



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 16 DECEMBER 1986:

DELAWARE AND RARITAN
CANAL COMMISSION

TIME: 1:30 - 2:10 pm
DATE: Tuesday, 16 December 1986
PLACE: D & R Canal Commission Office
Prallsville Mills
Stockton, New Jersey

ATTENDING:

COMMISSIONERS: Messrs. Kirkland, Jessen, Jones, Marshall and
Mrs. Nash

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

GUESTS: Richard Famularo, N.J.W.S.A.
A. Gregory Chase, N.J.W.S.A.
John Auciello, D & R Canal State Park
Ursula Buchanan, D & R Canal Commission
Babs Thomsen, D & R Canal Coalition
Joseph Skupien, Killam Associates
Norman Mathis, Somerset County Engineering Dept.
Larry Pitt, Canal Society of New Jersey
Mary Otto, Princeton Packet
George M. Conway, Trap Rock Inc.
William A. Aitken, Lanfrit & Linnus, Esqs.
Paul H. Baerman, SEG Engineers & Consultants
Jon Holt, Holt & Ross Inc.
Steve Osborne, Trap Rock Industries
Mark Platz, Donald H. Stires Associates

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 Mr. Jessen the minutes of the meeting of 18 November 1986 were unanimously approved.

REVIEW ZONE PROJECTS

Mr. Amon presented the following Review Zone projects to the Commissioners for their approval:

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EXECUTIVE	COMMISSIONERS						
DIRECTOR	Benjamin B. Kirkland	Martin D. Jessen	Donald B. Jones	Stuart R. Zaikov	Richard T. Dewling	Winona D. Nash	
James C. Amon	Chairman	Vice-Chairman	Treasurer	Arthur J. Holland	John C. Bullitt	Frank J. Torpey	

NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
Thomas H. Kean, Governor Richard T. Dewling, Commissioner

83-0294-A Linpro - Single Family 5 & 6
85-0896 Linpro - Townhouse, Section 3
86-0931 P.K.S. Associates
86-1044 Fox Chase
86-1157 Princeton Presbyterian Church
86-1180 Wittman Heating & Air Conditioning
86-1189 Linpro - Linpro Flex
86-1205 Fair Acres Farm

Mr. Jones moved that the above projects be approved; the motion was seconded by Mrs. Nash, and passed unanimously.

SOMERSET COUNTY REGIONAL DETENTION BASIN - ROYCE BROOK

Mr. Joseph Skupien of Killam Associates, and Mr. Norman Mathis of the Somerset County Engineering Department presented a proposed regional detention system proposal to the Commissioners for their review and comment. The idea of this system is to replace on-site detention with an integrated regional basin system that would be maintained by the county.

Mr. Amon told the Commissioners that this plan would manage storm water runoff in two ways. Flood control would be addressed by regional basins built from funds contributed by developers. Water quality would be addressed by on-site structures. He said that he and Mr. Baill had reviewed the Somerset County plan very carefully and concluded that it was a good plan and should be approved by the Commission. He pointed out that there was a provision for an annual report by the County on the status of the project and that the Commission could reconsider its approval at that time.

Mr. Jessen pointed out that special design features would be needed in basins that were designed for water quality control. There would be a danger that the polluted water would be flushed out of the basins during large storms.

Mr. Jessen asked who would have responsibility for the maintenance of these facilities. Mr. Skupien replied that the County would be responsible.

Mr. Jessen moved approval of the Somerset County regional detention plan with a one year report and review period. Mr. Kirkland seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Mrs. Ursula Buchanan expressed her concern about the environmental impact of regional basins. She pointed out that floodplains, where the basins will be located, are very important ecosystems.

TRAP ROCK INDUSTRIES

Mr. Paul Baerman, a landscape architect who is a consultant to Trap Rock Industries, presented Trap Rock's proposal for a new road near the

canal at the site of their Kingston Quarry. The proposal calls for Canal Road to be extended southward from Route 518 (toward Kingston) along the canal until approximately the southern edge of the quarry property, at which point it would turn away from the canal and join Laurel Avenue. The distance between the road and the canal will be determined later but it will be as great as possible given the constraints of alignment with the present Canal Road/Route 518 intersection and with the need to give adequate space for quarry structures.

Between the new road and the canal, Trap Rock would construct a berm that will block the sight of cars and much of their noise from the Canal Park. This berm will include large stones, it will have an irregular shape to appear natural, and it will be extensively landscaped in natural patterns with native plants.

Trap Rock's proposal also includes the construction of a recreational path on the abandoned railroad right-of-way between Routes 518 and 27; development of a parking area for approximately 15 cars; interpretation of the Rocky Hill bridgetender's house; development of an information board relating the history of this part of the Canal Park; and the placement of agricultural easements on farm land alongside the proposed new road.

Following extensive discussion, Mr. Jessen moved conceptual approval of the proposal. Mrs. Nash seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. It was understood that Trap Rock will have to obtain all applicable municipal and county permits and to prepare detailed plans before the Commission can take official action on the plan.

MAINTENANCE DREDGING

Mr. Jones moved that the maintenance dredging program proposed by the New Jersey Water Supply Authority be approved as presented. This motion passed unanimously following Mr. Kirkland's second.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:15.

Respectfully submitted,



James C. Amon
Executive Director