



DELAWARE AND RARITAN
CANAL COMMISSION

12 November 1985

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 15 OCTOBER 1985:

TIME: 12:15 - 2:22 pm
DATE: Tuesday, 15 October 1985
PLACE: Prallsville Mill, Stockton, N.J.

ATTENDING:

COMMISSIONERS: Messrs. Kirkland, Jones, Marshall, Torpey, Zaikov
and Jessen

STAFF: Messrs. Amon, Baill and Mrs. Greenwald
Mrs. Dorothy M. Highland, DAG

GUESTS: Mrs. Abigail Barrows, D & R Canal Coalition
Mrs. Ursula Buchanan, D & R Canal Coalition
Mr. Robert G. Geelan, Canal Society of New Jersey
Mr. William McKelvey, Canal Society of New Jersey
Mr. Larry Pitt, Canal Society of New Jersey
Mr. David MacRae, Princeton, Riverside
Mr. Michael Galley, N.J. Water Supply Authority
Mr. Richard Famularo, N.J. Water Supply Authority
Mr. Kim Norton, D & R Canal Coalition
Mr. Paul Stern, D & R Canal State Park

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. Jessen seconded a motion to approve the minutes from the meeting of 17 September 1985. The motion carried unanimously

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

LEASES AND PERMITS

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

Franklin Township	Land	\$25.00 per year
Block 135, Lot 3	Land	\$150.00 per year

Following a motion by Mr. Jessen and seconded by Mr. Torpey the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Amon then presented PSE & G's request to have a pipe line under the Hermitage Avenue bridge crossing of the canal. Mr. Amon recommended approval with the following conditions:

1. It should be painted black.
2. It should be raised six inches higher than is shown in the plans dated 7/26/85 submitted to the Canal Commission's office.

Following a motion by Mr. Jessen, seconded by Mr. Torpey, the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Amon displayed plans prepared by the Department of Transportation for a pedestrian bridge across the canal next to the vehicular bridge in South Bound Brook. He stated that the Water Supply Authority had no objections but Parks had not completed their review. Because there is pressure to act quickly, Mr. Amon recommended approval conditioned upon approval by the Division of Parks and Forestry. Mr. Jessen moved this approval, it was seconded by Mr. Zaikov and unanimously approved.

A final permit application was presented. This was for a N.J. Bell switching station to be located next to the canal at Church Road in Titusville. The station is about four feet tall, four feet wide, and eighteen inches thick. N.J. Bell offered to place a display panel on it that would promote the Canal Park. Mr. Jessen moved approval conditioned upon the exact location being selected by staff from Parks, W.S.A., and the Canal Commission. Mr. Torpey seconded and it passed unanimously.

REVIEW ZONE PROJECTS

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

85-0205-A	Applied Data Research
85-0759	Microwave Semi-Conductor
85-0807	C. R. Laurence
85-0672	Somerset Grove

Mr. Jessen moved approval of all of the above projects. The motion carried unanimously following Mr. Torpey's second.

Mr. Amon then presented the following A Zone project to the Commissioners for their approval:

85-0818 Grouser Road

Mr. Amon requested that the above project be waived as the project consisted of the construction of a single family residence that would not be visible from the Canal Park.

Mr. Jones made a motion to waive the review requirements for the above project. The motion carried unanimously following Mr. Jessen's second.

COMMISSION POLICY ON TREES

Mr. Amon had distributed a draft policy statement regarding the management of trees in the Canal Park, with particular attention given to those that are growing between the canal and the towpath. A number of questions were asked by the Commissioners and members of the audience. Mr. Robert Geelan, President of the Canal Society of New Jersey, stated that the Canal Society is concerned about the historic qualities of the Canal Park and felt that they could be best served by removing all trees from the canal banks. Mrs. Buchanan, speaking for the Canal Coalition, said that the Canal Park is the region's last refuge from development and every tree contributes toward that quality.

Mr. Kirkland directed Mr. Amon to re-write the draft statement, taking care to be more precise and to include issues such as: the size of trees for which this policy is applicable; the policy with respect to the Canal Park's natural environments (as designated in the Master Plan); trees growing in the park but not on the canal banks; trees growing on the bank opposite the towpath; and opening vistas by trimming or removing trees.

DISUCSSION OF DEVELOPMENT GUIDE

Mr. Amon said that there were two principle reasons for the publication of the DEVELOPMENT GUIDE. First, it is a specific proposal to the New Jersey Legislature for funds so that badly needed improvements to the Canal Park can be funded. Second, it is a summary of the very large DEVELOPMENT PLAN, which was adopted by the Commission but never circulated for public comment. This booklet can be used to inform the community of our plans and invite comments.

The Commissioners made several suggestions for distribution and promotion of the DEVELOPMENT GUIDE and it was concluded that Mr. Amon would prepare a public relations program which would then be reviewed by Mr. Kirkland and Mr. Torpey.

HUNTERDON COUNTY DUMP

Mr. Baill outlined the present situation with regard to a proposed dump for Hunterdon County. He especially noted that the first two prospective sites are located along the Locketong Creek, which is tributary to the canal. The Commissioners were advised that the Commission staff, along with the Water Supply Authority and several DEP agencies, are monitoring the process.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Zaikov moved that Canal Commission staff receive 5% merit increases at the time that they are due according to the Civil Service system. The motion carried unanimously following Mr. Jessen's second.

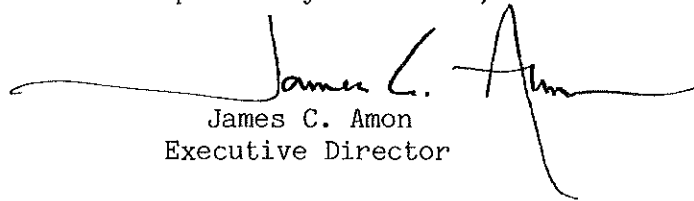
CANAL PARK SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

See attached report.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:22 pm.

Respectfully submitted,


James C. Amon
Executive Director

Attachment

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MEMONEW JERSEY STATE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

TO D. & R Canal Commission
FROM Paul Stern DATE October 17, 1985
SUBJECT Report to the Canal Commission Sept. 11, 1985 to Oct. 15, 1985

Over the course of the last month we have:

1. Continued our brushing back from Church Road in Titusville to Milford. As of the 15th of October, brushing has been completed to Frenchtown.
2. Began reseeding campsites at Bulls Island.
3. Installed remaining gates between Bulls Island and Milford.
4. Began installing bollards to block access along the multi-use trail.
5. Began replacement of the Weston Canal House roof.
6. Received bids for plaster repair, plumbing renovation, and painting at the Griggstown Mule Drivers Barracks.

In the month to come, we will be:

1. Continuing brushing operations in the vicinity of Glen Afton and Princeton.
2. Begin lawn renovations at South Bound Brook lock and continue with campsite renovations.
3. Install gates at Whitehead, Carnegie Road and Bakers Basin Road.
4. Shut down Lambertville and Bulls Island comfort stations and exterior water fountains.
5. Continue with repairs to Weston roof.
6. Continue with bollard installation along multi-use trail.
7. Begin field mowing operations at select locations.

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