



MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF 8 DECEMBER 1981

TIME: 2:00 p.m.
PLACE: The Canal House
25 Calhoun St.
Trenton, New Jersey
DATE: Tuesday, 8 December 1981

ATTENDING:

COMMISSIONERS: Messrs. Kirkland, Jessen, Sayen, Bridges, Hamilton, Torpey
STAFF: Mr. Amon, Mrs. Perilli, Mr. Kropp
DAG: Mr. Gray
GUESTS: Mr. Stern, Mr. Guidotti; Parks
Mr. Chase, 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 8 December 1981.

It was moved by Mr. Jessen and seconded by Mr. Sayen to approve the minutes of the meeting of 17 November 1981 as submitted. The motion was carried unanimously.

Cofferdam

Mr. Amon introduced Mr. Chase from the WSFE, who explained that the cofferdam would be located at Harrison St. in Princeton. He further explained that the cofferdam was needed to perform several tasks: to do repair work at the Trenton conduit and the Sullivan Way aqueduct; to isolate canal water between Mulberry St. in Trenton and Harrison St. to maintain a supply of water to enable Princeton Water Company to have a reservoir during these repairs; the cofferdam would also be used in the event of a breakdown at the 10-Mile Lock pumping station: the Millstone aqueduct gates would be opened and water drawn from Carnegie Lake to continue to supply water to customers until repairs were made at the pumping station.

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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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The cofferdam would remain in the canal while repair work is done to the canal this winter, and may be kept until the canal is dredged if it is determined to be helpful for that operation. It will probably be in place, therefore, for about three years.

It is proposed that pumps be installed on the towpath at Carnegie Lake and at the Assunpink to maintain the water level between the cofferdam that is to be built and the already-built dam at Mulberry St. in Trenton.

Mr. Amon expressed concern about the possibility of drawing the water level down four feet. Mr. Chase said that Carnegie Lake could be used to maintain the water level.

Mr. Sayen asked what permanent good effects, if any, could be expected from this project. He was told that any rip-rap disturbed will be repaired.

It was suggested that the options might be easier if the cofferdam were built at the aqueduct, but Mr. Chase explained that the site selected provides good access.

Mr. Jessen asked if portable electric pumps had been considered and was informed that the possibility exists of putting electric pumps at the Griggstown and Kingston Locks to carry water back to Princeton. However, this is an option that the consultants, P.R.C. Harris, will investigate.

Mr. Chase informed the Commission that another contract had just been awarded to upgrade the 10-Mile Lock pumping station and to increase the output by 15 mgd which would allow enough to pump back to Princeton.

Mr. Chase told the Commission that the dredging consultants meeting will be held on the 4th Tuesday of the month at the WSFE office in Clinton.

It was moved by Mr. Jessen to approve the proposed cofferdam project as submitted with the requirement that when the cofferdam is removed, the rip-rap should be restored to its original state -- not present state. The motion was seconded by Dr. Hamilton and carried unanimously.

The Commission stressed that they should be informed of any project at the earliest possible date to allow the members of the Commission to review all aspects of a project to fulfill their legislative responsibilities.

(Mr. Bridges left the meeting at 3:00 p.m.)

Review Zone Action

81-0101 Lambertville Railroad Station

Mr. Amon presented the plans for the Lambertville Railroad Station approved by the Lambertville Board of Adjustment. He informed the Commission that the proposed motel and improvements to State property are not on the plans to be approved at this meeting. He reminded the Commissioners that unofficial

conceptual approval was given at the September meeting.

Mr. Amon pointed out that Steven Bauer, a preservation architect, expressed concern that the roof of the addition may not be compatible with the present roof. A glass-enclosed seating area will face the canal and would detract from the significance of the historic structure. It was generally agreed that this enclosure is acceptable.

It was moved by Dr. Hamilton and seconded by Mr. Torpey to approve the project as submitted. The motion was carried unanimously.

Mr. Amon suggested that a letter be sent with the Certificate of Approval recommending that consideration be given to incorporating the railroad into the complex.

Riverside Pub Waiver Request

Mr. Amon explained that the Riverside Pub is a restaurant/tavern in South Bound Brook. The project is a minor one which entails enclosing an entranceway. This project requires visual review because it increases the exterior dimensions of the building and faces the canal. However, because the project is such a minor one and because the building has no architectural significance, Mr. Amon recommended that the project be waived. It was the general opinion of the Commission that this project be dealt with following the usual review procedures. It was moved by Mr. Jessen and seconded by Dr. Hamilton to approve the project as presented. The motion was carried with no dissenting votes.

Fence at Alexander Road

Mr. Amon explained to the Commission that when the Stony Brook Sewerage Authority built a sewer line along the canal to Alexander Road in West Windsor they cleared a strip of land for storage and heavy equipment. The cleared area has since been graded, seeded, and landscaped. A resident who owns half of the newly landscaped property wants to erect a five foot chain link fence on the property line. Since this would face the canal, it would require visual review, and Mr. Amon felt that the materials suggested are incompatible with the aesthetics of the Canal Park.

It was moved by Dr. Hamilton and seconded by Mr. Sayen to deny approval of the construction of a chain link fence visible from the canal.

Mr. Jessen suggested a split rail fence with turkey wire be used instead.

The motion was tabled after Mr. Amon suggested to postpone action until the January meeting to allow him to discuss other options with the owner.

Griggstown Causeway

Mr. Amon explained that Somerset County wants to remove a dilapidated bridge over the millrace at the Griggstown Causeway and replace it with a pipe. He recommended approval of the project providing the following conditions are met:

1. Rip-rap specifications be met in accordance with standards established on p. 45 of the DESIGN GUIDE;

2. Guardrail moved over for pedestrian walk;
3. Pipe ends cut parallel to slope of rip-rap.

Parks will issue the letter of approval; a resolution from the Canal Commission would authorize Parks to take the necessary action.

Dr. Hamilton moved to approve the project as stated. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

Leases

Mr. Jessen moved to approve the one year extension to the Zarephath Canal House lease. The motion was seconded by Mr. Sayen and carried with no dissenting votes.

Executive Director's Report

Mr. Torpey told the Commission that a successor to Mr. Burns has been appointed. Mr. Amon will check into this.

It was moved by Dr. Hamilton and seconded by Mr. Sayen that the Canal Commission will continue to meet the third Tuesday of each month in 1982. The motion was carried unanimously.

Mr. Amon told the Commission that the depression in the building industry has temporarily slowed down the Canal Commission's workload. Rick Kropp, therefore, has been working with General Whipple at Water Resources two days a week. The work that Mr. Kropp is doing for General Whipple has been either directly related to the canal or to the Commission's stormwater management regulations. Mr. Amon would like to allow Mr. Kropp to continue to split his workload as long as he is able to fulfill all of his Canal Commission responsibilities. He recommended that the Commission continue to pay Mr. Kropp's full salary, however, since the reduced workload at the Commission's office is temporary. The Commissioners agreed to this arrangement but no formal action was taken.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:45 p.m.