

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 16 SEPTEMBER 1992

TIME: 12:15 PM - 2:00 PM  
DATE: Wednesday, 16 September 1992  
PLACE: D & R Canal Commission  
Prallsville Mills  
Stockton, NJ



DELAWARE AND RARITAN  
CANAL COMMISSION

ATTENDING:

COMMISSIONERS: Messrs. Jessen, Jones, Kirkland, Marshall,  
Pauley, Zaikov, Mrs. Nash

STAFF: Messrs. Amon and Dobbs; Ms. Holms  
Ms. Helene Chudzik, Deputy Attorney General

GUESTS: Paul Stern, D & R Canal State Park  
Kay & Larry Pitt, Canal Society of NJ  
A. Gregory Chase, NJ Water Supply Authority  
Bill Moss, Canal Society of NJ  
Fred Brown, D & R Canal Watch  
Bill McKelvey, Friends of NJ Railroad and  
Transportation Museum

Mr. Kirkland 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

There were two amendments to the minutes of the meeting of 19 August 1992; Ms Holms stated that the heading should be changed to "Minutes of the Meeting of 19 August 1992;" and on page 3, Mr. Zaikov noted that he left the meeting at 2:00, not 1:45 as written. With these changes, Mrs. Nash moved the approval of the minutes of 19 August 1992, Mr. Jones seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

LEASES AND PERMITS

Mr. Amon reviewed an application for a lease regarding Canal Park property in Titusville. In back of a private residence, bulkheading and a deck were installed on park property because the bank behind the house was eroding. A fee of \$150 per year is required for the use of this Canal Park edge; Mr. Amon stated that the bulkheading is in acceptable condition and recommended approval. Mr. Jessen moved approval of the lease; Mr. Pauley seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

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R. William Pauley

Scott A. Weiner  
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Winona D. Nash  
Douglas H. Palmer

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

## REVIEW ZONE ACTIONS

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

88-0688B - Riversedge Section III, Montgomery Township  
42 single family houses on 58 acres with 12%  
impervious coverage.

Mr. Dobbs stated that stormwater protection will be provided by one existing offsite basin, one onsite basin and the Dead Tree Run Regional Basin which is waiting for funding by the County. He recommended approval. Mr. Jessen moved approval of the project, Mr. Pauley seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

## REVIEW OF CANAL PARK PROJECTS

Mr. Amon reviewed the status of the following Canal Park projects:

1. Bull's Island Wing Dam Repair - on-going, should be finished next year.
2. Linseed Oil Mill Restoration - completed.
3. Fireman's Eddy parking area improvements (south of Lambertville) - not started yet.
4. Repair to culvert carrying Fiddler's Creek under canal in Titusville - should be finished this year.
5. Scudder's Falls parking area - to be finished this month.
6. Hanover Street Canal House - partially burned this summer by vandals; future status unknown.
7. Intersection of Routes 195 and 295 (Trenton Complex) in Hamilton Marsh - should be completed within 2 years.
8. Carnegie Road Bridgetender's House - indoor plumbing and repair to be started soon.
9. Yorkshire Village - a 1,000-house development, with proposed new road and bridge across canal next to proposed Nassau Park development; formerly delayed but now going forward.
10. Nassau Park - developer working with county; county will float bond in order to build bridge and road.
11. Sun Oil Pipeline Fire - settlement not yet determined; one half million dollars being requested by State to maintain a stable landscape.
12. Railroad Hotel in Princeton Township - demolished last summer.
13. Princeton Institute Woods - a high-priority land acquisition project being coordinated by D&R Greenway.
14. Millstone Aqueduct area - moved parking area to less visible location, grassed original parking area.
15. Kingston Locktender's House - needs structural repair; status still unresolved pending tenants' situation.
16. Flemer Preserve - Natural Lands Trust land on Route 27 in Kingston; development plan calls for access area which would be constructed by Franklin Township.
17. Bridge over 10-Mile Run - repairs completed; original trusswork remains, new stone headwalls.
18. Zarephath Bridgetender's House - restoration to begin soon.

19. Weston Bridgetender's House - restoration to begin soon.
20. South Bound Brook at Lock #11 - new parking area completed, with landscaping to be done next.
21. New parking area at the Van Wyckle House in Somerset - completed.
22. Landing Lane Spillway reconstruction - will be completed by the end of the year.

#### EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Amon reviewed the former approval for Trap Rock's new road in Franklin Township; the approval called for a condition that the land between the new road and the canal have a conservation easement placed on it; since that approval, Trap Rock has sold this land to the State. He stated that in order for the project to get township approval, the condition must be rescinded. Mr. Jessen moved that the Commission no longer hold Trap Rock to the easement condition as stated in the approval, because this land had been sold to the State. Mrs. Nash seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

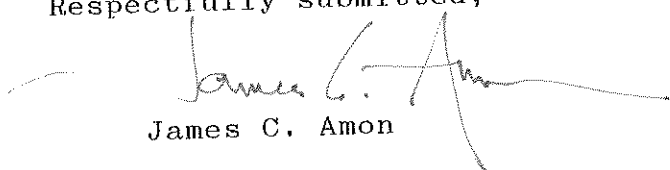
Mr. Amon then brought up a personnel matter regarding change of title; he stated that Ms. Holms has been working on projects that require responsibilities beyond the duties of Administrative Assistant, and recommended that her title be changed to Assistant to the Executive Director. He said that her civil service title would remain the same as it relates to salary, and that should Ms. Holms leave the Commission, the staff position would revert to Administrative Assistant. Mr. Jones moved approval of the title change, Mrs. Nash seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

#### CANAL PARK SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Stern acknowledged D&R Canal Watch's donation of a table saw to the maintenance crew at Bull's Island; he noted that they had also donated a map file to the park office. He stated that the shop roof at Belle Mead has been stabilized, that the Clean Communities project in Trenton was winding down, and that the roof was replaced and gutters repaired at the Somerset office. He said that bollards and gates would be installed at Scudder's Falls in October, tables and landscaping were being installed at the Plainsboro Aqueduct, and tree stumps were being removed on the towpath between Blackwell's Mills and East Millstone.

He suggested that consideration be given sometime as to how to link the path between Old Rose Street and Mulberry in Trenton.

Respectfully submitted,

  
James C. Amon