



4 February 1984

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 12 JANUARY 1984:

TIME: 10:30 am to 3:00 pm
PLACE: Canal House, 25 Calhoun Street, Trenton
DATE: Thursday, 12 January 1984

ATTENDING:

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

STAFF: Messrs. Amon, Carr and Mrs. Greenwald

GUESTS: Messrs. G. Chase and R. Famularo, N.J. Water Supply Authority
Mr. P. Stern, State Park Service
Mr. L. Pitt, Canal Society
Mr. W. McKelvey, Canal Society
Ms. A. McQuaig, DEP
Mrs. R. Blair, Canal Coalition

* * * * *

Mr. Kirkland opened the meeting and stated that all applicable provisions of the Open Public Meeting Law of 1976 had been properly met.

SESQUICENTENNIAL CELEBRATIONS

Mr. Amon brought the Commissioners up to date on the planning activities of the sesquicentennial celebration. A lively discussion produced ideas as listed on the attached sheet.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 for lunch and reconvened at 1:00.

The minutes of the meeting of 13 December were unanimously approved following a motion made by Mr. Sayen and seconded by Mr. Torpey

CN 402 25 CALHOUN STREET TRENTON, NEW JERSEY 08625 609-292-2101

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR James C. Amon

COMMISSIONERS

Benjamin B. Kirkland Chairman

Martin D. Jessen Vice-Chairman

Donald B. Jones Treasurer

Robert E. Hughey Bruce A. Hamilton

Stuart Zaikov Arthur J. Holland

James C. Sayen Frank J. Torpey

NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

Thomas H. Kean, Governor Robert E. Hughey, Commissioner

LEASES AND PERMITS

Mr. Amon informed the Commissioners of an agreement with Elizabeth-town Water Company to supply water to the East Millstone Canal House. Approval of this agreement was moved by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Hamilton and unanimously approved.

REVIEW ZONE ACTIONS

- 83-0254 Princeton Community Housing
- 83-0267 Carnegie Road Development Corp.
- 83-0272 Carnegie Center - Phase 2A Roadways
- 83-0273 Windsor Commons
- 83-0294 Linpro - Single Family - Sections 4A & B

Mr. Hamilton examined the landscape plan for the Carnegie Road Development Corp. (83-0267) and recommended that a row of conifers along the detention basin be doubled at intervals staggered with those shown.

Mr. Torpey moved approval of the above projects with a condition for 83-0267 that they incorporate Mr. Hamilton's suggestion. Mr. Jones seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

83-0235 Cadwalader Park Improvements

Mr. Amon suggested that the Commission's approval of this project be contingent upon approval by the New Jersey Water Supply Authority. After extensive discussion it was agreed that the City of Trenton should be strongly urged to divert the runoff from the park to a near-by stream that goes under the canal.

Mr. Sayen then moved to approve the Cadwalader Park Improvements subject to the Water Authority and the City of Trenton getting together to negotiate an alternative method of discharging -- preferably into the Delaware River. The motion was unanimously carried following Mr. Hamilton's second.

CANAL COMMISSION'S BUDGET

Mr. Amon informed the Commissioners of the staff's budgetary problems. The Commissioners were asked to go to the Legislature and to lobby for a special appropriation. Without these special funds the office will not be able to operate.

Mr. Amon suggested that the Commission consider the idea of requesting another special allocation to move its office to one of the buildings at the Prallsville Mill Complex in Stockton. He said that it would offer the opportunity for the Commission to have its offices at a location that is a vital part of the Canal Park. This is not the case with its present location and Mr. Amon said that he saw little reason to expect much change for many years.

There was extensive discussion of this idea with the following points brought up:

1. The location is less central than Trenton but Commission meetings could continue to be held in Trenton. Furthermore Route 202 connects it to the central part of the region.
2. The Delaware River Mill Society approves of the idea enthusiastically. (They lease the property)
3. It was discussed with Parks Director Myers who approved the idea.
4. The cost of renovation would be about \$50,000. This cost would also establish a room which would be used as a small Canal Park interpretive center.
5. Several members present thought it is a good idea but they did not want to take any action without having Mayor Holland present. It was also generally agreed that these funds should not be lumped with the operating funds that are to be requested as a special appropriation.

DEVELOPMENT PLAN

Mr. Sayen suggested that Mr. Amon go through the Development Plan to cull those projects that might be undertaken by local groups or municipalities. It was widely agreed that this was an excellent suggestion.

Mr. Hamilton asked about plans to eliminate the weeds in the canal. Mr. Amon said that this was an issue for the Water Supply Authority and he had just written to Mr. Ricci on the subject. Mr. Hamilton felt that more should be done. He suggested contacting Dr. John Meade of Rutgers (an aquatic weed expert).

Mr. Jones suggested that Mr. Amon assign priorities to the development projects and circulate that list to the Commissioners prior to the next meeting. This was made into a motion, seconded by Mr. Torpey and passed unanimously.

CANAL PARK SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

See attached report.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS - VICE-CHAIRMAN AND TREASURER

The Commissioners were informed that it was time again for the election of a Vice-Chairman and Treasurer. Upon a motion made by Mr. Jones and seconded by Mr. Hamilton it was unanimously decided

that Mr. Jessen would remain Vice-Chairman. Upon a motion made by Mr. Hamilton and seconded by Mr. Torpey it was unanimously decided that Mr. Jones would remain the Treasurer. Mr. Kirkland instructed Mr. Amon to inform all concerned parties.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 pm.

REPORT TO THE CANAL COMMISSION
13 December 1983 to 12 January 1984

Report #11
February 4, 1984

Over the last month the following projects have been accomplished:

1. Almost finished renovations of the Bull's Island Office.
2. Began pruning trees and clearing brush between Rocky Hill and Griggstown.
3. A crew from Skillman is working with us, 4 people in the morning and 2 people in the afternoon.
4. Cleared snow and ice from our roadways and bridges in Trenton.
5. Replaced the decking on our 6 ton trailer.
6. Brushed back from Rocky Hill to the Kingston Aqueduct.
7. Began construction forms for pouring replacement mile markers.

In the month to come we will be involved in the following:

1. Finish renovations of the Bull's Island Office.
2. Begin pouring the replacement mile markers.
3. Begin painting and install new lighting fixtures at the Belle Mead Office.
4. Begin clearing selected boundary lines.
5. Continue to prune trees and clear brush between Rocky Hill and Griggstown.
6. Repaving the walkway over the spillway at the Kingston Aqueduct.

Report submitted by Paul Stern, Superintendent
D & R Canal State Park