jones and seconded by Dr. Hamilton to approve this request. The motion was amended by Mr. Sayen to acknowledge the tremendous assistance General Whipple has given to the Canal Commission and to accept his resignation with regret. The motion was carried unanimously.

Mr. Amon recommended that the Commission authorize the expenditure of \$1,000 for Mr. Cliff Crawford to put together a portfolio of historic canal pictures and to compile a list of other sources who have historical negatives. He explained that this would include approximately 75 8x10 photos. It was suggested that Mr. Crawford prepare a specific proposal. It was also suggested that duplicates should be made. In general, the Commission felt it a worthwhile project.

Frank Guidotti reported to the Commission that the Delahanty's are willing to sell their Scudders Falls homes for fair market value plus relocation costs.

Paul Stern reported that a CETA crew from the Department of Corrections will be picking up trash along the canal from the Hunterdon County line to the Trenton City limits.

Mr. Jones suggested that the neighborhood clean-up project on Hanover Street should be revived. It was felt that if this project was dropped, the Hanover Street canal house would deteriorate again. It was agreed that Mr. Jones and Mr. Amon will meet with an owner of some of the properties who is interested in the clean-up.

Mr. Guidotti reported that the Coast Guard permit request for the Bogan Meadows bridge is in Washington.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30.