



26 July 1984

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 17 JULY 1984

TIME: 12:30 - 2:55 pm  
PLACE: Canal House, 25 Calhoun Street, Trenton  
DATE: Tuesday, 17 July 1984

ATTENDING:

COMMISSIONERS: Messrs. Kirkland, Jones, Torpey, Jessen, Myers  
and Mrs. Nash

STAFF: Mr. Amon and Mrs. Greenwald

GUESTS: Messrs. Marshall and Stern, State Park Service  
Messrs. Famularo and Shaik, N.J. Water Supply Authority  
Messrs. Dionisio and Hoodzow, P.R.C. Harris  
Messrs. McKelvey and Pitt, Canal Society of New Jersey  
Mrs. Blair, D & R Canal Coalition

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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.

MINUTES

Following a motion by Mr. Jones and a second by Mrs. Nash, the minutes of the meeting of 12 June 1984 were unanimously approved.

LEASES AND PERMITS

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

Delaware River Mill Society	Trail	10 years	\$ 0.00
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**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 R. Zaikov  
Arthur J. Holland

Winona D. Nash  
Frank J. Torpey

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

Kate M. Roebeling	Lawn & Walk	1 year	\$ 50.00
Robert B. Nicholas	Dwelling	1 year	\$150.00

The above leases were unanimously carried following a motion made by Mr. Jessen and seconded by Mr. Torpey.

FRENCHTOWN ISLAND CLUB

Mr. Kirkland informed the Commissioners of the following request made by the Frenchtown Island Club:

That one to three cars be permitted to enter roadway at an appropriate point and park, adjacent to our Right-of-Way, for the period of time spent on the Island Club property, in such manner that the roadway shall not be restricted or blocked, nor inconvenient to the intended traffic for which the trailway is conceived by State Park Authority.

Following some discussion it was agreed that Messrs. Jones and Stern would try to resolve the above.

REVIEW ZONE ACTIONS

Mr. Amon recommended the following review zone projects to the Commissioners for approval:

84-0403	Heatherstone
82-0134	1450 Parkside Avenue
82-0154-B	J.L. Williams & Company, Inc.
84-0318	Chi-Chi's
84-0399	Russell Estates
84-0419	Monroe Heights
84-0336	Society Hill at Franklin
84-0394	Nixon's Gulf Station

Mr. Jessen moved approval of the above review zone projects with the exception of J.L. Williams and Company, and also conditioning 84-0318 (Chi-Chi's) contingent upon the approval of the water supply authority. This motion passed unanimously following Mr. Torpey's second.

Mr. Jones then moved approval of J.L. Williams and Company (82-0154-B), Mrs. Nash seconded the motion and it carried unanimously with the exception of Mr. Jessen who abstained.

Following a motion made by Mr. Torpey and seconded by Mr. Myers the following A Zone projects were waived review by the Commission:

Schott	Swimming pool
Mercer Medical Center	Alterations to existing facility.

DREDGING CHANGES

Mr. Amon reported that neither contractor has been able to do the dredging job the way he expected because the silt has remained unstable even after the canal is drained. This means that he cannot move the silt with machines operating in the bed of the canal. Both contractors, therefore, have requested approval for extensive tree removal between the canal and the towpath so that they can have access to the silt from the path. Mr. Dionisio and Mr. Hoodzow were present and they advised the Commission that while this alternate plan would make it easier for the contractor it was not absolutely necessary for the Commission to go along with it.

Mr. Stern said that he favored a selective tree removal plan. A motion was made by Mr. Jones to approve a selective tree removal plan monitored by Mr. Amon, Mr. Stern, and others. Mr. Jessen seconded. Voting in favor were Messrs. Jones, Kirkland and Jessen. Voting in opposition were Messrs. Myers and Torpey and Mrs. Nash. After further discussion the following motion was made by Mr. Torpey and seconded by Mrs. Nash. It was carried unanimously with Mr. Jessen abstaining:

FIRST, the general guideline to be followed in selecting trees for removal is that gaps of thirty to fifty feet may be opened in which all trees are removed. Between these gaps should be retained individual trees, small clumps of trees, or even clumps up to twenty-five or thirty feet in length.

SECOND, within the section between the Lambertville lock (station #381) and the farmer's bridge at station #488 all trees between the railroad right-of-way and the canal may be removed.

