



Minutes of the Meeting of 18 August 1981

TIME: 12:00 Noon
PLACE: The Canal House
25 Calhoun Street
Trenton, New Jersey

DATE: Tuesday, 18 August 1981

ATTENDING:

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

STAFF: Mr. Amon, Mrs. Perilli, Mr. Kropp

DAG: Mr. Gray

GUESTS: Mr. Galley, Mr. Shaikh, Mr. Kroeck, WSFE

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 18 August 1981.

It was moved by Mr. Jones and seconded by Mr. Jessen to approve the minutes of the meeting of 21 July 1981 as submitted. The motion was carried unanimously.

Old Business

Lambertville Railroad Station:

Mr. Amon informed the Commission that the Lambertville Railroad Station has been sold and the new owner plans to restore the building for use as a restaurant and plans to expand the building for use as a 30-unit hotel.

Bike Trail from Trenton to Washington Crossing:

Mr. Jones asked the status of the proposed bike trail from Trenton to Washington Crossing and was informed by Mr. Bridges that plans are being

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developed from Scudders Falls to Washington Crossing, but the Glen Afton area problem has not been resolved. Mr. Bridges felt that once a portion of the trail is completed and the public realizes its usefulness, the rest should fall into place. He is in contact with Mr. Segal of the Glen Afton Civic Association. The rest of the trail will be designed with maximum input from the community.

Mr. Amon distributed copies of a letter from a citizen who obtained 300 signatures on a petition to have public lavatories installed along the canal in the Millstone River Valley.

Review Zone Action

It was moved by Mr. Jessen and seconded by Dr. Hamilton to approve the following projects as submitted:

- 81-0088 Woods Tavern Square
- 81-0089 Stony Brook Sewerage Authority
- 81-0090 Stony Brook Sewerage Authority
- 81-0091 Demolition of building remains; West End, Trenton

The motion was carried unanimously.

Mr. Amon requested that a waiver be granted to the Haynes gas station project in Hillsborough for the following reasons: 1) it will not adversely affect either the surface waters or the other environmental values of the Canal Park under either storm or normal conditions; and 2) the ground water effects produced by the project are unlikely to measurably affect the surface waters or ground waters of the Canal Park. It was moved by Mr. Jessen to approve the waiver as requested. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bridges and carried without dissent.

Presentation by WSFE

10 Mile Lock Pumping Station:

Don Kroeck presented the revised plans for the pumping station which showed a lowered roof line from elevation 72' to elevation 60', and a wood facing over concrete.

It was suggested that the wood slats run horizontally rather than vertically. Mr. Amon said he was in favor of the wood exterior and further suggested that more windows be added to break up the massive look of the structure.

Mr. Kirkland said he is by no means satisfied that this is the only location for the structure and asked what efforts are being made to select alternative sites. Mr. Kroeck said that would be dealt with at a later time.

It was suggested that a salt-box style peaked roof be added. Mr. Jessen said that pre-cast concrete could be made to have many attractive facades, such as stone face or rip rap face by imbedding stone in the concrete. All of these suggestions were mentioned as examples of ways the building could be made more harmonious with the character of the Canal Park.

No guidelines emerged from the discussion.

Temporary Pumping Station:

Mr. Kroeck explained that a temporary pumping operation to pump water from the Raritan River into the canal is being constructed for use until the permanent station is built. This project should be completed by 3 September.

Sullivan Way Aqueduct:

Mr. Kroeck explained that WSFE proposes to build coffer dams upstream and downstream from the Sullivan Way Aqueduct, so that the canal can be emptied to repair leaks and cracks in the aqueduct. The canal will be emptied from Route 1 to Lower Ferry Road. He estimates that the cost will be approximately \$400,000 and the work will take 4-6 months. The project will be advertised for bid in September and the work will begin in October. It was pointed out that the repairs will not change the design of the aqueduct.

Mr. Bridges said that he will contact Mr. Segal of the Glen Afton Civic Association to inform the local residents of this project.

Griggstown Locktender's Garage Addition:

Mike Galley presented plans for a garage addition at the Griggstown Locktender's house. It was moved by Mr. Jessen to approve the project as presented. The motion was seconded by Dr. Hamilton and carried unanimously.

Dredging of the canal:

Don Kroeck informed the Commission that the canal will be dredged from Prallsville to Kingston. His office is interviewing three engineering firms to draw up the design and specifications.

Mr. Amon suggested that restoration of the canal should be done at the time of the dredging. One of the things that could be accomplished is rip rap repair. He suggested that a team of two on each side of the canal could replace stone along approximately 10 miles of the canal and costs would be minimal. It was felt that this is an excellent opportunity to have repair work done that should not be passed by.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:50 p.m.