



DELAWARE AND RARITAN  
CANAL COMMISSION

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 17 FEBRUARY 1988:

TIME: 12:10 - 2:10 pm  
DATE: Wednesday, 17 February 1988  
PLACE: D & R Canal Commission Office  
Prallsville Mills  
Stockton, New Jersey

ATTENDING:

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

STAFF: Messrs. Amon, Dobbs and Mrs. Greenwald  
Mrs. Dorothy M. Highland, Deputy Attorney General

GUESTS: William Pauley, Nominee for Commission  
Richard Famularo, N.J.W.S.A.  
Abe Shaik, N.J.W.S.A.  
Don Kroeck, N.J.W.S.A.  
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  
Bob Holst, NJ Builders Association  
David MacRae, 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 Mrs. Nash and a second by Mr. Torpey, the minutes of the meeting of 20 January 1988 were unanimously approved.

REVIEW ZONE ACTIONS

Mr. Dobbs presented the following review zone projects to the Commissioners with his recommendation for approval.

87-1481 - Shuwa/Mitsubshi  
87-1505 - Route 522 & Schalks Crossing

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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	John C. Bullitt	Frank J. Torpey

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

88-1405 - Herrontown Green - Phase 1  
87-1230 - Windsor Haven

Following a motion by Mr. Zaikov, and a second by Mr. Jessen the above projects were unanimously approved.

Mr. Amon then presented two projects for which he was requesting waiver of Commission requirements. The first one was for an addition to the Warney residence in South Bound Brook. The second one was for the Hutchinson Corp. in Trenton. While both projects are within 1000 feet of the Canal Park, both are separated from the park by developed areas so neither will have a visual impact. The drainage impact from both is negligible.

Following a motion by Mr. Jessen and a second by Mrs. Nash the above two projects were unanimously waived from Commission review.

Mr. Amon then presented the following A Zone projects to the Commissioners with his recommendation for approval:

88-1612 - John Pallay  
88-1613 - Mariano & Coiro  
88-1614 - Black/Alger Residence

Following Mr. Jessen motion, which was seconded by Mr. Zaikov, the above projects were unanimously passed.

#### WATER SUPPLY AUTHORITY PROJECTS

Donald Kroeck from the New Jersey Water Supply Authority reported that the EBASCO report was complete and that executive summaries for each Commissioner would be distributed later.

Mr. Kroeck distributed some material that showed the design and costs for a diversion structure for the Wickecheoke Creek.

Mr. Amon stated that the conclusion of a meeting he had attended in Clinton was that both the Lockatong and Wickecheoke diversion structures would be put on hold until settlement traps could be excavated for both creeks and their affect could be studied.

Mr. Kroeck said that an Environmental Impact Statement was to be done for the Wickecheoke Creek structure.

Mr. Jessen raised a number of questions about the wisdom of doing an EIS before the effects of the settlement trap could be seen. He asked Mr. Amon if he was satisfied with this procedure.

Mr. Amon said that he was totally opposed to the structure because he was unconvinced that it would be effective and it would be a terrible intrusion on the Canal Park.

Mr. Jones said that Delaware Township is opposed to this plan.

Mr. Kirkland told Mr. Kroeck that the Commission is not enthusiastic over this project but would remain interested.

Mr. Amon then said that he would like to discuss a prior Canal Commission action. He said that at the Commission's May 1987 meeting conceptual approval was given to work on the Griggstown Waste Gate. The plans for that project have been completed and Mr. Amon feels that they are unacceptably destructive of the historic features of that structure. He also said that the plans seem to be a logical extension of the approval given in May. He recommended, however, that the Commission reconsider and pass a new resolution which urges the WSA to repair the structure by restoring to the greatest extent practical its historic features. He pointed out that it is the Canal Commission's legislative mandate to protect the canal's historic character and the terms of the lease to the WSA require them to respect the canal's historic structures.

Mr. Jessen said that he believes that repairs should be done for durability and that plaques can be erected indicating what is old and what is new.

Mrs. Nash said that it is important that a procedure be created so that all similar projects can be handled systematically. Mr. Amon said that there is a procedure but the Commission's May resolution threw it off.

Following lengthy discussion Mr. Jessen moved that we reinvestigate the Griggstown Spillway in light of the historic information now available to see what restoration could be made to the structures. Mr. Marshall added (with Mr. Jessen's approval) that this reinvestigation must consider construction and cost schedules. Mrs. Nash seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

#### REVIEW ZONE REGULATIONS

Mr. Amon told the Commissioners that the New Jersey Register must publish a notice on the extension of the period for comments on the Commission's new regulations. He said that this notice could not be published until the 7 March edition of the New Jersey Register so the comment deadline will extend to 6 April 1988.

#### EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Amon reported that several efforts have been made to obtain funding for development of the park and for acquisition of the lands recommended by the Commission at previous meetings.

Mr. Torpey stated that it is now or never. There is a huge surplus at present and the State's economy is robust. If we do not get funds this year we probably never will.

Mr. Marshall stated that the Commission should key its efforts to the natural resources bill and that Mr. Amon should try to tie into Mrs. Fenske's legacy program which is aimed at preserving greenways. He also felt that meetings with the Office of Tourism would be fruitful. He will arrange a meeting if it is deemed necessary.

Mrs. Buchanan questioned using bonds for acquisition. She stated that land acquisition should be a number one priority.

Mr. MacRae supported Mrs. Buchanan's idea that land acquisition is vital. He also congratulated Mr. Amon on his recent letter to Robert Wolfe of the Forrestal Center.

Mrs. Nash said that letters should be written to Bill Bradley.

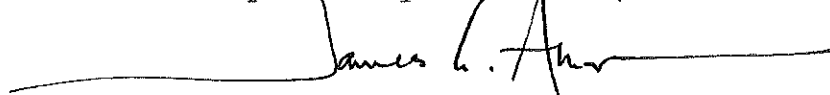
TITLE CHANGE FOR CANAL COMMISSION'S ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Mr. Amon informed the Commissioners that at the January meeting the Commissioners moved to upgrade Mrs. Greenwald's title, but an effective date had not been assigned to this request. He requested that the Commissioners make the action effective on the date of their earlier resolution, 20 January 1988. Mr. Jessen moved that the effective date should be 20 January 1988. Mr. Torpey seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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

James C. Amon  
Executive Director