

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF FEBRUARY 16, 1994

TIME: 12:10 PM to 2:00 PM
DATE: Wednesday, February 16, 1994
PLACE: Canal Commission Office
Prallsville Mills, Stockton, NJ



ATTENDING:

COMMISSIONERS: Messrs. Barker, Jessen, Jones, Pauley, Torpey, Zaikov; Mrs. Nash, Ms. Shaddow (representative for Mayor Palmer)

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

GUESTS: Paul Stern, D&R Canal State Park
Kay & Larry Pitt, Canal Society of New Jersey
Joe Bird
Frank J. Petrino
George R. Fries, P.E., East Windsor Township
Warren S. Howard, NJ Dept. of Transportation
Joseph Sweger, NJ Dept. of Transportation
Donald Jones, Jr., East Windsor Fairgrounds
Adi Aleti, P.E., A-Z Environmental, Inc.
Donald Jones, East Windsor Fairgrounds
Paul Sedor, State Park Service
Joe Mutinsky, Centex Real Estate Corp.

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 the approval of the minutes of January 26, 1994; Mrs. Nash seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

REVIEW ZONE ACTIONS

Mr. Dobbs presented three "B" review zone projects:

89-1751 - Kingsbridge Center - Hillsborough Twp.;
nine 2-story buildings on 6+ acres with 61%
impervious surface.

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NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND ENERGY
Christine Todd Whitman, Governor Robert C. Shinn, Jr. Commissioner

- 94-2149 - Rt. 1 Widening North & South of Princeton;
the widening of 5.1 miles of U.S. Route One from 2
to 3 lanes, plus 3 new overpasses at Meadow Road,
Alexander Road, and Scudders Mills Road.
- 93-2133 - Church & Dwight Corporate Headquarters Expansion -
Princeton Twp.;
2-story expansion to existing building on 22+ acres
with 16% new impervious surface.

Mr. Dobbs stated that stormwater management requirements had been met for the three projects and recommended approval. Mr. Amon added that a previous proposal by DOT to link the new Scudders Mills overpass to Mapleton Road near the canal has been dropped. He also said that although Alexander Road would be widened near the new overpass, the sharp turns in the road between Route One and the canal should keep motorists' speeds down. Mr. Zaikov moved approval of the three "B" Zone projects; Mrs. Nash seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

PRESENTATION OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND GOALS OF D&R GREENWAY

Ms. Maude Snyder, Director of the Delaware and Raritan Greenway, spoke of several acquisition projects that this non-profit land trust is presently undertaking. She described the mission of the Greenway, which is to preserve lands along the canal and along a network of tributaries within the canal's watershed. She said that the D&R Greenway has focused on the following areas: lands along the Stony Brook, the Shipetauken and Assunpink Creeks; the Trenton/Hamilton Marsh, the Institute for Advanced Study in Princeton, land adjacent to the canal in Griggstown, and land in the Sourland mountains in Hopewell Township.

She also talked about the various ways that these lands can be acquired with Green Acres grants, as well as by other means. Mr. Torpey suggested that Ms. Snyder meet with representatives of the Somerset County Park Commission, because they are very interested in open space initiatives.

PUBLIC FORUM

Mr. Donald Jones of the East Windsor Fairgrounds presented a complaint to the Commission. He explained that after 30 years, flooding on his property had significantly increased in the last year and a half. He said that lands next to the fairgrounds were being developed with detention basins, but that the design had changed after the developer received Canal Commission approval. He said that the size of the pipes have been changed, from 10 inches to 21 inches. He said that the permit has been violated, and that the calculations are wrong.

Mr. Amon said that the Commission staff has contacted the developer's engineer and that he was sending the revised stormwater runoff calculations and revised plans; the engineer asserted that the changes will not affect the rate of discharge from the detention basins. Mr. Amon said that the staff will review the materials and make a determination; if the revisions change the conditions under which the Commission's approval were based, the applicant must stop all work on the project and either revert to what was originally approved, or demonstrate to the Commission that the revisions will meet Canal Commission's standards. He said that a change in detention basin design did not mean that a permit is in jeopardy unless the design does not perform in accordance with the standards that the Canal Commission has set. He recommended to the Commission that they wait until the staff has reviewed the revised plans.

Mr. Dobbs stated that the developers only built three of the five basins that were supposed to have been built, and that after having looked at the plans and walked the site, he was sure that they were built in a location that the Commission did not approve.

Mr. Amon maintained that the staff still needed to look at the revised plans to make a determination as to whether stormwater management standards have been met.

Mr. Fries, East Windsor township engineer, stated that the change in pipe size was made at his request and does not affect the discharge rate.

Mr. Jessen said that the staff will analyze the revised plans and make a recommendation to the Commission the March meeting.

Mr. Petrino stated that Mr. Jones' drainage problem is a pre-existing problem due to the improper filling of a stream channel on his property.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

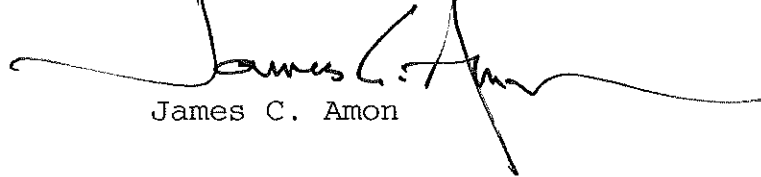
Mr. Amon said that October 10, 1994 is the 20th anniversary of the Canal State Park and the Canal Commission. He felt that a celebration was in order, and asked the Commissioners for ideas about what type of celebration would be appropriate. Mr. Pauley suggested tying in the completion of the new Trenton path to the anniversary celebration. Ms. Shaddow suggested that towns along the canal have their own festivals, with a connecting bikeathon or marathon. Mr. Amon said that a similar event took place for the canal's sesquicentennial anniversary in 1984 and that it required a lot of organization and coordination. It was the general consensus of the Commission that staff time should not be devoted to a celebration now, and that the twenty-fifth anniversary would be a more appropriate time for such an effort.

CANAL PARK SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Stern stated that the Carnegie Road Canal House has been renovated and is now inhabited again. He said that recent flooding produced fourteen inches of water in the Griggstown Muletenders' Barracks, and four inches in the Sherman House.

The meeting adjourned at 2:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James C. Amon". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

James C. Amon