



DELAWARE AND RARITAN  
CANAL COMMISSION

5 August 1985

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 16 JULY 1985

TIME: 12:17 - 2:10 pm  
DATE: Tuesday, 16 July 1985  
PLACE: Prallsville Mill Complex, Stockton, N.J.

ATTENDING:

COMMISSIONERS: Messrs. Kirkland, Jessen, Jones, Marshall,  
Zaikov and Holland  
Mrs. Dorothy M. Highland, DAG

STAFF: Messrs. Amon, Baill, and Mrs. Greenwald

GUESTS: Messrs. Stern, Kraml & Guidotti, State Park Service  
Mr. Galley, NJWSA  
Mr. Pitt, Canal Society of New Jersey  
Mrs. Buchanan, 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

Mr. Jessen moved and Mr. Jones seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the meeting of 18 June 1985. The motion carried unanimously.

LEASES AND PERMITS

Mr. Amon presented the GAF lease to the Commissioners for their approval. This lease is for a sliver of land near the GAF plant. Following a motion by Mr. Jessen and a second by Mr. Jones the motion carried unanimously.

REVIEW ZONE PROJECTS

Mr. Baill presented the following Review Zone projects to the Commissioners for

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EXECUTIVE  
DIRECTOR  
James C. Amon

COMMISSIONERS  
Benjamin B. Kirkland  
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Arthur J. Holland

Winona D. Nash  
Frank J. Torpey

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

their approval:

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| 84-0439 | Ruegger                      |
| 85-0730 | McIntosh Motor Inns          |
| 85-0681 | Malouf Automobile Dealership |
| 85-0698 | 325 Princeton Avenue         |
| 84-0305 | Carnegie Residential Center  |

Mr. Amon pointed out that the Carnegie Residential Center was a very dense development which borders the Canal Park in West Windsor. He reviewed the extensive landscaping plans that accompany the project and are intended to buffer the impact of the project on the Canal Park. Mr. Galley requested an opportunity to review the drainage plans for this project.

Mr. Zaikoved moved that the following projects be approved: Ruegger, McIntosh Motor Inns, Malouf Automobile Dealership and 325 Princeton Avenue. Mr. Jessen seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Mr. Marshall then moved that the Carnegie Residential Center project be approved contingent upon approval of the drainage discharge by the New Jersey Water Supply Authority. The motion was seconded by Mr. Jones and passed unanimously with the exception of Mr. Jessen and Mr. Zaikov who abstained.

Mr. Amon presented a proposal from the Water Supply Authority to remove a garage built in the 1950's at the Lambertville lock and to replace it with a more substantial building that would serve as a garage and storage area. Mr. Jessen moved its approval and Mr. Zaikov seconded; it was carried unanimously.

#### TRAP ROCK SCALE HOUSE

Trap Rock Industries requested approval from the Commission to build a proposed scale house on their property. Mr. Amon recommended that the project be waived since the house is out of sight and will have no drainage impact on the canal.

Mr. Jessen moved waiver of the above. The motion was seconded by Mr. Jones and passed unanimously.

#### MEETING SCHEDULE FOR AUGUST

The Commissioners discussed the idea of meeting somewhere different along the canal every month. It was decided that the August meeting would be held at the Ellarslie Museum in Cadwalader Park. Mr. Amon is to develop a list of meeting places and then to circulate that list to the Commissioners for their approval at the August meeting.

#### DISCUSSION OF CANAL COMMISSION MEETING

It is proposed to have a meeting in the fall to give the Parks Department, Canal Commission and Water Supply Authority an opportunity to discuss accomplishments and goals and also a chance to show people the Development Plan. It was decided that the meeting would be held on October 12 at the Griggstown Muletender's Barracks. Mr. Jessen felt that a slide show should be presented. Mr. Marshall stated that each agency should make a semi-formal presentation. Mr. Jessen felt that a great effort should be made to get people together. He also felt that if it was held in the fall it would mean that the trees would have fewer leaves and that would make the canal more visible.

Mrs. Buchanan feels that food should be served. Mr. Amon felt that maybe the Griggstown Historical Society of the church might take that task on.

Mr. Kirkland authorized Mr. Amon to work with the Water Supply Authority and State Park Service to resolve the details of the meeting.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Amon circulated copies of two proposed bills that address administration of the Canal Park. Assemblyman Patero has sponsored one and Senator Stockman has sponsored the other. The Commissioners advised Mr. Amon to provide any help that may be requested but no policy of action was seen to be appropriate.

CANAL PARK SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

See attached report

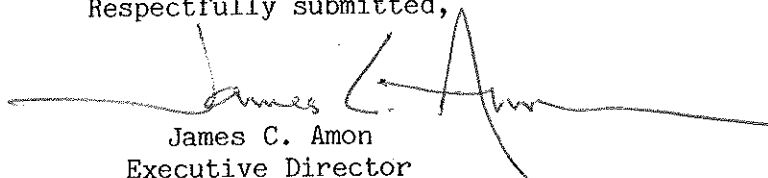
PUBLIC FORUM

Mrs. Buchanan stated that traffic on Canal Road in Griggstown is getting worse and worse as people are using the road as a way to avoid busier highways. She suggested that to protect the canal someone must make an effort to control speed and volume on this road.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "James C. Amon", is written over a horizontal line. The signature is fluid and somewhat stylized, with a prominent initial "A".

James C. Amon  
Executive Director

PROPOSED MEETING PLACES

|           |                                  |
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| September | Port Mercer Canal House          |
| October   | Griggstown Muletender's Barracks |
| November  | Meadows Foundation               |
| December  | Prallsville Mill Complex         |

NEW JERSEY STATE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION**MEMO**

TO D & R Canal Commission

FROM Paul Stern DATE June 21, 1985

SUBJECT Report to the Canal Commission May 22, 1985 to June 18, 1985

Over the course of the last month we have:

- 1) Begun installation of the electric service at the Griggstown Mule Drivers Barracks.
- 2) Maintained trash pick up operations.
- 3) Continued with brushing and mowing.
- 4) Continued cleaning schedule.
- 5) Installed signs at the Blackwells Mills and Griggstown Day Use Areas.
- 6) Continued with campsite renovations at Bulls Island.
- 7) Continued to construct bollards for use along railroad right-of-way.

Highlights:

- 1) Received 2 each Ford 1510 Tractors with mowers to replace two aging units.
- 2) Received 1 each Tag-a-long trailer to transport equipment.
- 3) Hired 12 seasonal employees to augment work force.
- 4) Rented port-o-johns for Kingston Day Use area.
- 5) Received a useable bid for the repair of the Weston Canal House.
- 6) Received preliminary surveys of property along Kingston Lock.  
Maps show property lines.

In the month to come:

- 1) Begin installation of gates and bollards along railroad right-of-way north from Stockton.
- 2) Maintain trash pick up, brushing and mowing operations.
- 3) Continue cleaning schedule.
- 4) Continue with campsite renovations at Bulls Island.

  
Paul Stern

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