



DELAWARE AND RARITAN
CANAL COMMISSION

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 17 JUNE 1987:

TIME: 12:15 - 2:25 pm
DATE: Wednesday, 17 June 1987
PLACE: D & R Canal Commission Office
Prallsville Mills
Stockton, New Jersey

ATTENDING:

COMMISSIONERS: Messrs. Kirkland, Jessen, Torpey, Zaikov, Jones,
and Mrs. Nash

STAFF: Messrs. Amon, Dobbs and Mrs. Greenwald

GUESTS: Richard Famularo, N.J.W.S.A.
Donald Kroeck, N.J.W.S.A.
Abe Shaikh, N.J.W.S.A.
John Kraml, Jr., Parks & Forestry
Paul Stern, D & R Canal State Park
Larry Pitt, Canal Society of N.J.
Ursula Buchanan, D & R Canal Coalition
John Langsdorf, Church & Dwight Company
David & Mia McRae, D & R Canal Coalition
Robert Kiser, Engineer, Princeton Twp.
Duggan Kimball, Princeton Regional Planning Board
Joseph Skupien, Killam Associates
Dan Ciesla, Engineer, Somerset County
Norman Mathis, Engineer, Somerset County
Laurie Gutshaw, NJDOT
Lauralee Rappleye-Marsett, NJDOT
Jack Dunn, NJDOT
Harry Capers, 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. Jones and a second by Mr. Torpey, the minutes of the meeting of 20 May 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	<i>Chairman</i>	<i>Vice-Chairman</i>	<i>Treasurer</i>	Arthur J. Holland		Frank J. Torpey

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

LEASES AND PERMITS

Mr. Kraml presented the South Bound Brook Police Department's request for an extension on their firing range. Following some discussion Mr. Zaikov moved approval of the extension on the condition that a letter be sent to the Police Department advising them that under no circumstances will another extension be granted. This motion was carried unanimously following Mr. Kirkland's second.

Mr. Stern then presented a request to install lighting at the parking lot where Carnegie Road crosses the canal. He said that this site has been frequently used as a dump. Mr. Jessen moved approval of this request. Following Mr. Zaikov's second the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Kraml then requested approval for a drainage easement onto the Canal Park for a project in Montgomery Township named Woodmere Homes. Mr. Jessen moved conceptual approval of the plan with the condition that a material, such as Miramat, be used which will prevent scouring of the swale. Mr. Jones seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.

REVIEW ZONE ACTIONS

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

- 87-1401 - Kimball Residence
- 87-1414 - Brenna - Lavatory Facility at Golden Nugget Flea Market
- 87-1413 - McMillan, Thomas

Following a motion by Mr. Jessen, seconded by Mr. Torpey, the above A Zone projects were unanimously passed.

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

- 86-1118 McMaster Carr
- 87-1330 Delaware Valley Bindery
- 86-1194 Somerset Grove II
- 84-0316 Princeton Junction Properties II
- 86-1154 Hunters Run
- 87-1228 Monmouth Walk
- 85-0831-A O.C.D.C. #3

Following a motion by Mrs. Nash and a second by Mr. Kirkland all of the above review zone projects passed unanimously.

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.

REGIONAL DETENTION BASIN, DEAD TREE RUN, SOMERSET COUNTY

Mr. Joseph Skupien, Killam Associates, presented to the Commissioners a proposed regional detention plan. He requested approval of the Dead Tree Run facility only. Following some discussion Mr. Zaikov moved conceptual approval of the plan for a one year period to see if the Commission's requirements are being met. This motion was seconded by Mr. Torpey and unanimously carried.

Mr. Amon praised Somerset County's regional detention facility.

Mrs. Buchanan stated strongly that she did not feel that the Commission should approve such a concept. She felt that this type of detention would harm the environment.

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 with Mr. Amon's previous recommendations.

Lengthy discussion then ensued as to the type of bridge that the Commission is requesting vs. the type of bridge DOT is trying to have erected. Mrs. Nash stated that the Canal is on the National and Federal Registers of Historic Places, therefore, she saw no reason why Federal funds could not be used to design and build a bridge like the one the Commission has requested.

There was extensive discussion about the details of these sketches but it was generally agreed by the Commissioners that a historic looking bridge should replace the existing bridge.

Contributing to the discussion were representatives of Princeton Township. Mr. Kiser, Township Engineer, supported the Commission's efforts in the design of the bridge and he requested that the same design be used for the Lake Carnegie bridge. Mr. Kimball, Planner, stated that Princeton has been frustrated by the DOT's process. He feels that DOT should be more sensitive to the problems, and also the importance of continuity between the two bridges. He also stated that the Commission should invite the Federal Highway Administration to the next meeting to see what their thoughts would be on this issue. Mrs. Nash then moved not to accept the design as presented. She felt a

special meeting should be held to insure that the Commission's design criteria are met. (There was no second to this motion.)

Mr. John Langsdorf, of Church and Dwight Company, wants to see the Commission and DOT agree on a design for the bridge, since delay is hurting Princeton area merchants.

David McRae, Princeton resident, felt that the historic qualities are a very important aspect of this bridge design and should be kept.

2:12 - Mrs. Nash left.

Following lengthy and heated discussion, Mr. Jessen moved conceptual approval of the bridge design as presented, with the condition that DOT will come back before the Commission with a final design. Mr. Zaikov seconded the motion.

Mr. Torpey suggested that a precedent is being set for all future bridge designs. He felt that the Commission might want to change it in the future and should make sure that approval of this design should not be interpreted as approval for the same change to other bridges.

After more discussion and no voting on the motion on the floor, Mr. Zaikov called the question. Messrs. Jones and Torpey voted against calling the question, but it was carried with affirmative votes from Messrs. Zaikov, Jessen, and Kirkland.

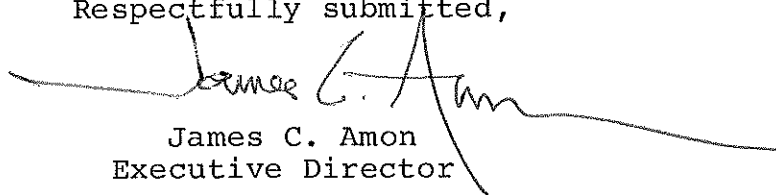
The vote on Mr. Zaikov's resolution was carried with yes votes from Messrs. Zaikov, Jessen, and Torpey, a no vote from Jr. Jones, and abstention by Mr. Kirkland.

2:25 Mr. Zaikov left. No longer a quorum.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



James C. Amon
Executive Director