

March 17

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ~~FEBRUARY 17, 1993~~

TIME: 12:10 PM to 1:15 PM ^{March 17}
DATE: Wednesday, ~~February 17, 1993~~
PLACE: Canal Commission Office
Prallsville Mills, Stockton, NJ



DELAWARE AND RARITAN
CANAL COMMISSION

ATTENDING:

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

STAFF: Mr. Amon, Mr. Dobbs, Ms. Holms
Ms. Carol Blasi, Deputy Attorney General

GUESTS: Paul Stern, D&R Canal State Park
A. Gregory Chase, NJ Water Supply Authority
Joe Bird
Bill Krame, Krame Development
John Thonet, Thonet Associates
Ed Buss, NJ Water Supply Authority
Jean Shaddow, City of Trenton

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. Zaikov moved the approval of the minutes of February 17, 1993; Mrs. Nash seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

LEASES AND PERMITS

Although there were no lease or permit applications, Mr. Amon spoke of an issue related to permitting. The Elizabethtown Water Company built a bridge over the canal and pumping station near South Bound Brook sometime in the 1950's or 60's. The pumping station and bridge stairs presently block the towpath so that vehicles cannot pass. The Water Company has agreed to rebuild the foundation of the bridge, place its pumping operations underground, and take down the pump house, creating an eight-foot-wide towpath. The Division of Parks and Forestry determined that a permit would not be required since nothing will be erected. Mrs. Nash moved commending and thanking the Water Company for its plan which would make the towpath accessible to vehicles; Mr. Jessen seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

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James J. Florio, Governor Scott A. Weiner, Commissioner

REVIEW ZONE ACTIONS

Mr. Amon presented two "A" Zone projects:

92-2052 - Lambertville Sewerage Authority Expansion

The applicant proposes to expand an existing office building that is next to the Canal Park. A row of trees will be planted by the Authority to screen the building once the Black River and Western Railroad removes an unused railroad spur.

93-2090 - Union Fire House - Hopewell Township

Mr. Amon stated that a portion of the fire house in Titusville had burned, and that the proposal presented before the Commission was to rebuild and slightly expand the building. The expansion would not be visible from the Canal Park. Mr. Jessen moved the approval of both "A" Zone projects; Mrs. Nash seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Amon then presented an application for a waiver in the "A" Zone. Last month the Commission waived review requirements for relocation of utility wires for the State House Complex in Trenton; Phase II of this project is the construction of a parking garage. The garage will be behind the State House and will not be visible from the Canal Park; the site drains to the Delaware River. Mr. Torpey moved waiving the project from review requirements; Mrs. Nash seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

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

92-2050 - Bridge Replacement and Route 1 Widening,
Sections 5G and 6U, North Brunswick Township;
2.162 miles of impervious surface.

92-2051 - Bioscience Research & Development
South Brunswick Township;
1-story addition on 85+ acres with 13% impervious
coverage.

91-1962 - Carrier Subdivision, West Amwell Township;
10 single family houses on 29 acres with 14+%
impervious surface.

90-1873 - Bedens Brook Farms, Montgomery Township;
53 houses on 95+ acres with 13% impervious surface;
2 stream corridor buffers.

87-1495 - Southfield Meadows Phase I, West Windsor Township;
106 single family houses on 222 acres with 15%
impervious surface; 118 acres will remain open and
dedicated to the township.

Mr. Dobbs stated that stormwater management and water quality requirements had been met for the five projects. Mr. Torpey moved

approval of the "B" Zone applications, Mrs. Nash seconded the approval, and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Amon then presented a "B" Zone application for waiver from strict compliance with stream corridor regulations:

93-2093 - Maxon Holiday Restaurant Corporation,
West Windsor Township

Mr. Amon said that the entire site is within the 100-year floodplain of Duck Pond Run. The applicant is proposing to build a restaurant and parking lot which would create 2 acres of impervious surface. A representative from DEPE met with the Canal Commission staff and suggested that the applicant move the building, parking lot, and detention basin in a way that the detention basin would be closer to the stream; this would then help the function of the stream corridor buffer. Mr. Jessen moved approval of the waiver from strict compliance with stream corridor regulations because moving the detention basin would enhance the buffer; an emphasis was made that the waiver does not absolve the applicant of the need to obtain all other applicable State permits. Mr. Jones seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

WATER SUPPLY AUTHORITY - RARITAN RIVER WEIR

Mr. Amon stated that the Water Supply Authority is proposing to construct a weir downstream of the junction of the Millstone River and the Raritan River. The weir would form a pool that would then provide enough water to be pumped into the canal. It was determined that any resultant flooding of the Raritan would be almost immeasurable. The Office of Historic Preservation requested that large cap stones be put on top of the gabion stone basket wall along the canal bank. Mr. Amon suggested that the contractor be required to repair that part of the path which would be used for the construction process to a satisfactory condition. Mr. Jessen moved approval of the Raritan River weir project with the condition that the contract will require the contractor to restore the towpath from the Zarephath Causeway to the construction site in accordance with standard specifications for the towpath. Mrs. Nash seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

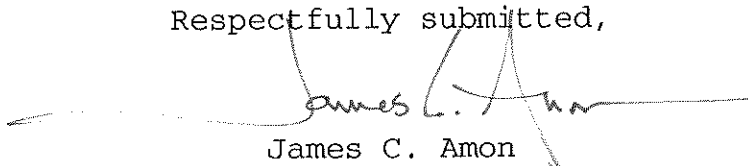
Mr. Amon said that Assistant Commissioner Hall wished to meet with the applicant for Nassau Park and the Port Mercer crossing subcommittee. The Commission felt that this would be feasible. Mr. Amon then asked the Commission to approve a 5% merit raise for Ms. Holms. Mr. Jessen moved the approval of a 5% raise for Ms. Holms; Mr. Torpey seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Mr. Amon told the Commissioners that the City of Trenton had expressed an interest in sending a representative to Commission meetings in place of Mayor Palmer. The Commissioners

agreed that although this representative could not vote, move or second motions, it would be a good idea to have someone representing the City of Trenton at meetings, and that the Commission would respect their input.

CANAL SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Stern said that a new house on Laurel Avenue in Franklin Township plus 40-50 acres had been acquired; the house would serve as a residence for the caretaker of Rockingham.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James C. Amon". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name. It features a large, stylized initial 'A' and a long horizontal stroke at the end.

James C. Amon