



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 19 OCTOBER 1982

TIME: 12:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.  
PLACE: Canal House  
Trenton, New Jersey  
DATE: Tuesday, 19 October 1982

ATTENDING:

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

STAFF: Messrs. Amon, Kropp

GUESTS: Mr. Monaco; Div. Water Resources  
Messrs. Galley and Kroeck; NJ Water Authority  
Messrs. Guidotti, Stern and Kraml, State Park Service

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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.

The minutes of the meeting of 21 September 1982 were unanimously approved in a motion made by Mr. Jones and seconded by Mr. Jessen.

Leases

It was moved by Mr. Jessen and seconded by Mr. Sayen to approve the following lease:

Easement on property owned by Onka Bus Company for the construction of a septic field to be used jointly by the E. Millstone Canal House and the Franklin Inn (which is owned by Onka).

The motion was carried unanimously.

Review Zone Actions

Mr. Kropp and Mr. Amon submitted the following plans for Commission approval:

- 82-0153 - Bamrick Residence
- 82-0155 - Merrill Lynch
- 82-0154 - J. L. Williams Corporate Park
- 82-0121 - Haymarket Square

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It was moved by Mr. Sayen and seconded by Mr. Hamilton to approve all projects as presented. The motion was carried without dissent.

Mr. Kropp then requested a waiver from the Commission's review requirements for minor alterations to the East Windsor Municipal Utility Authority's sewer plant in East Windsor. Their plan is to construct a pipeline under the ground and to build two very small structures which would house pumps. The total additional impervious surface is well beneath an acre. Mr Sayen moved to waive review requirements, Mr. Hamilton seconded the motion, and it was passed unanimously.

#### Update on Sediment Removal Program

Mr. Kroeck, from the N.J. Water Supply Authority, distributed a "Suggested Design and Construction Schedule" for the Sediment Removal Program. The project has been divided in four reaches as follows:

- Reach I - Prallsville to Lambertville
- Reach II - Lambertville to Lower Ferry Road
- Reach III - Lower Ferry Road to Quakerbridge Road
- Reach IV - Quakerbridge Road to Kingston

Within each of these reaches portions have now been selected to be dredged in the "wet" and portions will be excavated in the "dry".

Construction is now expected to begin in Reach III in August or September of 1983; on Reach IV in April of 1984; and on Reaches I & II in September of 1984.

Mr. Kroeck explained that considerable work remains before disposal sites can be confirmed. At present the following sites are being considered:

- For Reach IV:           Lands owned by Princeton Nurseries near the Millstone Aqueduct and land south of that owned by Princeton University. (This stretch will be done in the wet).
  
- For Reaches I & II:   Near U.S. 202 crossing of the canal and River near Lambertville.
  
- For Reach III:        Either the Hamilton Township Dump, or site in Trenton near Whitehead Road.

Mr. Kroeck explained the difficulty of disposal because of the determination that the sediment is terribly polluted with heavy metals. Considerable discussion ensued which concluded with Mr. Kirkland's suggestion that Mr. Jessen try to see Commissioner Hughey in order to see if an easier, cheaper disposal system can be found.

#### Update on East Millstone and Weston Canal Houses

Mr. Guidotti explained that plans for the construction of a bathroom and septic system for the East Millstone Canal House are almost complete.

There followed a discussion of what should be done with the \$10,000.00 transferred by the Commission a year ago for the construction of a new roof on the Weston Canal House. It was suggested that the money be directed toward planning for a bathroom and septic system instead. Mr. Kraml estimated a cost of approximately \$7,000.00 for such plans. The Commissioners expressed considerable outrage at such a cost but a motion was made by Mr. Hamilton and seconded by Mr. Jessen that the money be directed for such plans with the remainder directed toward construction costs. The motion carried with Messrs. Jessen, Hamilton, Sayen and Kirkland voting aye, Mr. Jones abstained and Mr. Zaikov absent for the vote.

#### Discussion of Canal Barge Operation in Griggstown

Mr. Amon explained that he had met with representatives of a group named, "The Raritan River Friends of Clearwater". These people are interested in building a barge and operating it on the canal as an outdoor education center. They would like to use the Barracks on the Griggstown Causeway as their headquarters and build the barge in the backyard there. There was general enthusiasm for the concept but reservation about several of the details. It was concluded that Mr. Amon should encourage them but be clear that problems appear to exist with regard to:

1. Other intended uses for the Barracks.
2. The group's ability to handle such a large and costly project.
3. Removal of the trees between the canal and the towpath.

#### Water Quality Problems

It was agreed that Mr. Jessen and Mr. Amon would visit the water customers to discuss problems they might have with the canal's water quality.

#### Canal Artifacts

Mr. Amon was asked to talk to the State Museum about the storage of any canal artifacts that might be found in the course of the sediment removal.