



DELAWARE AND RARITAN
CANAL COMMISSION

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 20 JANUARY 1988

TIME: 12:15 - 2:25 pm
DATE: Wednesday, 20 January 1988
PLACE: D & R Canal Commission Office

ATTENDING:

Commissioners: Messrs. Kirkland, Torpey, Guidotti, Jessen,
and Mrs. Nash

STAFF: Messrs. Amon, Dobbs and Mrs. Greenwald

GUESTS: William Pauley, Nominee for Commission
Richard Famularo, NJWSA
Abe Shaik, NJWSA
John Kraml, Division of Parks & Forestry
Bill McKelvey, Canal Society of New Jersey
Paul Stern, D & R Canal State Park
Larry & Kay Pitt, Canal Society of New Jersey
Jim & Ursula Nieland, Citizens for a Better Hamilton
Eugene & Cecelia Puckace, Citizens for a Better Hamilton
Leon Van Sant, Citizens for a Better Hamilton
Pete & Anna Gorman, Citizens for a Better Hamilton
Dennis DeGregory, Citizens for a Better Hamilton
Fred Morelli, Citizens for a Better Hamilton
Robert S. Wieger, Citizens for a Better Hamilton
Jeffrey Sussman, 222 West State Street Associates
Robert Prunetti, Mercer County Freeholder
Paul Kramer, Mercer County Freeholder
Kathy Newton, Secretary to the Freeholders
Christina Hoag, Trenton Times

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. Torpey and a second by Mrs. Nash, the minutes of the meeting of 16 December 1987 were unanimously approved.

LEASES AND PERMITS

Mr. Amon presented the Finkle Hardware Company lease to the Commissioners with his recommendation for approval. Mr. Jessen

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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	

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

moved approval of a one year lease. Following Mr. Guidotti's second the lease renewal passed unanimously.

DOT - LEASE/PURCHASE

Mr. Amon reported that the DOT wishes to purchase some land in the Duck Island area in conjunction with the construction of I-295. Mr. Jessen moved a resolution approving the sale in fee of the parcel marked 218A and of easements on E218B and on the temporary access road. The approval is conditioned upon approval by the NJDEP Division of Parks. This motion passed unanimously following Mr. Torpey's second.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Following a motion by Mr. Kirkland and a second by Mr. Torpey, Mr. Jessen was unanimously voted to the position of Vice-Chairman.

Following a motion by Mr. Jessen and a second by Mr. Guidotti, Mr. Jones was unanimously voted to the position of Treasurer.

CANAL COMMISSION MEETING DATES

Mrs. Nash moved that the Commission should keep its regular monthly meeting date as the third Wednesday of each month, unless it should fall on a holiday. This motion was unanimously approved following Mr. Jessen's second.

REVIEW ZONE ACTIONS

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

- 87-1566 - Quad Associates
- 87-0411A - Hoagland Farms
- 87-1218B - Town & Country Estates, Phase 1A
- 87-1426 - Cherry Valley Phase I

Following a brief discussion Mr. Jessen moved approval of the above B Zone Projects. This motion carried unanimously following Mrs. Nash's second.

Mr. Amon then presented an A Zone Project in the City of Trenton. Mr. Jeffrey Sussman, developer of the proposed 222 West State Street, informed the Commission of his desire to build a high rise building next to the Canal Park.

Following some discussion Mr. Jessen moved approval of the project. Mr. Torpey seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Messrs. Guidotti and Famularo have requested copies of the plan for their review.

WATER SUPPLY AUTHORITY PROJECT

Mr. Shaik from the New Jersey Water Supply Authority informed the Commissioners of the Authority's desire to have a stockpile site between Laurel Avenue and the canal in Franklin Township. Mr. Amon expressed his concern that construction of the berm around the stockpile site not damage the vegetation at the top of the bluff which overlooks the canal. Mr. Shaik assured the Commission that this would not happen. Following some discussion Mr. Jessen moved approval of the request from the Authority. This motion carried unanimously following Mr. Torpey's second.

TITLE CHANGE FOR CANAL COMMISSION'S ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Mr. Amon informed the Commissioners that he would like to change the Commission's Administrative Assistant's title from the current Administrative Assistant III to an Administrative Assistant II level. He stated that Mrs. Greenwald is presently doing Administrative Assistant II level work and wanted to upgrade her title and salary to reflect the additional responsibilities.

Mr. Guidotti stated that there maybe some problems with getting the Administrative Assistant II title because it is a benchmark title. He moved approval of the Administrative Assistant II position, but to leave avenues open for the Executive Director to promote Mrs. Greenwald to a position of the same range should the Administrative Assistant II position be a problem. This motion passed unanimously following Mr. Jessen's second.

CANAL COMMISSION PRIORITIES

Mr. Amon informed the Commissioners of the present status of the Canal Park and invited a discussion of priorities for action.

Mr. Torpey suggested that the Commission should mount a major effort now to obtain funding for the Commission's development plans.

Mr. Guidotti reminded the Commissioners that the DEP is putting its efforts into establishing a steady source of funding for development and acquisition.

Mr. Jessen stated that the Commission should continue to examine its standards for detention basins. He feels that changes are needed to adequately address water quality problems.

Mr. Kirkland said that he believes that the Commission must make acquisition of land the number one priority because the development rate is so great that there will be no open land left in a very few years.

Following some discussion Mr. Kirkland appointed Mr. Torpey as Chairman of a Committee to look into getting more legislative support for the Commission.

As Mr. Torpey was out of the room when the motion to approve the change in title of the Administrative Assistant was made, Mr. Guidotti moved again that it be approved. This motion unanimously carried following Mr. Jessen's second.

REVIEW ZONE PROPOSED REGULATIONS

Mr. Amon reported that the New Jersey Office of Business Advocacy has requested an extension of the public comment period for the proposed regulations. They had received this request from several parties and suggested a 30 day extension. The present deadline for public comment is February 5th.

Mr. Torpey moved that the Commission approve a 30 day extension of the public comment period on the proposed regulations. Mr. Jessen seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Amon also reported that he had received a question regarding the application of the new regulations. He said that the published regulations do not address this issue but his recommendation is that any project which has received preliminary site plan or preliminary subdivision approval by a municipality prior to the effect date of the regulations would be excluded from them. Mr. Jessen moved approval of this plan, Mr. Torpey seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

DUCK ISLAND PROPOSAL

Freeholders Kramer and Prunetti, representing Mercer County, presented a plan to the Commission which would make a park like area with shops and restaurants next to the proposed incinerator and the Canal Park in the Duck Island region.

Several members of the Commission questioned the freeholders about their plan but the freeholders replied that they have not yet worked out details and are now only interested in presenting the idea. Mr. Kirkland assured them that the Commission was open-minded toward their plan.

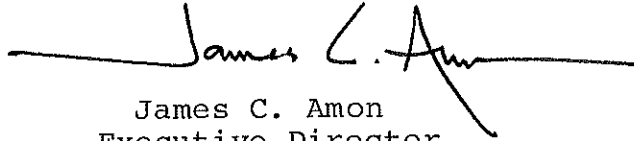
Several residents from the "Citizens For A Better Hamilton" spoke against the proposed project. Most felt putting a restaurant and shops next to the incinerator would be unsuccessful.

After some heated discussion with the residents the Freeholders left the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James C. Amon". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal line extending to the left and a diagonal stroke extending downwards to the right.

James C. Amon
Executive Director

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