

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF APRIL 17, 1996

TIME: 12:15 PM to 1:40 PM
DATE: Wednesday, April 17, 1996
PLACE: Canal Commission Office
Stockton, New Jersey



DELAWARE AND RARITAN
CANAL COMMISSION

ATTENDING:

COMMISSIONERS: Messrs. Herzog, Jessen, Kirkland, Marshall,
Torpey; Mrs. Nash

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

GUESTS: Kay & Larry Pitt, Canal Society of New Jersey
Fred Brown, D&R Canal Watch
Paul Stern, D&R Canal State Park
Carl Loutzenheiser, NJ Water Supply Authority
Len Markowski, A.G. Lichtenstein & Assoc.
Richard Kreppel, A.G. Lichtenstein & Assoc.
Joseph Glembocki, A.G. Lichtenstein & Assoc.
Salim Baig, NJ DOT
John Miller, NJ DOT

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 the meeting of March 20, 1996; Mrs. Nash seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Mr. Jessen then moved the approval of the minutes of the Executive Session of March 20, 1996; Mrs. Nash seconded this motion and it too passed unanimously.

LEASES AND PERMITS

Mr. Amon presented an application for a one-year lease renewal. Faherty's Pub, near Washington Crossing, proposes to continue using Canal Park property as an access driveway to make deliveries. Mrs. Nash moved approval of the lease renewal, Mr. Jessen seconded the motion, and it passed without dissent.

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James C. Amon	Benjamin B. Kirkland <i>Chairman</i>	Martin D. Jessen <i>Vice-Chairman</i>	Winona D. Nash <i>Treasurer</i>	Sam Herzog R. William Pauley	Robert C. Shinn, Jr. Frank J. Torpey	Douglas H. Palmer Marfy Goodspeed	

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Mr. Amon then presented a permit application. The U.S. Geologic Survey proposes to install a monitoring box alongside the Millstone River to monitor water levels. Mr. Herzog suggested the USGS make the data available to the Canal Commission. Mr. Jessen moved approval of the special use permit, Mrs. Nash seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

REVIEW ZONE ACTIONS

Mr. Amon presented three following "B" Zone applications:

93-2110 - The Village at Amwell - Hillsborough Township
 95-2242 - Country Classics Phase I-F - Hillsborough Township
 95-2239 - Bridgepoint Commons - Montgomery Township

Mr. Amon said the projects meet the Canal Commission's regulations for stormwater management and water quality and recommended approval. Mr. Herzog moved approval of the "B" Zone projects, Mr. Jessen seconded the approval, and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Amon then presented an application for waiver. He said the applicant is proposing to install a sanitary trunk line in West Windsor. Although it will not require any new impervious surface, the project is still considered "major" because it involves a pipeline. Mr. Amon recommended waiving the project in accordance with N.J.A.C. 7:45-10.6, whereby "the project will not adversely affect the surface waters of the park under either storm or normal conditions; and the groundwater effects produced by the project are unlikely to measurably affect the quality of the surface waters or groundwaters of the Park." Mr. Jessen moved waiving the project from review of storm drainage and water quality impact based upon N.J.A.C. 7:45-10.6; Mrs. Nash seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Amon then presented a major project application to be for waiver from strict compliance with the stream corridor regulation:

96-2272 - Great Dane Northeast - Hillsborough Township

Mr. Amon said that the applicant proposed adding additional land to the stream corridor in exchange for encroaching upon it; he said that in the area of proposed encroachment, there were already existing structures. Mr. Herzog moved waiving the project from strict compliance with the stream corridor regulation based upon the plans presented by Mr. Amon; Mrs. Nash seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

NJ WATER SUPPLY AUTHORITY PLANS FOR REHABILITATION OF MILE RUN CULVERT

Mr. Amon said that the Canal Commission had given concept approval of this project earlier and that the Water Supply Authority was now seeking final approval. He said that Mile Run flows underneath the canal into the Raritan River, and that currently there is a 2-

barrel arched culvert. One barrel is leaking and both headwalls have deteriorated. The rehabilitation plans call for restoring the headwalls and installing a metal liner with gunnite in the east barrel. Mr. Herzog moved approval of the project, Mr. Jessen seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION OF DOT PLANS FOR SEVEN CANAL BRIDGES

Mr. Kreppel of Lichtenstein & Associates, Inc., commented on Mr. Amon's objections to the plans for rehabilitating seven canal bridges. The first issue regarded the moving of the towpath in certain circumstances to allow for new and longer guide rails. Mr. Amon requested that representatives of the Canal Commission, Division of Parks and Forestry, Water Supply Authority, and Department of Transportation meet at these sites to ensure that there is sufficient room for towpath access. Mr. Miller, representing DOT, said that although they plan to go to construction in June, they would meet with DEP representatives.

A discussion about curb height followed. In response to Mr. Amon's concern that the currently proposed curb height (4") would not be high enough to protect pedestrians from vehicular traffic, Mr. Kreppel maintained that the lower curb height reduces vehicle vaulting. After further discussion about this and other matters, it was agreed that site visits should be scheduled.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

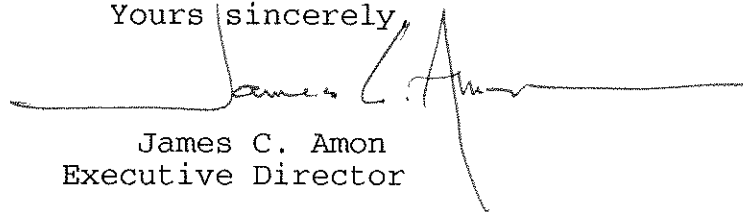
Mr. Amon reported that two Canal Park users donated benches to the Canal Park, and that a landscaping company has volunteered to maintain a row of old maple trees in Kingston. He said he was pursuing the possibility of acquiring Federal grant funds for an access area near the Holcombe-Jimison Farm north of Lambertville.

CANAL SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Stern reported that the Water Supply Authority repaired gates at Scudder's Falls, that a canal house on Calhoun Street, formerly leased to the non-profit organization "Isles," is now being leased to a non--profit called "New Visions." He said that Linda House along with some volunteers spent a day cleaning up the Muletenders Barracks.

The meeting adjourned at 1:40 PM.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James C. Amon", written over a horizontal line.

James C. Amon
Executive Director