

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 15 JANUARY 1992

TIME: 12:20 PM - 2:15 PM
DATE: Wednesday, 15 January 1992
PLACE: D & R Canal Commission
Prallsville Mills
Stockton, NJ



DELAWARE AND RARITAN
CANAL COMMISSION

ATTENDING:

COMMISSIONERS: Messrs. Jessen, Jones, Marshall,
Pauley, Torpey; Mrs. Nash

STAFF: Messrs. Amon and Dobbs; Ms. Holms
Ms. Carol Blasi, Deputy Attorney General

GUESTS: Paul Stern, D & R Canal State Park
Joe Bird
Kay & Larry Pitt, Canal Society of NJ
Edward Buss, NJ Water Supply Authority
Tony DiLodovico, Schoor DePalma & Canger
Abigail Barrows
Bill Moss, Canal Society of New Jersey
Bill McKelvey, Friends of NJ Railroad and
Transportation Museum
Eugene Gross, NJ Water Supply Authority
A. Gregory Chase, NJ Water Supply
Authority

Mr. Jessen opened the meeting and announced that this was a regular meeting of the D & R Canal Commission and that all provisions of the Open Public Meeting Law of 1976 had been met.

MINUTES

Mr. Jones moved approval of the minutes of the meeting of 18 December 1991; Mr. Torpey seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN AND TREASURER

Mr. Jones moved that Mr. Jessen serve as Vice-Chairman of the Canal Commission in 1992; Mrs. Nash seconded the motion. Mr. Jones then moved to close the nominations; Mr. Pauley seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Mrs. Nash moved the nomination of Mr. Jones for Treasurer in 1992. Mr. Torpey seconded the motion; he then moved closing the nominations for Treasurer. Mr. Pauley seconded the motion and it passed without dissent.

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NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
James J. Florio, Governor Scott A. Weiner, Commissioner

Mrs. Nash moved the election of Mr. Jessen and Mr. Jones;
Mr. Pauley seconded this motion and it too passed unanimously.

Mr. Amon presented the following "A" Zone projects:

- 91-2022 - Errico Residence
Stockton, Hunterdon County
utility shed and deck
- 91-2004 - Salvation Army
Trenton, Mercer County
new warehouse/recycling center

Mr. Amon reported that the Errico property backs onto the multi-use path; the applicant proposes to build a utility shed and deck which would be screened by an existing deciduous hedgerow plus 3-4 spruces that were previously planted by the owner. Mr. Jones moved approval of the Errico application; Mrs. Nash seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Amon reviewed the Salvation Army application--a new, larger storage building is being proposed; the building would be set back 15 feet from the property line next to the Canal Park. An existing hedgerow would remain, plus the 15-foot "buffer" would be planted extensively with native plants. A retaining wall and fence (enclosing the buffer) would help keep litter from getting into the park.

Several Commissioners expressed concern that the Salvation Army may continue to store material outside the building, or that the buffer may trap debris. Mr. Jones suggested that the Commission require that the Salvation Army maintain the buffer in a clean manner, and should they fail to do so, the state may clean it at the Salvation Army's expense. Mrs. Nash moved approval of the new storage building with the conditions that 1) either no exterior storage be permitted, or, any storage areas shall be concealed from view; that under no circumstances shall the buffer be used as a storage area and that it be kept clear of debris, plus 2) the approval be given upon receipt of a permit from the Water Supply Authority. Mr. Pauley seconded the motion; Mrs. Nash, Mr. Marshall, Mr. Pauley, Mr. Jessen and Mr. Torpey voted in favor of the motion; Mr. Jones voted against. The motion carried.

Mr. Dobbs presented one "B" Zone project for approval:

- 90-1922 - Forsgate Industrial Complex S-136
South Brunswick Township, Middlesex County
1-story building on 6+ acres with 51+%
impervious coverage.

Mr. Dobbs stated that one detention/recharge basin will provide for water quality control and stormwater management, and recommended approval.