THIRD, a group of people comprised of the Commission's Executive Director, the Canal Park Superintendent and any staff he may wish to join him, the engineer (PRC Harris representative) and the contractor shall jointly inspect approximately one mile in each contract to select trees or clumps of trees that are to remain. The contractor may then clear the remaining trees within this section. Upon completion of the clearing, the same group shall examine the area to determine what criteria should be applied to the remaining lengths of each contract.

FOURTH, all trees that are to be removed are to be cut as close to ground level as possible and the stumps are to be treated with an herbicide which will prevent sprouting. This herbicide is to be applied at least twice with an interval of at least six months between applications. The type of herbicide to be used must be approved by an appropriate agency to assure that it will not contaminate the water in the D & R Canal.

FIFTH, the resident engineer shall continue to keep a count of all trees greater than four inches in diameter (DBH). Representatives of the Commission and the State Park Service may request that compensatory tree planting take place upon the conclusion of the construction project. This compensatory planting may be requested for areas other than between the towpath (or railroad right-of-way) and the canal but it shall be in the immediate vicinity. It is anticipated that the number of trees to be planted will be far less than the number removed, but in no case shall the number to be planted exceed the number removed.

#### SIX MILE RUN CULVERT REPAIR

Mr. Amon informed the Commissioners of repair work needed to fix the Six Mile Run Culvert which had recently collapsed. Following some discussion Mr. Torpey moved the following:

Approval of plans as submitted for the reconstruction of the Six Mile Run culvert headwall. This approval was conditioned upon the inclusion in the headwall of a stone that would indicate the original construction date and the date of repair. The exact working on this stone and the specific placement of the stone is to be selected by the Executive Director.

Following Mr. Jessen's second the motion unanimously carried.

#### COMMISSION STAFF SALARIES

Mr. Amon informed the Commissioners of pay increases that Commission staff are entitled to. Following a motion made by Mr. Jessen and seconded by Mr. Torpey the following was unanimously carried:

The Commission recommends that the salaries of the Commission's employees shall be changed in the following manner:

1. Retroactive to 1 January 1984 the employees shall receive a one and one half percent increase in salary.
2. Retroactive to 1 July 1984 the employees shall receive a three percent increase in salary.

The Review Zone Officer position is presently open. The resolution covers that position, however, as well as the positions of Executive Director and Administrative Assistant.

Mrs. Nash left at 2:00 pm.

CANAL PARK IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

Mr. Amon reminded the Commissioners that the present capital improvements budget for State Parks calls for almost nothing to be done in the Canal Park over the next three years. He stated that the Commission has been asked to suggest projects which would not require increases in maintenance or ranger staff and he distributed a memo which reflects his suggestions. Mr. Myers suggested that he review the list and bring a response to the August meeting.

CONTRACT FOR EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM - MULETENDER'S BARRACKS

Ms. Beth Linnerson is to be invited to the Commission's next meeting to explain in detail her proposed educational program before the Commission will vote on the Letter of Agreement provided by the Commission.

SESQUICENTENNIAL REVIEW

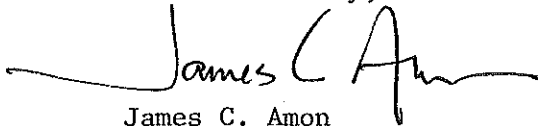
Mr. Amon suggested that the Commission have a special meeting to discuss ways to follow-up on the enthusiasm for the Canal Park generated by the Sesquicentennial celebration. The Commissioners agreed to an informal meeting on Monday, 23 July at Colligans Inn in Stockton.

2:55 Messrs. Myers, Marshall and Torpey left.

CANAL PARK SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

See attached report.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James C. Amon". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke extending to the left.

James C. Amon  
Executive Director

REPORT TO THE CANAL COMMISSION  
12 June 1984 to 17 July 1984

Report #17  
26 July 1984

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

1. Began mid-summer brushing back on towpath - Alexander Road and Quaker Road.
2. Continuing to repair Bull's Island campsites.
3. Began annual clean up of area between Fowler Street and Hermitage Avenue along abandoned railroad right-of-way.
4. Removed flood debris from day use areas.
5. Maintained mowing, cleaning and trash pick up operations.

In the month to come:

1. Continue with brushing back operations.
2. Continue with repair to Bull's Island campsites.
3. Continue with clean up in Trenton.
4. Maintain mowing and trash pick up operations.
5. Began repainting gates.

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