



DELAWARE AND RARITAN  
CANAL COMMISSION

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 20 JANUARY 1987:

TIME: 12:30 - 2:00 pm  
DATE: Tuesday, 20 January 1987  
PLACE: D & R Canal Commission Office  
Prallsville Mills  
Stockton, New Jersey

ATTENDING:

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

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

GUESTS: Richard Famularo, N.J.W.S.A.  
Robert Vargo, N.J.W.S.A.  
John Auciello, D & R Canal State Park  
David MacRae, D & R Canal Coalition  
Babs Thomsen, D & R Canal Coalition  
Patricia N. Cherry, Delaware Raritan Girl Scout Council  
Ellen B. Herrera, Montgomery Township  
Larry Pitt, Canal Society of New Jersey  
Dolly Minis, D & R Canal Coalition  
Donn Lauer, Sun Pipeline Company  
Robert Beyer, Dept. of Transportation  
B. Douglass Webb, Dept. of Transportation  
Richard Crum, Dept. of Transportation  
Gary Toth, Department of Transportation

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 Mrs. Nash and a second by Mr. Torpey the minutes of the meeting of 16 December 1986 were unanimously approved.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Upon a motion by Mrs. Nash and a second by Mr. Torpey it was unanimously voted that Mr. Jessen would remain Vice-Chairman.

Upon a motion by Mr. Torpey and a second by Mrs. Nash it was unanimously voted that Mr. Jones would remain Treasurer.

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<b>EXECUTIVE</b>	<b>COMMISSIONERS</b>						
<b>DIRECTOR</b>	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		Frank J. Torpey	

NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

Thomas H. Kean, Governor Richard T. Dewling, Commissioner

LEASES AND PERMITS

Mr. Kirkland moved approval of the Finkle Hardware store lease. Mrs. Nash seconded the motion which was passed unanimously.

Mr. Amon then reported that Somerset County wants to enlarge a culvert that runs into the Canal from Weston Canal Road. Mr. Famularo stated that the Water Supply Authority has reviewed the request and finds no problems with it. The enlarged pipe will be totally submerged in the canal and will, therefore, have no visual impact.

Following some discussion Mrs. Nash moved approval of the County's request. This motion passed unanimously following Mr. Torpey's second.

REVIEW ZONE PROJECTS

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

86-1207	Ken Lefebvre
85-0699	Richard Greene
86-0508A	Webcraft Technologies
8600228A	Nassau Park - Phase 2
86-1176	The Eagle Group
86-1101	Mountainview Plaza
86-1043	Royal Book Estates

Mr. Kirkland noted that the Lefebvre project has an an aesthetic impact on the recreational trail (abandoned Bel-Del railroad right-of-way) but not on the canal. He asked how this related to the portion of the recreational trail that extends northward from Bulls Island to Frenchtown. Mr. Marshall said that this trail is a part of the Canal Park. As yet no review zone exists for this part of the park but it was agreed that this issue would be discussed at a subsequent Commission meeting.

Mr. Amon then recommended waiver of 87-1234, The Mews at Coryell Street. This is an A Zone project consisting of the conversion of two existing garages into townhouse units. The project site is several blocks from the canal and cannot be seen from it. Mr. Bullitt moved that the project be waived. Mr. Kirkland seconded the motion was carried unanimously.

SUN PIPELINE COMPANY PROPOSAL

Mr. Amon informed the Commissioners of the request from Sun Pipeline Company to excavate certain sections of their pipeline on Canal Park property to replace sleeve sections. He then introduced Mr. Donn Lauer of Sun Pipeline Company, who explained in detail the reasons for this request. It should also be noted that this work has been dictated to the Sun Pipeline Company by Federal DOT.

Mr. Robert Vargo of the Water Supply Authority stated that the Authority has reviewed the proposed plans and has no objections to the work. He also stated that a contract is in the process of being completed to cover this work. The Division of Parks and the Canal Commission's approval would be required by this contract.

Mr. Amon pointed out that if any tree greater than 3 inches is cut it must be replaced by Sun Pipeline Company with a 2 inch tree. It was questioned why the replacement would not be a larger caliper tree. It was explained that planting larger trees disrupts more land. It was also stated that the smaller trees have a better success rate of surviving.

Mr. Famularo pointed out that before any tree would be removed the Canal Commission would be notified.

After lengthy discussion Mr. Bullitt moved approval of the Sun Pipeline request conditioned upon the approval of the terms of the permit by the Executive Director and the Deputy Attorney General. Following Mr. Torpey's second the motion carried unanimously.

SOMERSET EXPRESSWAY AND ROUTE 92 CROSSINGS OF THE CANAL PARK

Mr. Amon stated that two new highway crossings of the Canal Park are being considered by the DOT. One of these is Route 92, which would cross between Kingston and Rocky Hill and the other is the Somerset Expressway. The Somerset Expressway is essentially the northern half of Interstate 95, which was examined by the Commission in 1978, before it was de-designated by Congress. It would cross the Canal Park near the Weston Causeway.

Mr. Richard Crum of the DOT made a brief presentation for both highways.

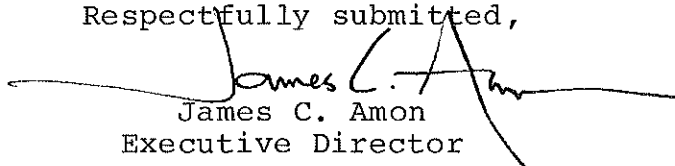
After lengthy discussion it was decided that the Commission did not have enough time to adequately assess the consequences of these proposals concerns and requested an extension on the public comment period. These roads will be acted upon at the meeting scheduled for 17 February.

2:00 Mrs. Nash left.

ADJOURNMENT

Due to the lack of a quorum the meeting was adjourned at 2:00.

Respectfully submitted,

  
James C. Amon  
Executive Director