Mr. Dobbs then presented the following "B" Zone projects for reapproval:

- 88-1643 - Marion Korzenko
Monroe Township, Middlesex County.
28 single family houses on 27+ acres with 33% impervious coverage.
- 86-1152 - Society Hill at Hopewell
Hopewell Township, Mercer County.
77 single family and 86 townhouses on 46+ acres with 24% impervious surface; 13 acres will be dedicated to open space.

Mr. Dobbs said that stormwater management and water quality had been met for both projects, and that the delay was caused by reasons beyond the applicants' control. Mr. Torpey moved approval of all the "B" zone projects, Mr. Pauley seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

WATER SUPPLY AUTHORITY PROJECT: REHABILITATION OF THE WING DAM AT BULL'S ISLAND

Mr. Amon stated that the biggest concern for the Commission in this project was the preservation of trees in the staging areas. He recommended approval with the following conditions; 1) that any tree damaged or destroyed by activity related to this project is to be replaced with 5 new trees whose diameter at breast height (DBH) is not less than 2 & 1/2", guaranteed for 2 years; 2) that protective snow fences be erected at locations marked in the field by representatives of the Water Supply Authority, the D & R Canal Commission, and the Division of Parks and Forestry; 3) that the 26" sycamore noted in the plans be protected, and 4) that there should be large letters on the plans instructing the contractor to not cut or harm the trees in the staging area. Mr. Buss recommended that the first condition state "2 years from acceptance of the job as complete". He also stated that the 26" Sycamore tree had exposed roots, and may not be able to be saved. Mr. Torpey suggested that the condition state that the tree "will be protected and not be removed as part of the contract". Mrs. Nash moved approval of the rehabilitation with the four conditions, Mr. Torpey seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION OF AGENDA FOR 1992

Mr. Amon reviewed projects for the upcoming year; one would be to match zoning information gathered from municipalities that adjoin the Canal Park with open space plans. Mr. Amon said that the Commission staff would also be working with Trap Rock's improvement projects. He stated that he would be reassessing the priority list of park development projects; and that a draft would be submitted to the Water Supply Authority, the Division of Parks and Forestry, and the Office of New Jersey Heritage for their suggestions.

Mr. Jones recommended that the Commission work toward the preservation of the section of the park near the Hamilton Marsh.

Mr. Amon reviewed work being done towards enhanced interpretation of the Canal Park; Mr. Marshall said that a statewide interpretive plan for the State Parks is currently being drafted.

Mr. Jones suggested that the Prallsville Saw Mill be considered as a future site for a canal museum.

Mr. Amon discussed impending funding from the National Park Service and the State for improvement projects in Trenton. Mr. Marshall commented that the money from the State may in fact go back to the State Treasury (as opposed to the City of Trenton). He suggested putting together a team to determine priorities for how the funds should be spent.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Amon prepared a budget for the Canal Commission for Fiscal Year 1993 and requested that the Commission approve it; he also suggested that the Commissioners send the proposed budget along with the recent favorable NY Times article to Legislators. Mr. Torpey moved approval of the proposed budget for FY 1993, Mrs. Nash seconded the approval and it passed unanimously.

CANAL PARK SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

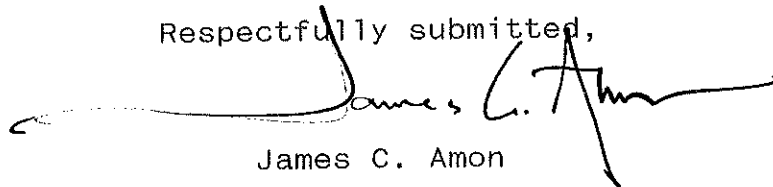
Mr. Stern commented on drainage work being done in the Millstone Valley.

PUBLIC FORUM

Mr. Moss mentioned that the Canal Society of New Jersey recently purchased archival data on the D & R Canal, and will recommend that it be microfilmed.

The meeting adjourned at 2:15 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 extending to the left.

James C. Amon