



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 21 OCTOBER 1987:

TIME: 12:24 - 2:10 pm  
DATE: Wednesday, 21 October 1987  
PLACE: Delaware and Raritan Canal Commission's Headquarters  
Prallsville Mills Complex  
Stockton, New Jersey

DELAWARE AND RARITAN  
CANAL COMMISSION

ATTENDING:

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

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

GUESTS: Larry Pitt, Canal Society of N.J.  
Richard Famularo, N.J.W.S.A.  
Abe Shaikh, N.J.W.S.A.  
Don Kroeck, N.J.W.S.A.  
Elizabeth Hutter, D & R Greenway Project  
Ursula Buchanan, D & R Canal Coalition  
Dolly Minus, D & R Canal Coalition

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. Zaikov, the minutes of the meeting of 16 October 1987 were unanimously approved, with the inclusion of Mr. Famularo's name, which was omitted from the September minutes.

LEASES AND PERMITS

Mr. Amon presented the Commissioners with a request for two lease renewals. One is for Bernard and the other is for GAF. Mr. Zaikov moved approval of the two leases. Mrs. Nash seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Mr. Zaikov stated that these leases do not reflect the true market value of the property. He felt that the market values should be obtained. Mr. Jessen stated that Mr. Amon should question this verbally but that it was not the job of the Commission to set rent costs.

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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

REVIEW ZONE ACTIONS

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

87-1241 - Woodcrest at Lambertville

Mr. Dobbs then presented the following B zone projects to the Commissioners for their approval:

86-1209     Gitman Warehouse  
87-1396     Medical Society of New Jersey  
87-1493     Princeton Crossroads at Ewing  
87-1503     Mayfair Supermarkets  
87-1410     Lake Sylva Restoration  
87-1438A    Shadow Oaks IV

12:35    Mayor Holland arrived.

Mr. Zaikov then moved approval of the above projects. This motion carried unanimously following Mr. Jessen's second, with the exception of Mayor Holland who abstained because he had just arrived.

COMMISSION STAFF SALARIES

Mr. Amon told the Commissioners that their staff does not automatically receive 5% annual merit salary increases within their salary ranges like other State employees. He said that if the Commission wishes the staff to get these increases they must pass a resolution recommending it, and then that resolution will be reviewed and acted upon by the DEP Personnel Office, the Treasury Department, and -- in the case of Mr. Amon's salary -- the Salary Adjustment Committee.

Mr. Holland then moved that 5% merit increases be given to Mr. Amon and Mrs. Greenwald effective on their anniversary date of 12/21/87. This motion carried unanimously following Mr. Jessen's second.

Discussion followed on the problems that the Commission has had in the past in obtaining merit increases. Mrs. Greenwald was asked to find out who was in charge of the Salary Adjustment Committee so the Chairman can write to this individual stressing the Commission's desire to have these two employees receive their increases.

CANAL PARK ACQUISITION PROGRAM

Mr. Amon distributed to the Commissioners a package with detailed information about proposed acquisitions along the D & R Canal State Park. He explained that he had discussed the plan to acquire more land with Mrs. Fenske and she had encouraged him to put together a package of properties that the Commission would like to acquire. He added that there is no money at present to make these acquisitions

but there is a possibility that a new Green Acres Bond Act will be proposed to the voters in 1988 which would provide needed funds.

Mr. Amon reviewed the package that he had prepared for the Commission's approval. Mr. Jones suggested adding more property around the Prallsville Mill. Mrs. Nash said that there was another parcel near the Lawrence Township Port Mercer property that is not in public ownership. It was agreed to add these to the list.

Following some discussion Mr. Jessen moved recommendation of the proposed package with Mr. Jones' and Mrs. Nash's additions to the State Park Service. Following Mayor Holland's second the motion was unanimously approved.

Mrs. Elizabeth Hutter, Director, D & R Project Greenway, expressed the Greenway Committee's enthusiastic support for this acquisition package. She also strongly urged that the Commission adhere to the 250 foot buffer zone of the Canal Park. She stated that the Greenway Steering Committee feels that the 250 foot buffer zone should be increased to a 500 foot buffer zone.

#### EBASCO STUDY - SEDIMENTATION IN THE FEEDER CANAL

Mr. Amon said that the letter the Commissioners received on the EBASCO study had been drawn up to express the concerns expressed by the Commissioners at the September meeting and to express his own concerns. He recommended that the Commission pass a resolution to send it to the Water Supply Authority. Mr. Jones moved and Mr. Jessen seconded a motion to authorize the release of the letter. This motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Jessen felt that the EBASCO study recommendations were overkill and that there were simpler and cheaper ways to obtain the goals.

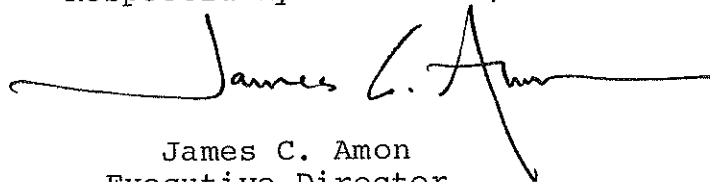
#### BOTTLE BILL

Mr. Jessen moved that a letter be written to the Senate supporting a bill to require a deposit on metal, glass, and plastic containers for drinks. Mr. Jones seconded this motion which passed unanimously.

#### ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James C. Amon". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

James C. Amon  
Executive Director