

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 21 OCTOBER 1992

TIME: 12:05 PM - 2:00 PM
DATE: Wednesday, 21 October 1992
Place: Griggstown Muletender's Barracks
Griggstown, NJ



DELAWARE AND RARITAN
CANAL COMMISSION

ATTENDING:

COMMISSIONERS: Messrs. Barker, Jessen, Jones, Kirkland,
Pauley, Torpey, Zaikov; Mrs. Nash

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

GUESTS: Paul Stern, D&R Canal State Park
Kay & Larry Pitt, Canal Society of NJ
Thomas C. Baxter, NJ Water Supply Authority
Fred Brown, D&R Canal Watch
David McCrae, Princeton
Edward Buss, NJ Water Supply Authority
Sue Rightmire, Griggstown Historical Society
Hal Hoeland, Princeton Development Group
Norman J. Weinstein, D&R Canal Safety Study
Commission
Ursula Buchanan, D&R Canal Coalition

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

Mr. Jones moved the approval of the minutes of 16 September 1992; Mr. Torpey seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

REVIEW ZONE ACTIONS

Mr. Dobbs presented five "B" Zone projects for approval:

- 90-1952 - Atrium South at Somerset, Franklin Township
12 office buildings on 235 acres with 65% impervious surface.
- 92-2039 - Morris Hall, Lawrence Township
Six 2-story office buildings on 35+ acres with 32% impervious surface.
- 92-2057 - Grainger Branch Facility, Ewing Township
Office facility, warehouses and parking on 4+ acres with 39% impervious surface.

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- 92-2060 - Rush Brook, Princeton Township
25 single family houses on 108+ acres with 10%
impervious surface.
- 92-2064 - Robert Lorell Subdivision, Hopewell Township
5 single family houses on 11+ acres with 16%
impervious coverage.

Mr. Dobbs stated that the "B" Zone projects met stormwater management requirements of the Canal Commission, and recommended approval. He discussed the stream corridor easement submitted by the applicant for the project known as Rush Brook. Because the easement was not received by the Canal Commission until October 20th, the Commission's Deputy Attorney General did not yet have a chance to review it. Mr. Amon suggested that the Commission approve the projects with the provision that the approval for Rush Brook be subject to a review of the stream corridor easement by the Deputy Attorney General, and that any problems associated with it be resolved before the Approval be released. Mrs. Nash moved the approval of the "B" Zone projects with the preceding provision; Mr. Jessen seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Amon presented one "A" Zone project:

- 91-1993 - Calvary Baptist Church, Franklin Township
proposed off-street parking

Mr. Amon stated that the parking would be on stone lots, would minimally impact stormwater runoff, and would not be visible from the Canal Park. He recommended approval. Mr. Jessen moved the approval of the "A" Zone project; Mr. Zaikov seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

GENERAL DISCUSSION OF WATER SUPPLY AUTHORITY MAINTENANCE AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMS FOR THE CANAL PARK

Mr. Baxter discussed the role of the Water Supply Authority as it relates to the D&R Canal. He spoke of the new field office that was recently constructed in Ewing Township; a primary function of the employees that are stationed in this office is to maintain flow in the canal. A long-term goal of the Authority is to make sure that contractual commitments between the Authority and its clients are accommodated. As partial fulfillment of this goal, capital improvement projects are on-going, under the direction of Ed Buss. These projects (restoration of spillways, aqueducts, culverts, etc.) are carried out with a regard toward maintaining the recreational and historic aspects of the canal.

Mr. Amon asked how the Authority addresses water quality;
Mr. Baxter replied that five monitors regularly check the canal

for water quality problems. Mr. Buss mentioned that the Authority has hired a consultant to look at the section between the Ten-Mile Lock and New Brunswick from a structural standpoint, and also to determine present or potential contamination. Mr. Jessen asked about the status of treating pollutants from stormwater runoff in Trenton. Mr. Baxter replied that the Water Supply Authority and DOT were working together to alleviate the problem.

PRESENTATION OF WATER SUPPLY AUTHORITY "MAINTENANCE DREDGING" PROGRAM

Mr. Buss said that due to a drought in the 1980's, the canal required a major dredging operation in which 700,000 cubic yards of material were removed. The Water Supply Authority is proposing to clean out sediment at approximately 700 storm drain locations during a 10-year cycle, in order to avoid repeating the larger operation. One hundred access locations were chosen with regard to impacting the Canal Park as minimally as possible. A small hydraulic excavator will be used in conjunction with a crane and barge. Mr. Jessen moved the approval of the maintenance dredging project, with the condition that it be subject to periodic review by the Canal Commission.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Amon requested that the Canal Commission authorize him to hire a traffic consultant to review the redesigning of roads in the Nassau Park/Port Mercer area. Several of the Commissioners suggested that Mr. Amon present the current plans to the Commission at the next meeting, before hiring a consultant.

CANAL PARK SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Stern reported that the Plainsboro Aqueduct and Scudders Falls parking lots were being completed, and that roots and stumps between East Millstone and Blackwell's Mills were being ground.

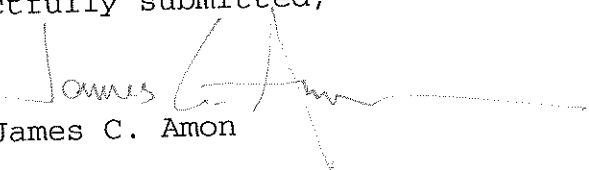
PUBLIC FORUM

Mrs. Buchanan thanked the Water Supply Authority for smoothing out the towpath in Franklin Township.

Mr. Weinstein, a newly-appointed member of the D&R Canal Bridge Safety Study Commission, requested the Canal Commission to help expedite the process of appointing the remaining Commissioners (legislators) to the Study Commission. Mr. Amon stated that he would call Senator Schluter.

The meeting adjourned at 2:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,


James C. Amon