



DELAWARE AND RARITAN  
CANAL COMMISSION

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 15 APRIL 1987:

TIME: 12:15 - 2:25 pm  
DATE: Wednesday, 15 April 1987  
PLACE: D & R Canal Commission Office  
Prallsville Mills  
Stockton, New Jersey

ATTENDING:

COMMISSIONERS: Messrs. Kirkland, Jessen, Holland, Marshall,  
Zaikov, Bullitt, and Torpey.

STAFF: Messrs. Amon, Dobbs and Mrs. Greenwald

GUESTS: Richard Famularo, N.J.W.S.A.  
Donald Kroeck, N.J.W.S.A.  
Sidney Johnson, Sidney Johnson Associates  
Bill McKelvey, Canal Society of N.J.  
Paul Stern, D & R Canal State Park  
Larry & Kay Pitt, Canal Society of N.J.  
Ursula Buchanan, D & R Canal Coalition  
Abigail Barrows, D & R Canal Coalition  
Dolly Minis, D & R Canal Coalition  
Thomas M. Poole, Deputy Mayor, Princeton Twp.  
Duggan Kimball, Princeton Regional Planning Board  
Bob Kiser, Princeton Township Engineer  
John Auciello, D & R Canal State Park  
John Kraml, State Park Service  
Frank Guidotti, State Park Service  
Andy Fekete, NJDOT  
Jack Dunn, NJDOT  
Robert A. Pege, NJDOT

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. Zaikov and a second by Mr. Bullitt, the minutes of the meeting of 17 March 1987 were unanimously approved.

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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	

REVIEW ZONE ACTIONS

Mr. Dobbs presented the following B Zone Projects to the Commissioners for their approval:

- 84-0549 Icote International, Inc.  
Condition: As plans are developed for individual lots they will be submitted for DRCC review and approval for conformance to criteria for overall drainage management.
- 87-0714 Riegel Printing Company
- 87-1290 345 Davidson Avenue  
Condition: Access by truck to all sides of retention pond on lots 1.02 and 1.03 must be provided by a 10 foot berm prior to approval of final plans for site development.
- 86-0971 East Pointe Estates  
Condition: Receipt of finalization of the resolution from the Township. Verbal approval was received.

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

- 85-0905 Zelinack/Mulligan Subdivision
- 86-1242 Mews at Clinton  
Conditions: 1. Clearing and repainting of masonry wall on property line. 2. Repair of towpath at southern end of property where erosion has occurred. 3. Replacement of existing metal guiderail at end of Delvan Street with suitable wooden barrier.

Following a motion by Mr. Jessen and a second by Mr. Bullitt all of the above review zone projects passed unanimously with the conditions as listed.

Mr. Jessen stated that he felt it was time to examine the effectiveness of the detention basins as required by our regulations. He questioned how much sediment was really being controlled by our methods. Mr. Dobbs and Mr. Jessen discussed this at length and it was agreed that Mr. Dobbs would look into this matter further.

LEASES AND PERMITS

Mr. Stern explained to the Commissioners a recent request from DEP's Division of Water Resources to drill a well on Canal Park land so

that they can test for contamination in the wells of homes along the Millstone River Valley. There will be no destruction of trees for this project. Following some discussion Mr. Zaikov moved approval of this well. The motion carried unanimously following Mr. Torpey's second.

Mr. Famularo of the Water Supply Authority then presented the Authority's recommendation for the permanent stabilization of the area near the Lambertville wing dam. Mr. Famularo requested approval to use gabion baskets with a grey vinal coating.

Mr. Jessen moved to approve this request. Following Mayor Holland's second, the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Kroeck of the Water Supply Authority then introduced Mr. Sidney Johnson of Sidney Johnson Associates, who is the consultant hired by the Water Authority for the engineering associated with repair of the Raven Rock headgates, Kingston and Griggstown waste gates, and the Kingston lock. Mr. Kroeck passed out reports to the Commissioners detailing the proposed work, and requesting approval to proceed.

