



DELAWARE AND RARITAN
CANAL COMMISSION

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 20 JULY 1988:

TIME: 12:10 - 2:10 pm
DATE: Wednesday, 20 July 1988
PLACE: Canal Commission's Office
Stockton, New Jersey

ATTENDING:

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

STAFF: Messrs. Amon, Dobbs and Mrs. Greenwald

GUESTS: William Pauley, Nominee for Commission
Paul Stern, D & R Canal State Park
Larry & Kay Pitt, Canal Society of N.J.
Bob Holst, NJ Builders Association
A. Gregory Chase, NJ Water Supply Authority
Richard Famularo, NJ Water Supply Authority
Babs Thomsen, D & R Canal Coalition
Jeffrey Venezia, Gatarz Venezia Planning Associates
Edward C. Lingenheld, Rutgers Preparatory School
Terrill M. Brenner, Esq., Rutgers Preparatory School
Stephen Lewandowski, Rutgers Preparatory School
Bruce Hamilton, Meadows Foundation

Mr. Kirkland opened the meeting and stated that all applicable provisions of the Open Public Meeting Law of 1976 had been properly met.

MINUTES

Mr. Amon said that it had been called to his attention that the minutes of 15 June failed to include Mr. Kirkland's acknowledgement of the Griggstown Historical Society's hard work and dedication to the restoration of the Griggstown Barracks. Mr. Jessen moved approval with the above acknowledgement amended. Mrs. Nash seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

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LEASES AND PERMITS

Mr. Amon presented the Commissioners with the following lease renewal that he recommended for approval:

James Suita, Lambertville

Mr. Jessen moved approval of the above lease renewal. The motion carried unanimously following Mr. Guidotti's second.

Mr. Amon then presented the Commissioners with a permit request from Elizabethtown Water Company to install a 24-inch diameter D.I.P. water main crossing of the canal in Franklin Township, Somerset County. Following some discussion Mr. Guidotti moved approval of the request. His motion passed unanimously following Mr. Jessen's second.

REVIEW ZONE PROJECTS

Mr. Dobbs presented the following B Zone projects to the Commissioners with his recommendation for approval:

- 87-1427 - Franklin Corporate Center
- 88-1217A - Ewing II
- 88-0809 - White Hall Manor
- 88-1657 - East Windsor Municipal Utilities Authority
- 88-1405A - Griggs Farm, Phase 2
- 88-1263 - Princeton Metro Assocs., Phases 2 & 3
- 88-1619 - Westbrooke Residential Villages
- 88-1657 - West Windsor/Plainsboro Regional Elementary School
- 88-1664 - Greenlands.

Mr. Jessen moved approval of the above projects with the exception of 88-1657, East Windsor Municipal Utilities Authority. Mr. Zaikov seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Mr. Zaikov then moved the approval of 87-1657, East Windsor Municipal Utilities Authority. Mr. Jones seconded the motion. The motion carried with yes votes from Messrs. Zaikov, Guidotti, Jones, Jessen, Kirkland and Mrs. Nash. Mr. Jessen abstained.

Mr. Amon then presented the Commissioners with the following A Zone project, which he was recommending for approval:

88-1672 - Joseph K. & Lisa W. Kane

Mr. Jessen moved approval of the above project. His motion passed unanimously following Mrs. Nash's second.

Mr. Amon then informed the Commissioners that he had one more A Zone project which he was requesting action on but that Mr. Torpey had requested that this project be discussed when he arrived at the meeting.

WAIVER CLAUSE FOR COMMISSION'S REGULATIONS

Mr Amon distributed a proposed revision of the waiver clause in the Review Zone Regulations. He told the Commissioners that he had based this draft on the waiver clause used by the Pineland Commission.

Mr. Jessen objected to a number of provisions, arguing for a more liberal and more precisely worded regulations.

Mr. Jones asked Mrs. Highland if she would look into the a recent decision by the State Supreme Court on waivers. She said that she would have a response by the August meeting.

Mrs. Highland felt that a waiver regulation which allows the Commission an opportunity to interpret its applicability for individual cases is preferable to one which established precise and inflexible conditions.

Mr. Jones felt that the Commission should postpone acting on the waiver clause until the DAG had properly reviewed the documents. This suggestion was agreed to by all Commissioners.

12:55 Mr. Torpey arrived.

RUTGERS PREPARATORY SCHOOL

Mr. Amon presented the Rutgers Preparatory School project to the Commissioners with his recommendation for approval conditioned upon the preparation of a landscape buffer pattern that is satisfactory to the Commission staff.

Individuals from the Rutgers Preparatory School gave a background on the school and grounds.

Mrs. Nash pointed out that she did not like the design of the balcony which protruded from the buildings. She felt that they looked like fire escapes and should be buffered from the canal park.

Following some discussion Mr. Jessen moved approval of the Rutgers Preparatory School conditioned upon the preparation of a landscape buffer pattern that is satisfactory to the Commission staff. Mr. Zaikov seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

LEGISLATION CURRENTLY IN THE SENATE

Mr. Amon informed the Commissioners that Helen Fenske, Assistant Commission for Natural Resource Management, wants the Commission's support for a bill that is currently before the legislature that would provide a steady source of funds for natural resources issues.

Mr. Torpey discussed the appropriate time to move on this bill. Mr. Kirkland felt that it would be appropriate to meet with various legislators expressing the Commission's support. He also felt that Mr. Torpey, himself, and Mr. Amon should meet with Mr. Catania, Deputy Commissioner of the Department. This will be looked into.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Amon informed the Commissioners that he was in the process of drafting a revised edition of the Commission's Master Plan. He distributed an outline of the proposed document.

Following some discussion Mr. Zaikov moved to revise the Master Plan to reflect present conditions. Mr. Jones seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Mr. Torpey and Mr. Jones recommended that the Commission adopt a policy of revising the Master Plan at regular intervals.

ACCESS AREAS IN THE CANAL PARK

Mr. Amon showed the Commissioners plans for the development of access areas at Belle Mountain and the Meadows Foundation. There was general agreement that the lot at the Meadows needed to be wider.

Following some discussion Mr. Jessen moved approval of the two projects.

Mr. Jessen's motion passed unanimously following Mrs. Nash's second.

Mr. Amon told the Commissioners that two more access areas, one at the Millstone Aqueduct and one in South Bound Brook, would be on the August meeting agenda.

MILLSTONE WATER FLOWS

Mr. Dobbs distributed a letter to the Commissioners comparing Millstone River flows from 1980 vs. 1987. He compared period of similar river flow during 4 periods for which he could compare rainfall and river flow. He compared peak flows during storms as well as average flows over the storm periods. His data seems to

argue that the construction of storm water runoff management structures (detention basins) has reduced the severity of floods.

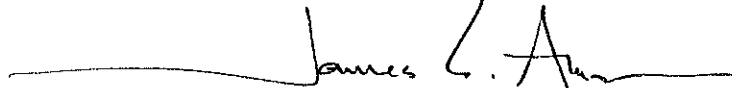
The Commissioners were impressed with this information and felt that a press release or something of that type should be sent out stating this. It was suggested that the Commission contact Gordon Bishop of the Star Ledger to get his aid in promoting this information. Mrs. Highland suggested that the press release could be sent from the press office of DEP. Mr. Torpey felt that the appropriate people should be approached with this information.

2:10 - Mr. Zaikov left.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



James C. Amon
Executive Director