

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF DECEMBER 21, 1994

TIME: 12:00 PM to 1:45 PM
DATE: Wednesday, December 21, 1994
PLACE: Canal Commission Office
Prallsville Mills, Stockton, NJ



DELAWARE AND RARITAN
CANAL COMMISSION

ATTENDING:

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

STAFF: Mr. Amon, Ms. Holms
Mr. Lewin Weyl, Deputy Attorney General

GUESTS: Paul Stern, D&R Canal State Park
Kay & Larry Pitt, Canal Society of New Jersey
Tom Price, NJ Water Supply Authority
Joe Bird
Fred Brown, D&R Canal Watch
Bill Moss, Canal Society of New Jersey
Tony DiLodovico, Schoor DePalma & Canger
W.H. Tucker, Schoor DePalma & Canger
George Whalen, Schoor DePalma & Canger

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. Jessen moved the approval of the minutes of November 16;
Mr. Pauley seconded the motion and it passed without dissent.
Mrs. Nash and Mr. Barker abstained.

REVIEW ZONE ACTIONS

Mr. Amon presented one "A" Zone application for waiver:

Dziki House Addition - Lawrence Township

Mr. Amon said that neither the house nor the proposed addition would be visible from the Canal Park, and that Route One is between the house and the Park. He recommended that the addition be waived from review of visual impact. Mr. Jessen moved approval of the waiver application; Mrs. Nash seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

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

Mr. Amon then presented one "A" Zone application:

94-2052A - Lambertville Sewerage Authority Disinfection
Facilities - Lambertville

The project involves the construction and installation of an in-ground concrete tank and small structure on top of an existing tank. He said that the additions will be unobtrusive to the Canal Park and recommended approval. Mrs. Nash moved approval of the "A" Zone project application; Mr. Jessen seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Amon then presented one "B" Zone application:

94-2180 - Frito Lay Warehouse - Franklin Township, Somerset
County.

The applicant is proposing to construct a warehouse and office on 5.69 acres with a total impervious coverage of 59.4%. A regional detention basin will take care of flood control and a system of onsite swales will manage water quality. Mr. Amon recommended approval of the "B" Zone application, with the condition that the Certificate of Approval not be released until the Commission receives corrected site plans, indicating that the swales will be properly maintained. Mr. Jessen moved approval of the "B" Zone application with the condition; Mr. Pauley seconded the motion, and it passed without dissent.

Mr. Amon then presented an application for waiver from strict compliance with the Commission's Stream Corridor Preservation Regulation. Ingersoll Rand is proposing a housing development in Montgomery Township near the confluence of the Millstone River and Bedens Brook, both of which are designated stream corridors by the Canal Commission. The applicant has proposed to intrude in a few areas of the stream corridors, but would preserve a greater amount of land contiguous to the corridors in exchange for the intrusion. Mr. Amon recommended an alternative exchange to the Commission. Mr. Pauley requested that he be recused from deliberation on the waiver application. There no longer being a quorum, the Commissioners directed Mr. Amon to work with the applicant to find an alternative exchange that would better protect the stream corridors as natural areas.

MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 1995

Mr. Jessen moved approval of a meeting schedule whereby the Commission would meet at noon on the third Wednesday of each month in 1995. Mrs. Nash seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION OF DONALD B. JONES MEMORIAL

Mr. Amon presented a draft of text for a proposed plaque, dedicating the Prallsville millsite to Mr. Jones. Mr. Barker suggested that the text include Mr. Jones' years of service on the Canal Commission. It was also suggested that in addition to a plaque being placed inside the Grist Mill, one could also be installed along the section of multi-use path that Mr. Jones contributed to the State Park.

REVIEW OF 1994 ACTIVITIES AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

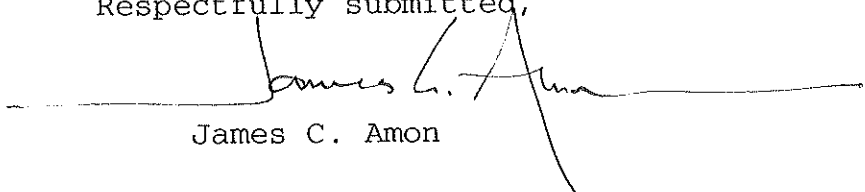
Mr. Amon said that 1994 was a good year for the Canal Park--the first phase of the path construction in Lambertville in Trenton has been completed, and the result has been a tremendous change in the availability and accessibility of the path to park users. He also said that restoration work on three canal houses (Carnegie Road, Weston Canal Road, and Zarephath) was nearly complete.

CANAL PARK SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Stern reported that the Blackwell's Mills Canal House recently held a successful canoe race. PSE&G has installed a line of bollards in Trenton to prevent vehicular access, and New Jersey Bell is installing a fiber optic vault and line across the multi-use path in Stockton. A fence is being installed in Ewing Township, separating a stone quarry from the Canal Park.

The meeting adjourned at 1:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,


James C. Amon