Mr. Amon was asked what he recommended. He said that he had reviewed the preliminary reports and did not see anything in the proposed constructed that looked like a problem but he was unable to make a recommendation for Commission action because the cultural resource report is without value. Mr. Amon said that the reports are supposed to contain cultural resource reports which explain how the proposed work will impact any historic qualities of the site, but the work done for these reports does not address this question. Furthermore, Mr. Amon said that he had not seen the final report since it was just now being distributed.

Mr. Zaikov said that he did not think the Commission should take any action until a proper report is submitted. There was a lengthy discussion about giving approval conditioned upon Mr. Amon's subsequent approval.

Mr. Zaikov moved to table this until Mr. Amon is happy with the design. Mayor Holland seconded the motion. Mr. Kroeck said that he would withdraw the request for action until the May meeting. The motion carried with Messrs. Zaikov, Torpey, Bullitt, and Kirkland voting in favor and Messrs. Marshall and Jessen voting against it.

#### BUDGET REQUEST FISCAL YEAR 1989

Mr. Amon presented the Commission's FY89 budget request to the Commission for their approval. Mr. Amon pointed out that every year the Commission requests funds that are not allocated but the Commissioners reviewed the budget request and felt it was reasonable. Mr. Zaikov moved approval of the budget request as presented. This motion passed unanimously following Mr. Jessen's second.

### ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Mr. Amon reported that he and Messrs. Kirkland and Bullitt had further discussed the idea of forming a special Advisory Committee consisting of professionals, to advise the Commission on some of the highly complicated issues it must consider. Included in this category would be highway development, solid and hazardous waste siting, and major private developments. The purpose of this committee would be to serve as a sounding board for the Executive Director. Mr. Amon distributed an outline of how the advisory committee would be structured and how it would function. He felt this would be a helpful resource to him and to the Commission. After lengthy discussion concerning the pros and cons of this committee Mayor Holland moved to empower Mr. Amon to proceed with recruiting these individuals on a trial basis. This motion was seconded by Mr. Zaikov and unanimously carried.

### EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

#### Harrison Street Bridge

Mr. Amon reported that there was an ongoing discussion regarding the design of the Harrison Street bridge over the canal. He said that the Department of Transportation was determined to build a bridge which would accommodate big trucks and high-speed errant vehicles. The DOT has made an effort to accommodate the historic and recreational qualities of the Canal Park, however, as demonstrated by several sketches that had been prepared by their designers and were displayed by Mr. Amon.

Mr. Amon also distributed copies of a sketch he had made which took some of the DOT ideas and modified them slightly to make the bridge more appropriate for the Canal Park.

There was extensive discussion about the details of these sketches but it was generally agreed by the Commissioners that Mr. Amon's sketch had several attractive features.

Contributing to the discussion were representatives of Princeton Township. Mr. Poole expressed his dislike of Mr. Amon's sketch and urged that the Commission insist upon two sidewalks for the lake bridge. Mr. Kimball also urged that two sidewalks be insisted upon for the lake bridge and suggested that the issue of continuity of design for the two bridges was important. Mr. Kiser also stressed the importance of continuity between the two bridges.

2:15 pm - Mr. Zaikov left.

Mr. Kirkland agreed that continuity of design is important but expressed concern that it might be too late to get a second sidewalk on the lake bridge.

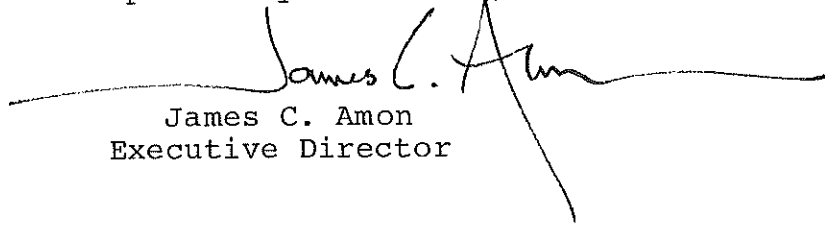
Mr. Torpey stated it was important to point out that DOT is trying to take our concerns into consideration.

2:25 Messrs. Marshall and Bullitt left. No longer a quorum.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James C. Amon", is written over a horizontal line. The signature is stylized and cursive.

James C. Amon  
Executive Director