

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF JULY 20, 1994

TIME: 12:10 PM to 1:20 PM  
DATE: Wednesday, July 20, 1994  
PLACE: Canal Commission Office  
Prallsville Mills, Stockton, NJ



ATTENDING:

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

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

GUESTS: Michael McRee, NJWSA  
Gregg Chase, NJWSA  
Joe Bird  
Fred Brown, D&R Canal Watch  
Linda House, Canal Society of NJ  
Paul Stern, D&R Canal State Park  
Roger Marino, Marino & Associates  
Byron DuBois, Marino & Associates

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

Mrs. Nash moved the approval of the minutes of June 15th:  
Mr. Torpey seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

REVIEW ZONE ACTIONS

Mr. Amon presented two "B" Zone projects which he said had been reviewed by Ms. Adapon, the acting Review Zone Officer and recommended by her for approval:

86-1095A - Saturn of Brunswick - North Brunswick.  
This is an addition to an automobile sales and service site. Two detention basins and one underground facility provide stormwater management that meets the Commission standards.

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EXECUTIVE	COMMISSIONERS						
DIRECTOR	Benjamin B. Kirkland	Martin D. Jessen	Donald B. Jones	Stuart R. Zaikov	Robert C. Shinn, Jr.	Winona D. Nash	
James C. Amon	Chairman	Vice-Chairman	Treasurer	R. William Pauley	Frank J. Torpey	Douglas H. Palmer	

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Christine Todd Whitman, Governor Robert C. Shinn, Jr. Commissioner

90-1925A - Matrix SM-1240 - Monroe Township.  
This is a 250,035 square foot warehouse on a 23 acre lot with stormwater management that meets the Commission standards.

Mrs. Nash moved and Mr. Pauley seconded a motion to approve both of these applications. The board voted unanimous approval of the motion.

Mr. Amon then presented one project in the A Zone which he recommended for a waiver:

Lyndall "Carriage House" - Hopewell Township. This is the construction of a garage-like building that will not be visible from the Canal Park.

Mr. Pauley moved and Mrs. Nash seconded a motion to approve the waiver application. The board voted unanimous approval of the motion.

#### DRAFT LETTER ON BRIDGE REPAIRS

The Commissioners reviewed a draft of a letter to DOT Commissioner Wilson and DEP Commissioner Shinn which expresses their concern with the plan by the DOT to make "interim" repairs to all of the canal bridges. All Commissioners present agreed that it was a good idea to send such a letter and a number of suggestions were made for how to improve it. Mr. Amon said he would rewrite the letter with these suggestions incorporated and send it to the two Commissioners.

#### EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Amon said that an emergency had developed along the canal shortly after the June meeting and the WSA had asked him to approve immediate action. A section of the dike between the canal and the Raritan River had been scoured by high flows in the Raritan and by ice that had formed during the winter. The WSA had a contractor on the scene working on the Raritan River Weir and they wanted to have him put rip-rap along the edge of the canal dike to armor it from future scouring action. Mr. Jessen questioned the size of the stone being used but was assured by Mr. McRee that the stone was large enough to withstand future floods and ice flows. Mr. McRee explained the details of the problem and solution and the members of the Commission agreed that Mr. Amon had acted properly. A condition of Mr. Amon's approval was that upon completion he and Mr. Stern would inspect the site and determine the species and location of any trees that should be planted by WSA in order to restore a shaded and enclosed tow path. Mrs. Nash moved and Mr. Pauley seconded a motion to approve the project with Mr. Amon's condition and the Commissioners unanimously voted approval of the motion.

Mr. Amon also reported that he has been invited to a meeting with the State Park Service and other DEP personnel to discuss the issue of planting trees on Bull's Island to compensate for the trees that were recently cut down. Mrs. Nash expressed her pleasure that a meeting would be held and her desire to see some trees planted.

#### PARK SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

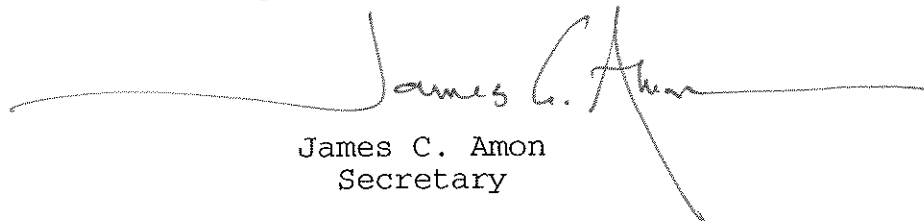
Mr. Stern reported that the trail construction in Lambertville and Trenton was about 75% complete and was going well. The work at Bull's Island is nearly complete. His crew is reconstructing a portion of one of the maintenance barns at the Belle Mead headquarters. Two portable lavatories were exploded with fireworks over the July 4th weekend.

#### PUBLIC FORUM

Ms. House thanked the Canal Commission, the State Park Service, and the Somerset County Park Commission for their help with the Canal Society of New Jersey's recent Canal Festival. She said that it had been a great success and had especially generated a lot of interest in establishing a boat ride on the D & R as a regular amenity. The members of the Commission agreed that this is a desirable goal. Mr. Marshall said that the best way to do it is to talk to a potential concessionaire or two, get their specific ideas and then write a Request For Proposal. Mr. Amon agreed to work with Ms. House on this project.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:20 pm.

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 typed name and title.

James C. Amon  
Secretary