



DELAWARE AND RARITAN  
CANAL COMMISSION

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF OCTOBER 18, 2000

TIME: 12:15 P.M. - 2:10 P.M.  
DATE: Wednesday, October 18, 2000  
PLACE: Frist Campus Center, Princeton University  
Princeton, New Jersey

ATTENDING:

COMMISSIONERS: Messrs. Jessen, Marshall, and Torpey; Ms. Goodspeed and Mrs. Nash  
STAFF: Mr. Amon and Ms. Holms  
Mr. Lewin Weyl, Deputy Attorney General  
GUESTS: Rebecca Williams, Asst. Superintendent, D&R Canal State Park  
Sue Herron, Superintendent, D&R Canal State Park  
Joe Shepherd, NJ Water Supply Authority  
Linda Barth, Canal Society of New Jersey  
Barbara Ross, D&R Canal Watch  
Charlie Dieterich, Friends of Princeton Nursery Lands  
Jeanne Wacker, Friends of Princeton Nursery Lands  
Bart Hoebel, Princeton University; Delaware River Steamboat Floating Classroom  
Jeffrey Gerber, Bressler, Amery and Ross  
Kerry Goldberg, Friends of Princeton Nursery Lands  
Jacqueline Alberts, West Windsor Township Council  
Betty Wolfe, S.T.O.P.  
Sandra Shapiro, West Windsor Citizens for Transportation Alternatives  
Tari Pantaleo, Kingston Greenways Association  
Blanca Chevrestt, State Park Service, Central Region  
Marilyn Kulick, Griggstown Historical Society  
Pam Hersh, Princeton University  
Wendy Benchley, Princeton Borough Council  
Peggy Killmer, RCC-DVRPC

Mr. Torpey 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.

Mr. Hoebel welcomed the Commissioners to Princeton University.

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NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION  
Christine Todd Whitman, *Governor* Robert C. Shinn, Jr. *Commissioner*

## MINUTES

Mrs. Nash moved approval of the minutes of the meeting of August 16, 2000; Mr. Jessen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

## LEASES AND PERMITS

Mr. Amon presented a lease renewal application to use land along the Delaware River in Lambertville that includes two boat ramps and several picnic benches. The lease would be valid for 5 years and have a 5-year option renewal. Ms. Goodspeed moved approval of the lease renewal, Mr. Jessen seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

## REVIEW ZONE ACTIONS

Mr. Amon presented the following "B" Zone applications for approval:

- 00-2626 – Brunswick Circle Supermarket – Lawrence Township
- 94-2197 – Educational Testing Service – Lawrence Township (General Development Permit)
- 00-2650 – Hampton Inn – South Brunswick Township
- 00-2642 – Villa Vianney – Lawrence Township
- 00-2617 – Country Classics at Dutchtown – Montgomery Township
- 99-2515 – Mercer Mall – Stage 3, Phase E – Lawrence Township
- 00-2657 – Stonebridge Retirement Community – Montgomery Township
- 00-2616 – Imperial Nurseries – Franklin Township
- 99-2591 – Bentley Brook Estates – Monroe Township
- 00-2625 – Marriott Residence Inn – Franklin Township
- 00-2663 – RCN Corporate Headquarters – Lawrence Township
- 00-2658 – Readington Associates Warehouse – Cranbury Township

Mr. Amon said that the project named Country Classics at Dutchtown had a stream corridor and that the applicant has proposed constructing part of a detention basin and a road crossing in the corridor, both conditionally-permitted uses. He said that the present land use is fallow farmfield, and recommended these uses. He said that the "B" Zone projects were determined by staff to be in compliance with the Commission's regulations and recommended approval. Mr. Jessen moved approval of the "B" Zone project applications, Mrs. Nash seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Amon then presented the following "A" Zone application for review:

- 99-2570 – Outdoor Systems Advertising – Trenton

Mr. Amon reviewed the history of this application for approval. The applicant had requested that the project be placed on September's agenda. Mr. Weyl contacted the applicant's attorney to

advise him that the Commission had not received notice that the City of Trenton had approved a revised application showing that the location of the proposed billboard had been changed, along with a revised planting plan. The attorney responded that the City's approval was not needed but that the applicant was withdrawing the revised plan in favor of the original application. Mr. Amon requested clarification but received no response until October 13, 2000, when he was notified by the applicant's attorney that the application was approved by default. Mr. Amon said that this was an incorrect assumption, and recommended that the Commission deny approval of both applications. Mrs. Nash moved denying approval of two applications for the Outdoor Systems billboard, one that the Commission received on August 30, 1999, and a second that was received on July 20, 2000. Ms. Goodspeed seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

#### EXTENSION OF REVIEW ZONE IN TRENTON

Mr. Amon said that land once owned by the Canal Company and now owned by the NJ Department of Environmental Protection is part of the D&R Canal State Park, and should be in the Canal Commission's Review Zone. He said that a public meeting to present this proposal was held on August 23<sup>rd</sup>. He asked the Commission for authorization to start the legal process (notification, publication in the New Jersey Register) to allow the Canal Commission to extend the Review Zone.

Mr. Gerber, representing Conrail, encouraged the Commission not to take any action on this issue. He said that Route One in Trenton doesn't need a Review Zone because there is no park there, only a railroad line with industry on both sides. He also said that according to an easement given to the railroad in 1937, the State had no rights in this section. He said any action taken toward extending the Review Zone in this area could hinder progress on discussions regarding putting a path in.

Ms. Goodspeed moved authorization of Mr. Amon to proceed with the notification process for extending the Review Zone; Mrs. Nash seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

#### OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Amon told the Commissioners that South Bound Brook hired a consultant to design a multiple-use group of buildings to be built on the GAF property. The buildings would include a hotel, offices, apartments and shops.

He also reported that work was progressing on the design of the Irish Memorial to be constructed at Bull's Island. He said that interpretive signs would be installed when the new park office building was built, and that a stone that was part of the New Brunswick lock would be inscribed.

Mr. Weyl reported that the Meadows Foundation has settled their appeal, but that as yet there was no stipulation of dismissal.

Mr. Amon reported that the bill to designate the Lower Delaware River a National Wild and Scenic River had passed in both houses and awaited the President's signature.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Amon offered to accompany any Commissioner who wished to visit the section of the Canal Park near the proposed site of the Millstone Bypass.

#### CANAL PARK SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

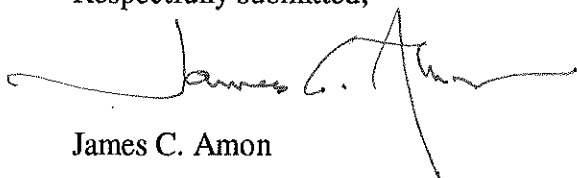
Ms. Herron said that a television station from Los Angeles recently filmed a documentary about Woodrow Wilson and used the towpath near Alexander Road as one of its locations. She reported that the DEP recently awarded the Water Supply Authority \$1,175,000 to conduct an extensive watershed study. She also reported that new interpretive signs would be installed in Lambertville, Griggstown and East Millstone.

#### WATER SUPPLY AUTHORITY REPORT

Mr. Shepherd reported that work was being completed on the towpath at Alexander Road, new planking was installed at the Perdicaris waste gates, and repair of the Prallsville spillway was beginning.

The meeting adjourned at 2:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James C. Amon". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the left and a vertical stroke extending downwards to the right.

James C. Amon