MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING OF MAY 17, 1995

TIME:

12:45 PM to 1:00 PM

DATE: PLACE:

ATTENDING:

Wednesday, May 17, 1995 Canal Commission Office

Deallarille Mills

Prallsville Mills, Stockton, NJ



CANAL COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS: Messrs. Barker, Kirkland, Pauley, Torpey, Zaikov;

Ms. Goodspeed and Mrs. Nash

STAFF:

Mr. Amon, Ms. Holms

Mr. Stephen Brower, Deputy Attorney General

GUESTS:

Joe Bird

Kay & Larry Pitt, Canal Society of New Jersey

Tom Price, NJ Water Supply Authority

Fred Brown, D&R Canal Watch Paul Stern, D&R Canal State Park

Kevin Moore, Jamieson, Moore, Peskin & Spicer Linda House, Griggstown Mule Tenders Barracks

Robert P. Graham, D&R Canal State Park John Auciello, D&R Canal State Park

Mr. Kirkland announced that this Public Hearing was being held for the purpose of considering the nullification of an easement that was given to the Delaware and Raritan Canal Commission.

Mr. Moore, representing Heathcote Joint Venture, said that the applicant had received a Certificate of Approval in 1988 for a project in South Brunswick Township known as Heritage Center. As a condition of that approval, the Canal Commission required the applicant grant a Conservation and Maintenance Easement to the Commission to assure that the detention basin would be maintained. The project was never built, and the applicant sold a portion of the property to the South Brunswick Board of Education. As a post-closing condition, the applicant agreed to remove the conservation and maintenance easement as a restriction of record on the title of the property. Mr. Moore said that municipal approval has been nullified, and that a document has been prepared nullifying Canal Commission approval. He said that any plans for construction in the future will require new review and approval by the Canal Commission.

Mr. Kirkland asked for any public comment. There being none, Mr. Zaikov moved approval of the abandonment of the Canal Commission's Conservation and Maintenance Easement for the project known as Heritage Center, DRCC #88-1664. Mrs. Nash seconded the motion and it passed without dissent.

Respectfully submitted,

James C. Amon

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