



DELAWARE AND RARITAN  
**CANAL COMMISSION**  
 CN 402  
 TRENTON, NEW JERSEY 08625

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 15 FEBRUARY 1983

TIME: 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.  
 PLACE: Canal House, Trenton, NJ 08625  
 DATE: Tuesday, 15 February 1983

ATTENDING:

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

STAFF: Messrs. Amon, Kropp and Ms. Greenwald

GUESTS: Mr. Galley, N.J. Water Supply Authority  
 Messrs. Guidotti and Stern, State Park Service  
 Messrs. Dionisio and Talerico, PRC Harris  
 Ms. Cathy Drake, Natural Resources

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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 property met.

The minutes of the meeting of 18 January 1983 were unanimously approved in a motion made by Mr. Jones and seconded by Mr. Sayen.

LEASES

Mr. Kropp presented the following B Zone projects to the Commissioners for their approval:

- 82-0110 Montgomery Car Wash
- 82-0149 Atrium at Somerset/Hilton Hotel
- 83-0169 Park Place

Following a motion made by Mr. Jessen and seconded by Mr. Zaikov the above review zone actions were unanimously approved.

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**EXECUTIVE  
 DIRECTOR**  
 James C. Amon

**COMMISSIONERS**

Benjamin B. Kirkland <i>Chairman</i>	Martin D. Jessen <i>Vice-Chairman</i>	Donald B. Jones <i>Treasurer</i>	Robert E. Hughey Bruce A. Hamilton	Stuart Zaikov Arthur J. Holland	James C. Sayen Frank J. Torpey
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**NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION**  
 Thomas H. Kean, *Governor* Robert E. Hughey, *Commissioner*

## CANAL PARK SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

Mr. Paul Stern informed the Commissioners of the following projects which his staff have completed in the past month:

1. Repair of the floor at the Griggstown Barracks.
2. Cleaning of the tow path from the Kingston Lock to Blackwells Mills.
3. Improvements to Bulls Island shop.
4. Improve security on structures at Bulls Island and Blackwells Mills.
5. Tree removal at Griggstown and Blackwells Mills access area.
6. Repair of about 100 picnic tables.
7. Snow removal on all bridges in Trenton.
8. Inspect new comfort station in Lambertville. Mr. Kirkland then asked about the status of the City of Lambertville Park and was told the status was the same as before.

Mr. Stern said that volunteer groups are working on two projects. Hunterdon Historic Society cleaned up around the Jimison Farm. Somerset Horse & Pony Association has done some tow path cleaning and is interested in clearing a trail in the Millstone floodplain near Griggstown. Mr. Kirkland informed Mr. Stern that the former Mayor of Stockton has cleared saplings along the tow path in Stockton.

Mr. Jessen questioned whether the Canal Commission could write a letter to the Governor and Legislators giving support for a bill that would require recycling of cans and bottles. This was made into a motion and second by Mr. Zaikov and unanimously approved. Mr. Jones said to coordinate our efforts through Mr. Kent of the Sierra Club. Cathy Drake said she would get copies of both bills for Mr. Amon so that he can study them.

## DREDGING PROJECT

Mr. Galley told the Commissioners that a final draft of the Environmental Impact Assessment, the specifications, and the plans for the dredging project have been prepared and given to Mr. Amon for his review. Mr. Galley told the Commission that the total project (Prillsville Lock to Kingston Lock) has been divided into three separate contracts and they hope to begin Contract One in late summer or early fall of this year. Contract One will be about 16 miles long, between Morres Creek in Hopewell Township and Duck Pond Run in West Windsor. He expects this section to be excavated "in the dry" while the other two sections (upstream and downstream of Contract One) will probably be hydraulically dredged.

Mr. Amon told the Commissioners that he had met with Mr. Galley to discuss the comments he had submitted to the Water Supply Authority and circulated to the members of the Commission. He suggested that Mr. Galley bring the Commissioners up to date on those issues. Mr. Galley stated that there were three principal issues: First, the profiles which reveal that the excavation will extend in some places beyond the present canal channel and in other places will leave areas on the edge of the canal unexcavated. All of the profiles will be re-examined and,

### DREDGING PROJECT - Cont'd.

where necessary, re-drawn. Second, further investigation of the details for the embankment stone will be made. Third, the Water Supply Authority will consult with an expert on aquatic weeds to obtain further information about the effect of the dredging project on the weed problem.

It was agreed that the Water Supply Authority's application for a Certificate of Approval from the Canal Commission would not be considered complete at this time.

Mr. Kirkland asked Mr. Guidotti if Parks has taken a position on this project. Mr. Guidotti said that his office was still reviewing it but they supported Mr. Amon's concerns as expressed in his memos of 27 and 31 January 1983.

### EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Amon told the Commission that June, 1984 will mark the 150th anniversary of the canal's opening and suggested that the Commission begin planning for a celebration. The following ideas were brought up:

1. The Canal Society of New Jersey should be involved in the planning. They will be invited to the next meeting.
2. A canoe race to cover most or all of the canal.
3. The Governor should be involved.
4. An article in New Jersey Outdoors should be prepared.
5. A certificate or token of some kind (locktender's key) should be given to people who act on the canal's behalf.
6. Parties, fairs, races, etc., could be held at many points along the canal simultaneously.

Mr. Kirkland appointed Mr. Torpey chairman of a committee to generate and develop ideas for the celebration. It was agreed that further discussion would be had at the March meeting.

Mr. Jones made a motion that the Canal Park be extended from Landing Lane Bridge in New Brunswick downstream to the actual site of Route 18. Mr. Jessen seconded and all were in favor.

### HISTORIC SURVEY CELEBRATION

Mr. Amon suggested that the Commission have a celebration to honor the people from all of the communities along the canal who participated in the historic survey project. It was agreed that he should make arrangements to hold it at Morven on March 18th from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

### ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:15 p.m.