MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 18 DECEMBER 1984:

TIME: 12:30 – 2:45 pm
PLACE: Canal House, 25 Calhoun Street, Trenton
DATE: Tuesday, 18 December 1984

ATTENDING:

Commissioners: Messrs. Kirkland, Myers, Zaikov, Jones, Torpey, Jessen, Hamilton and Mrs. Nash

STAFF: Messrs. Amon, Baill, Mrs. Greenwald, Ms. Rivera, DAG George Cook

GUESTS: Mr. Pitt, Canal Society of New Jersey
Mr. Scannell, South Bound Brook
Mr. Stern, State Park Service
Mr. Beetle, Department of Transportation
Mr. Famularo, N.J. Water Supply Authority

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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

Mr. Torpey moved and Mr. Jones seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the meeting of 20 November 1984. The motion was carried unanimously.

MEETING SCHEDULE

Mr. Jessen moved to set the 1985 meeting date on the third Tuesday of each month unless otherwise notified in advance. Following Mr. Jones' second the motion carried unanimously. The Secretary was instructed to notify the appropriate newspapers of the above.

CANAL COMMISSION PRIORITIES

Mr. Amon distributed a memo to the Commissioners which outlined a number of
major projects that have been proposed for future action. Mr. Amon stated that all of these projects cannot be accomplished with the present staff and he requested direction from the Commission.

Mr. Myers was consulted about the prospect of adding to the Commission's staff and he replied that it cannot be done without Legislative action.

A lengthy discussion on the relative importance of the various projects ensued with the following conclusions:

1. Mr. Amon should prepare more specific information about the projects, especially Project Greenway which he was promoting as of primary importance but was questioned by several Commissioners.

2. The completion of the Historic Survey can be assigned low priority.

3. The idea of assessing the effectiveness of the Review Zone Regulations particularly in the "A" Zone was supported. This may include the formation of a panel of experts who would advise the Commission without charge.

4. Further discussion would take place at the Commission's January meeting.

ROUTE ONE CORRIDOR STUDY

Mr. Beetle from the Department of Transportation discussed the Route One Corridor Study with the Commissioners. He showed the Commissioners maps of existing and proposed development along the Route One Corridor. The magnitude of the anticipated development in the corridor will have a serious impact on the Canal Park.

2:05 - Mrs. Nash left.

REVIEW ZONE PROJECTS

Mr. Baill presented the following projects to the Commissioners for their approval:

84-0556 The Carrier Foundation
84-0549 Stow Company Storage Complex
84-0476 Wetherill Plantation
83-0292 Majestic Knolls
83-0214 Mountain View Office Park - Building #5

Following a motion by Mr. Jessen and a second by Mr. Hamilton the above projects were unanimously approved.

LEASES AND PERMITS

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

Mohawk Canoe Club Dwelling $152.00 month
Niece Company, Inc. Land $1,080.00 year
Edna Kelly Dwelling $75.00 month
Following a motion by Mr. Torpey and a second by Mr. Jessen the above leases were unanimously approved.

Mr. Amon informed the Commissioners that he had met with Nate Conti regarding the bridge at the Princeton Turning Basin Park. He reported that Mr. Conti would be willing to put the bridge in for nothing if the Commission would supply the bridge.

Mr. Amon then suggested the money saved on this project be directed to a bridge over the canal at Cadwalader Park. Mr. Jessen made that into a motion and was seconded by Mr. Jones and unanimously approved.

PAY INCREASES FOR CANAL COMMISSION STAFF

Mr. Hamilton moved that the Commission's staff receive a 4% increase effective the 14th payroll period of 1984. This is equal to the pay raise given to all State employees covered by the union contract. The motion was seconded by Mr. Jessen and unanimously carried.

CANAL PARK SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

See attached report submitted by Paul Stern, Superintendent, D & R Canal State Park.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:45 pm.

Mr. Jessen left at 2:45 pm.

Mr. Stern showed the Commission a new design for a gate across the tow path. There was not a quorum present but Chairman Kirkland directed Mr. Amon to include this design as an addendum to the DESIGN GUIDE.
MEMO

NEW JERSEY STATE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

TO D & R Canal Commission

FROM Paul Stern

DATE December 19, 1984

SUBJECT Report To the Canal Commission #22, November 20, 1984 to December 18, 1984

Over the course of the last month we have:

1) Completed field mowing at selected locations within the Millstone River Valley.
2) Continue with winter brushing operations on main section of canal.
3) Tuned and repaired mowing equipment.
4) Continued with shop improvements at Bulls Island.

In the month to come:

1) Continue with winter brushing operations on the main section of canal.
2) Begin campsite construction.
3) Begin removing floor at Griggstown Mule Driver's Barracks.
4) Begin timber stand improvement at Blackwells Mills and Griggstown lock and day use area.

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