



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

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 15 MARCH 1983

TIME: 12:00 to 3:10  
 PLACE: Canal House, Trenton, N.J. 08625  
 DATE: Tuesday, 15 March 1983

ATTENDING:

COMMISSIONERS: Messrs. Kirkland, Jones, Zaikov, Sayen  
 Hamilton and Myers

STAFF: Messrs. Amon, Kropp and Ms. Greenwald

GUESTS: Messrs. Galley and Kroeck, N.J. Water  
 Supply Authority  
 Messrs. Guidotti and Stern, State Park Service  
 Captain McKelvey and Mr. Pitt, Canal Society  
 of New Jersey

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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 15 February 1983 were unanimously approved in a motion made by Mr. Zaikov and seconded by Mr. Jones.

LEASES

Mr. Amon presented the following two leases to the Commissioners for their approval:

Thomas N. D'Altrui	Pastureland
Lillie Murray	Dwelling

Mr. Guidotti presented a lease for the Delaware River Mill Society with his recommendation for approval. (Mr. Amon is an active member so abstained from comment.) Mr. Sayen moved that all three leases be approved. Mr. Hamilton seconded and the motion was carried unanimously with Mr. Jones (who is President of the Mill Society) abstaining.

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**NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION**  
 Thomas H. Kean, *Governor*      Robert E. Hughey, *Commissioner*

SCUDDERS FALLS LEASES

Mr. Amon told the Commissioners that there have been a number of administrative problems arising from the arrangements between the State and the residents at Scudders Falls. He explained that the original agreement was that the State would give life rights to the year-around residents and year-to-year leases to the others until the property could be developed for public use. Since that agreement was reached there have been a number of changes so that virtually each of the 14 properties requires special treatment of one kind or another. After a great deal of discussion it was agreed that:

1. The Mohawk Canoe Club would be allowed to remain and, if possible, given an opportunity to use a better structure.
2. The other two clubs would have to demonstrate that they serve a public purpose to retain their leases.
3. The State Park Service would determine the best and fairest way of dealing with the elderly woman who is a year-around resident and whose house has not been purchased by the State.
4. The summer residents and the three year-around residents whose homes were purchased by the State, would be given until approximately the end of this calendar year to vacate the property.
5. The State will then develop the area for public use as soon as possible.

Mr. Jones made a motion approving this policy and Mr. Hamilton seconded. The motion was passed unanimously.

REVIEW ZONE PROJECTS

Mr. Kropp presented the following review zone projects to the Commissioners for their approval:

81-0086	Kingsbridge
82-0146	Exxon Biomedical
82-0150	Hy-Hen
83-0179	Bayside Hotel Inc.
83-0184	Carom Diner
83-0185	Kingsberry Acres

Following discussion a motion was made by Mr. Sayen to approve all of the above projects. The motion was unanimously passed following a second by Mr. Hamilton.

NAMING SECTION OF THE CANAL PARK

Franklin Township Council passed a resolution requesting that a portion of the Canal Park in Franklin be named in honor of Freda Marden in recognition of her extensive work on behalf of the Canal Park. Mr. Amon recommended that the Commission deny the Township's request. He stated that there is already a problem in people's perception of the entire park. Most people see the section in their region without realizing that it is connected to the entire sixty-mile park. Allowing special names for sections of the Canal Park would, according to Mr. Amon, make it even more difficult for people to see the entire park. Mr. Guidotti said that he was in substantial agreement with this view. Mr. Hamilton argued that Ms. Marden had done an enormous amount of work for the canal and that this was a nice way to acknowledge her work. After further discussion Mr. Jones moved and Mr. Sayen seconded a resolution that it is the policy of the Commission that no sections of the Canal Park be named after individuals. Messrs. Kirkland, Jones, Zaikov, Sayen, Holland and Myers voted aye, Mr. Hamilton voted no.

Mr. Zaikov then moved that the Commission send a letter to Ms. Marden commending her for her fine work on behalf of the Canal Park. Mr. Jones seconded this motion and it passed unanimously.

SESQUICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

The Commissioners agreed that celebrations of the canal's 150th anniversary should be held at many different locations along the canal's route. Mr. Larry Pitt and Captain Bill McKelvey from the New Jersey Canal Society agreed that a great celebration should be held and assured the Commission that the Canal Society would participate in the planning. Mr. Zaikov suggested that the Commission ask the legislature for an additional appropriation to be able to make plans and prepare for the celebration. Mr. McKelvey suggested that private corporations should also be approached for help. He also strongly urged that a canal boat be used. He pointed out that many states offer boat rides when they do not even have as good a canal.

It was suggested that Mr. Amon contact Mrs. Schmidt of the New Jersey Tourism office. It was also suggested that Mr. Torpey try to contact the Governor to make sure that he supports it. Mayor Holland then made the following motion:

WHEREAS, the sesquicentennial of the Delaware and Raritan Canal will be celebrated in 1984; and  
WHEREAS, the D & R Canal is one of our State's richest resources; and  
WHEREAS, it is important that an adequate appreciation of the Canal be generated; now therefore be it resolved that,  
The Delaware and Raritan Canal Commission will take responsibility to lead in planning for an appropriate celebration of the canal's anniversary.

Commissioner Sayen seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

DREDGING

Mr. Galley brought the Commission up to date on the progress of the dredging project. No formal action was required by the Commission.

Mayor Holland left at 2:05 p.m.

CANAL SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

Mr. Stern, Canal Park Supervisor, reported on the work accomplished by his staff in the last month. The jobs completed include:

1. Completion of new floors for the barracks in Griggstown.
2. Cleaning and installing new gutters at the park headquarters building in Blackwell's Mills.
3. Construction of fences at the park headquarters.
4. Cleaning trash from the tow path between Blackwell's Mills and South Bound Brook.
5. Painting 50 trash cans.
6. Removal of brush and debris at Princeton turning basin.
7. Construction of fire rings at Bull's Island Campgrounds.
8. Removal of poison ivy between Kingston and Blackwell's Mills.
9. Clean-up of dump in Hillsborough.
10. Work with Hunterdon County Historical Society near Jimison Farm.
11. Cut trees at Griggstown and Blackwell's Mills day-use areas.

Mr. Zaikov suggested that the May meeting of the Commission be held at Bull's Island. All Commissioners agreed.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Amon said that he would have honorary certificates at the April meeting so that the Commission could send something nice to those people who have done important work for the Canal Park. It was generally agreed that these people should be called, "Friends of the D & R Canal."

Mr. Kropp requested that the Commissioners adopt a resolution thanking Vincent Monaco for helping the Commission. (He is the licensed engineer who reviewed projects and signed the staff recommendations for Commission action.) This was made into a motion by Mr. Sayen and unanimously approved following a second by Mr. Jones.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:10 p.m.