MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF FEBRUARY 15, 1995

TIME:

12:05 PM to 12:45 PM

DATE:

Wednesday, February 15, 1995

PLACE:

Canal Commission Office

Prallsville Mills, Stockton, NJ



CANAL COMMISSION

ATTENDING:

COMMISSIONERS: Messrs. Jessen, Kirkland, Marshall, Pauley;

Mrs. Nash and Ms. Shaddow (representative for

Mayor Palmer)

STAFF:

Mr. Amon, Ms. Holms

Mr. Lewin Weyl, Deputy Attorney General

GUESTS:

Paul Stern, D&R Canal State Park

Gregg Chase, NJ Water Supply Authority

Fred Brown, D&R Canal Watch

Carl Loutzenheiser, NJ Water Supply Authority

Edward Buss, NJ Water Supply Authority

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

Mrs. Nash moved the approval of the minutes of January 30, 1995; Mr. Pauley seconded the motion and it passed without dissent.

LEASES AND PERMITS

Mr. Amon presented two permit approval requests from Somerset County. The County is raising and improving the Weston Causeway, and requires some narrow pieces of land presently owned by the State of New Jersey. They also wish to use land owned by the State (an abandoned piece of roadway formerly part of Weston Canal Road) for a staging area. Mr. Jessen moved approval of the two permit applications; Mr. Pauley seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Amon then presented one lease application. The City of Trenton is interested in rehabilitating the Hanover Street Canal House for use as a community service office. The 10-year lease, with an option for a 10 year extension, would be for \$5,100 per year. This fee, however, could be substituted by expenditures made toward improvements. Mr. Jessen moved the approval of the lease, Mrs. Nash seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

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REVIEW ZONE ACTIONS

Mr. Amon presented one "B" Zone application:

87-1531A - Princeton Ridge Section II - Princeton Township.
40 townhouses on 33.15 acres with 1 detention basin.

Mr. Amon said that the Commission's stormwater management regulations had been met and recommended approval. Mr. Jessen moved approval of the "B" Zone application; Mr. Pauley seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Amon then presented a request for an amendment to a former approval. Representatives for Nassau Office Park said that wetlands in the proposed parking lot for Wal-Mart required mitigation, and proposed that land near the edge of the property be excavated and planted with wetlands vegetation. The recreational walkway would be moved slightly as a result. Mr. Jessen moved approval of the wetlands mitigation area as an amendment to the approval which was given on October 20, 1993. Mrs. Nash seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

REVIEW OF MILE RUN CULVERT REPAIR

Mr. Amon stated that a double barrel, arched culvert in New Brunswick, 200 yards from Landing Lane, required repair. The culvert, presently made of brick, stone, and cement, would have one of its barrels lined with a metal liner; the second barrel would be repaired with shotcrete. The headwalls would be rebuilt with stone. Mr. Amon said that the culvert was not visible except from the Raritan River. Mr. Jessen moved approval of the Mile Run Culvert repair; Mrs. Nash seconded the approval and it passed without dissent.

CANAL PARK SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Stern reported that most work in the Park was taking place indoors, including work on the Bull's Island maintenance shop.

PUBLIC FORUM

Ms. Linda House announced that she would be working at the Griggstown Muletenders' Barracks and had applied for a grant to the Historical Commission for new exhibits.

The meeting adjourned at 12:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

James C. Amon