



DELAWARE AND RARITAN
CANAL COMMISSION

6 March 1984

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 14 FEBRUARY 1984:

TIME: 12:30 p.m. to 4:20 p.m.
PLACE: Canal House, 25 Calhoun Street, Trenton
DATE: Tuesday, 14 February 1984

ATTENDING:

- COMMISSIONERS: Messrs. Kirkland, Jones, Jessen Torpey, Hamilton and Mrs. Nash
- STAFF: Messrs. Amon, Carr and Mrs. Greenwald
- GUESTS: Messrs. McKelvey and Pitt, Canal Society
Messrs. Stern, Guidotti, Kraml, Marshall, and Garcia, State Park Service
Messrs. Famularo, Myers, Shaik, N.J.W.S.A. Assemblyman Karl Weidel
Messrs. Notaro and Bogdan, N.J. D.O.T.
Mrs. Ursula Buchanan, Griggstown
Mrs. Betty Davidson, D & R Canal Coalition
West Amwell Township Quarry Representatives

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

He then introduced Mrs. Winona D. Nash to the Commissioners. Mrs. Nash has replaced Mr. Sayen on the Commission.

Following Mr. Jessen's motion and Mr. Jones second the minutes of the meeting of 12 January 1984 were unanimously approved.

REVIEW ZONE ACTIONS

Mr. Amon and Mr. Carr presented the Commissioners with the following projects for their review:

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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

84-0108-A	Prime Motor Inns, Inc.
83-0245	Hopewell Valley Properties - Phase I
83-0268	Communities of Concordia
83-0280	Goebel Crafts of North America
83-0287	Estate at Lawrenceville
84-0307	Linpro - Phase XII-XIV

The above projects were unanimously approved following a motion made by Mr. Jessen and seconded by Mr. Torpey.

LEASES AND PERMITS

Mr. Amon informed the Commissioners of the following leases which required their approval:

Randolph Bannerman	Bulkhead & Patio	\$150/yr.
Lillie Murry	Dwelling	\$100/mo.
Mr. & Mrs. Fertonardo	Dwelling	\$250/mo.

Following Mr. Jessen's motion to approve the above and Mr. Jones' second all members present voted aye except Mrs. Nash who voted nay, explaining that she did so because she felt that we should resolve responsibility for painting the Lillie Murry house before the lease is extended. Mr. Amon was asked to look into establishing responsibility for major work on the canal houses.

WATER SUPPLY AUTHORITY AGREEMENT ON ROUTE 202 DISPOSAL AREA

Mr. Myers informed the Commissioners of an agreement with both the Joint Toll Bridge Commission and the Division of Parks & Forestry to lease land from each agency at the Rt. 202 crossing of the canal. It is to be used as a stockpile for dredged soils. He requested that the Commission agree in principle to this use of the land. Following some discussion Mr. Torpey moved to approve the use of the area for sediment only. Following Mr. Jessen's second the motion was unanimously carried.

DISCUSSION OF I-295 NEAR BORDENTOWN OUTLET LOCK

Mr. Notaro and Mr. Bogdan of the Department of Transportation gave a presentation on the I-295 route. The principle suggestions for changes raised by the Commission are as follows:

1. The Commission would like to see about twice as many parking spaces as the proposed 24 at the scenic pull-off. We assume that the constraints of the site will mean that more spaces will be placed on the eastern side of the highway than on the western.

2. The Commission wants to have a gate exiting from the eastern side so that park maintenance and patrol vehicles can have access to the lock area.
3. The Commission would like to have a roadway (unpaved) from the gate to the lock area.
4. The Commission wishes to provide pedestrian access to the Canal Park and vehicular access for maintenance and patrol vehicles. If, therefore, construction roads outside the right-of-way of I-295 are necessary (for construction of the highway) the Commission requests that the western canal bank be considered as a site for such roads and that construction specifications call for this road to remain in place.
5. The DOT should consider dredging the canal to compensate for filling the flood plain, or to establish wetlands.

DISCUSSION OF CANAL PARK DEVELOPMENT PLAN

Mr. Amon informed the Commissioners that he and Mr. Kirkland had met with Assistant Commissioner Fenske and Director Myers to discuss this subject. It was mutually agreed that a series of formal public hearings on the plan would be likely to raise opposition to the canal but that the Commission should carry out an extensive program of informal public information meetings. To do this an abbreviated form of the plan and some presentation boards will be necessary. Mr. Amon was asked to establish a cost for this work so that the Commissioners could request it as part of a special appropriation.

DISCUSSION OF COMMISSION OFFICE LOCATION

The Commissioners felt that this topic should be deferred until Mr. Holland has been informed of the idea. Mr. Amon was asked to contact Mr. Holland before the next meeting to tell him that this idea has been discussed.

DISCUSSION OF PROPOSED WEST AMWELL QUARRY

Representatives from the committee formed to halt the construction of the Quarry told the Commission that the Township of West Amwell has been asked to change the zoning of the Washington Rock area from residential to mining. Following a lengthy discussion, Mr. Jones moved approval of the following resolution. The motion was unanimously carried following Mr. Torpey's second with the exception of Mr. Jessen who voted nay.

The resolution is as follows:

- . The Commission wishes to inform the West Amwell Township Committee that it is aware of the request for a zoning change at the Washington Rock (also known as Goat Hill) area.
- . The Commission's Master Plan (adopted May 1977) recognized the use of the property at that time and designated the area for semi-public land use.
- . The Commission feels that the present zoning for the property is satisfactory.
- . If the West Amwell Committee is inclined to change the zoning in this area the Commission would appreciate having an opportunity to comment on the change prior to its enactment.

STATUS OF CANAL PARK IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

Mr. Kraml informed the Commissioners of the status of the following projects:

Weston Canal House

Ten thousand dollars was made available by the Canal Commission in 1981 for improvements to the Weston Canal House. In January, 1984 a scope of work for design and engineering services was sent to the Division of Building and Construction.

It was suggested that we try to restore the house privately. Mr. Kraml said he would put a hold on the DBC project.

Two Pedestrian Bridges

The designer has been authorized to redesign access to the bridges. No schedule for completion of his design could be given.

Three Recreation Nodes

This project is on hold. Approximately \$200,000 has been spent for the design of the access ramps for the pedestrian bridges and for the unacceptable designs for these recreation nodes. Not enough money is believed to be left for construction so nothing is being done about obtaining satisfactory designs.

This information evoked an expression of outrage from Mr. Amon. He was informed by Mr. Kraml that this was an inevitable consequence of life with DBC.

CANAL PARK SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

See attached report.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Covered under previous sections.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:20 p.m.