



DELAWARE AND RARITAN
CANAL COMMISSION

23 May 1984

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 8 MAY 1984

TIME: 12:00 noon to 2:45 pm
PLACE: Prallsville Mill, Stockton
DATE: 8 May 1984

ATTENDING:

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

STAFF: Messrs. Amon and Carr

GUESTS: Mrs. Jones & Mrs. Merium, Delaware River Mill Society
Ms. A. McQuaig, DEP
Mr. R. Famularo, N.J.W.S.A.
Mr. P. Stern, State Park Service
Mr. Norton, D & R Canal Coalition
Messrs. McKelvey and Pitt, Canal Society

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

MINUTES

Following a motion by Mr. Jones and a second by Mr. Torpey, the minutes of the meeting of 10 April 1984 were unanimously approved.

It was moved by Mr. Torpey that Mrs. Jones and Mrs. Merium be thanked for the lunch. His motion was seconded and carried by acclaim.

LEASES AND PERMITS

Mr. Amon presented three leases for the Commission's action:

Delaware Valley Power Boat Association	Land for park use
Charles N. Schragger, Inc.	Land for public drive
City of Trenton	Permit for stormwater discharge in Cadwalader Park

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Mr. Amon recommended approval of all three. Mr. Famularo said that he had reviewed and approved the conditions of the permit with the City of Trenton. Mr. Zaikov moved for approval of all three, Mr. Hamilton seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

REVIEW ZONE ACTIONS

Mr. Carr presented the following review zone projects:

84-0395	Ronson Aviation, Inc.
84-0362	Calton Homes, Inc.
84-0393	Flemintgon Mini-Storage
83-0242	Grace Cathedral First Born Church
83-0279	Spectrum Institute for the Graphic Arts
83-0225	RCA Corporation
84-0350	Aspen Associates

Mr. Carr recommended approval of all of the above projects. Mr. Jones moved approval, Mr. Torpey seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Mr. Amon then told the Commissioners that the Department of Transportation had submitted final plans for approval of the portion of I-295 that is to traverse Duck Island. He said that the Commission had requested several changes in the preliminary plans and some of those have been met. There is no evidence, however, of a gate in the fence around the parking lot, nor a roadway from the parking to the lock and along the canal. Mr. Jessen suggested the following motion:

The DOT plans are approved conditioned upon either the inclusion of a gate and service road from the eastern parking lot to the lock area and a service road along the canal, or a further discussion of the issue at a future Commission meeting.

Mr. Zaikov moved the above, it was seconded by Mr. Hamilton and passed unanimously.

CHANGE IN MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT

Mr. Carr referred the Commissioners to a revised maintenance agreement that had been mailed prior to the Commission meeting. He said that we have had considerable dissatisfaction with this document and DAG Steven Gray had revised it. Mr. Jones said that he did not like it and offered to help Mr. Carr revise it further. Mr. Zaikov moved that the Commission authorizes the staff to make whatever changes it believes to be necessary. Mr. Hamilton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

BUDGET FOR FY 1986

Mr. Amon reviewed a proposed budget for the Commission's office in fiscal year 1986. Mr. Hamilton moved approval, Mr. Zaikov seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

CANAL PARK DEVELOPMENT

Mr. Amon reported that the State Park Service would like the Canal Commission to give guidelines on priority for Canal Park development projects. He said this was particularly needed with regard to the three access nodes (Belle Mountain, Millstone Aqueduct, South Bound Brook), since there does not seem to be enough money to build all three. First, however, Mr. Amon suggested that the Commission pass a resolution assigning a high priority to the opening of the turning basin in Princeton and the construction of a bridge across the opening. He pointed out that Princeton Township is spending a hundred thousand dollars to improve the basin and it should be opened to the canal. Mr. Hamilton moved that this project be assigned top priority, Mr. Zaikov seconded the motion and it passed without dissent. Mr. Hamilton added that he would like to see the construction of a parking lot next to the Meadows property on Easton Avenue given high priority.

With respect to the three access nodes, no action was taken. The Commission requested that Mr. Kirkland write to Mr. Myers suggesting that we hold a special meeting to discuss Canal Park development in general. This point was reached after Mr. Amon reported that Mr. Guidotti and Mr. Kraml told him that only \$120,000 would be available for development for five years beginning in FY 1985.

COMMISSION MEETING

Since the present Commission meeting schedule is inconvenient for Mr. Myers and Mr. Marshall, Mr. Jessen requested that the staff pole the members in search of a more widely acceptable time.

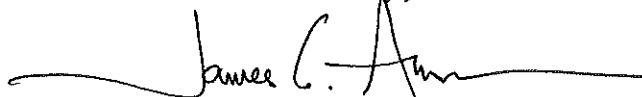
CANAL PARK SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

See attached report.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Amon reported that Mr. Carr will be leaving the Commission after June 1. He said that he is working with the DEP Office of Personnel to find a replacement and that he will probably not have a Review Zone Officer at all for a while after Mr. Carr leaves. The Commissioners wished Mr. Carr success in the future and expressed gratitude for the job he has done.

Yours sincerely,



James C. Amon
Executive Director

REPORT TO THE CANAL COMMISSION
11 April 1984 to 8 May 1984

Report #15
23 May 1984

Over the course of the past month the following projects have been accomplished:

1. Somerset Horse & Pony Association cleared brush near Griggstown lock.
2. Sierra Club picked up trash near Scudder's Falls.
3. Finished pouring the replacement mile markers.
4. Installed flood lights at Belle Mead: York raked the tow path, parking lots and campground roadways.
5. Set up the Blackwells Mills and Griggstown day use areas.
6. Finished repairing water damaged equipment at Bull's Island.
7. Installed a bulletin board at Bull's Island.
8. Began repairing sites at Bull's Island - half completed.
9. Finished brushing back the railroad right-of-way from Bull's Island to Milford.

In the month to come:

1. Installing all replacement mile markers.
2. Constructing and installing a gate for the Bull's Island campground.
3. Continue with mowing operation.
4. Continue with repair of the Bull's Island campground sites.

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