



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

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 17 MAY 1983

TIME: 11:00 a.m. to 2:45 p.m.  
 PLACE: Canal House, Trenton, N.J. 08625  
 DATE: Tuesday, 17 May 1983

ATTENDING:

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

STAFF: Messrs. Amon, Kropp and Ms. Greenwald

DAG: Rebecca Fields

GUESTS: Messrs. Galley and Kroeck, New Jersey Water Supply Authority  
 Messrs. Guidotti and Stern, State Park Service  
 Larry Pitt, Canal Society of New Jersey  
 John Hazen, The Lambertville Beacon  
 Rosemary Blair, D&R Canal Coalition  
 Kim Norton, D&R Canal Coalition

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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 met.

A motion to approve the minutes of the meeting of 19 April 1983 was made by Mr. Jones and seconded by Mr. Torpey. The motion passed unanimously.

SESQUICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

Mr. Kirkland told the Commissioners that there has been alot of action on behalf of the Commission's effort to get an extra \$15,000.00 in the FY 1984 budget for Sesquicentennial planning.

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COMMISSIONERS  
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Senator Foran and Assemblyman Weidel have both expressed support. In the meantime, however, the Department of Environmental Protection has decided that it would be best if the money were allocated to them, not to the Commission. Mr. Amon reported that he had a conversation with Director Myers about this and Mr. Myers assured him that if the money is given to Parks it will be transferred to the Canal Commission.

Larry Pitt told the Commissioners that the Canal Society had appropriated \$1,000.00 toward the celebration. He also said that the Canal Society intends to erect a tomb stone to replace the one that is presently on Canvass White's grave in Princeton. The present stone has weathered to the point where it is nearly illegible.

There followed a loosely structured discussion which included the following points:

- . While celebrations should take place over the course of the entire year, there should be a special focus on the weekend of June 23-24 because that is nearest to the anniversary of the opening ceremony.
- . Celebrations should be both local events and events that involve the entire canal - or as much as is practical. Several suggestions were made for events that would emphasize the continuity of the canal, including a race along the canal's entire length, crew races (perhaps in the Princeton or Stockton areas), and an auto caravan with the Governor.
- . Boy and Girl Scout groups should be contacted anew to see if they could become involved, particularly with clean up programs or as guides along the canal.
- . A slide show should be prepared which can circulate from community to community.
- . Mrs. Blair said that she has talked with the Director of the Princeton Art Association and they have agreed to have the canal as a theme for an art exhibit or contest.
- . There was a general discussion about the use of the Griggstown Barracks as a museum. Mr. Stern said that about \$10,000.00 worth of work on the floor would be needed to make the building safe for such use. It was suggested that this might be a suitable project for the sesquicentennial (in the "lasting improvements to the Canal Park" category).

- . Rescue squads or the Mohawk Canoe Club might give safety demonstrations.
- . The Johnson & Johnson house on the canal near Landing Lane might be used for a reception.
- . Fund-raising from corporations might best be directed by the D & R Canal Coalition or the N.J. Canal Society since some corporations might be reluctant to give to the State. Mr. Torpey pointed out that such efforts must be supported with carefully detailed proposals.
- . Commissioners Torpey and Zaikov will meet with Mrs. Blair, Mr. Pitt, and Mr. Amon to work on the details of this program.

#### LEASES AND PERMITS

The following leases were unanimously approved following a motion made by Mr. Zaikov and seconded by Mr. Torpey:

Charles & Lynn Fertonardo	Dwelling	\$3,000 per year
Walter Hazen	Pastureland	\$70 per year

#### REVIEW ZONE PROJECTS

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

80-0022	Holiday Inn
83-0186	D & P Industrial Park
83-0194	Linpro - Phases XV & XVI

Following a motion made by Mr. Jessen and seconded by Mr. Jones these projects were unanimously approved.

Mr. Kropp then presented a project which consists of a sanitary sewer connection for the FMC Corporation. He recommended that the Commission waive review of this project because the project will not adversely affect either the surface waters or other environmental values of the Canal Park under either storm or normal conditions, and the groundwater effects produced by the project are unlikely to measurably affect the surface or ground waters of the Canal Park. Mr. Zaikov moved to waive this project which was seconded by Mr. Myers and approved by all with the exception of Mr. Jones who abstained.

Mr. Amon told the Commission that two 8 foot by 4 foot real estate signs have been put in a field very near the Griggstown Causeway. The realtor had not obtained a building permit and Franklin Township will not issue one without Commission approval. Mr. Amon argued against approval. The Commissioners suggested that Mr. Amon have a more conventionally sized sign erected but that it be handled with diplomacy.

DREDGING PROJECT

Mr. Galley and Mr. Kroeck presented Contract One for the Commission's approval. Contract One covers the area from Moore's Creek in Hopewell Township through Trenton and up to Duck Pond Run in West Windsor. Mr. Amon reported that the plans and specifications have been revised to his satisfaction with a few exceptions. Those exceptions were dealt with in the conditions that he recommended to be a part of the Commission's approval. Minor revisions were made in those conditions then a motion was made by Mr. Jessen and seconded by Mr. Zaikov to approve the project subject to the conditions agreed upon (see attached list). The motion was approved unanimously.

Mr. Galley reported that they still await an Army Corps of Engineers permit but they seem to be progressing toward that permit. Financing seems to be arranged. (The total project cost is expected to be \$20.9 million, Contract One will be about \$11 million.) Bids should be received in July or August and construction should begin in September or October.

CANAL PARK SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

The Canal Park Supervisor's report #3, dated March 16 - April 18, 1983 is being amended to the minutes of April 1983.

Mr. Stern then informed the Commissioners of the following projects which his men had undertaken over the last month. They are as follows:

1. Removed approximately 60 yards of trash between Prospect and Jarvis Place and improved drainage in the railroad right-of-way between Prospect and Calhoun Streets by aligning a drainage ditch and installing 40' culvert pipe.
2. Removed approximately 60 yards of trash & debris along Rt. 29 near Maddock Road. We have requested that D.O.T. close the guard rail to prevent further dumping in this area.
3. Filled most of the pot holes and washouts along the Canal towpath from East Millstone to Kingston Aqueduct.
4. Reinstalled all the grills and picnic tables at Blackwells Mills and Griggstown.
5. Repaired most of the flood damage at Bull's Island, including removal of flood debris, replacement of the spillway, regrading of the road and filling washouts in the campsites, along with repair of furnaces, hot water heaters, compressors, and other water-damaged equipment.

6. Started to brush back the towpath between Blackwells Mills and Griggstown using the Bombard Mower they recently aquired. This operation should result in a slightly wider towpath and breaks in the vegetation between the towpath and the canal. Also brushed back the section from Province Line Road to Route One.
7. The corrections crew from Jamesburg has been working with the Park crew 5 days a week for between 3-4 hours a day. The crew has been involved in cleaning along the towpath and around the East Millstone Canal House.
8. In May grass-mowing started.
9. Volunteer activity has been low. The New Jersey Horse and Pony Association donated 8 people for 4 hours to help clean out flood debris from a trail in the Millstone River Valley.
10. Vandals destroyed a gate at River Road in Titusville and 2 gates across from the Mercer County Workhouse near Belle Mountain. Material and labor to replace the gates will cost approximately \$1,300.00 dollars.

Activities for the month to come:

1. Maintain grass mowing.
2. Continue with the brushing back of the towpath in the Griggstown to Rocky Hill and the Blackwells Mills to East Millstone sections.
3. Continue with repairing flood damage to Bull's Island.
4. Clean up and unclog the drainage ditches between Calhoun and Fowler Streets.
5. Begin painting the exterior of the Park office.
6. Install a low fence along the Park's eastern boundary near the Kingston Lock and the Turning Basin. This is intended to prevent dumping and parking problems in this area.
7. Continue to work on the surface of the towpath between the pumping station at Alexander Road and the Kingston Aqueduct.
8. Work up list of towpath improvements in this area.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Amon showed the Commissioners a Certificate for the Friends of the D & R Canal Park which he had hoped to be able to print and give to people who have helped the park. Mr. Jessen and others still want to have the Stock Certificate as the background. Mr. Torpey suggested that the certificate should be printed with green ink.

Mr. Amon then brought up a project in Franklin Township in which the developer wants to cut a road through a particularly attractive bluff facing Canal Road. He said he wanted the Commission's informal comment. No official action was taken on this project, but the Commissioners felt some type of conservation easement should be put on the part of this site that includes the bluff. Mr. Jessen pointed out that these bluffs are a significant geological feature that does not occur at any other place along the canal. The Commissioners also agreed that any measures to minimize the width of the cut would be beneficial.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:45 p.m.