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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SEPT. 12, 2001

TIME: 12:10.M. – 2:00 P.M.  
DATE: Wednesday, September 12, 2001  
PLACE: D&R Canal Commission Office  
Stockton, New Jersey

ATTENDING:

COMMISSIONERS: Messrs. Herzog, Jessen,  
Marshall and Pauley; Ms. Armstrong and Mrs.  
Nash

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

GUESTS:

Barbara Ross, D&R Canal Watch  
Joe Shepherd, NJ Water Supply Authority  
Rebecca Williams, D&R Canal State Park  
Robert von Zumbusch  
Linda J. Barth, Muletenders' Barracks Museum

Mr. Jessen 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

Ms. Armstrong noted an error on page 6 of the minutes of August 15, 2001. She said that the last sentence in the first paragraph should be changed as follows: "Ms. Armstrong also requested that a condition be made requiring the lanes be 12 feet wide unless the applicant could provide adequate documentation demonstrating why they must be wider." With that correction, Mrs. Nash moved the minutes of August 15, 2001; Mr. Herzog seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

LEASES AND PERMITS

Mr. Amon presented a Special Use Permit application to the Division of Parks and Forestry by the Environmental Protection Agency to install a test well on Canal Park property south of Griggstown. The EPA began work before the permit was issued; therefore, the permit is conditioned upon restoration of the area that is to be impacted, and monitoring of the site by Canal Park staff.

## REVIEW ZONE ACTIONS

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

01-2776 – Dallas/Petrescu Porch and Deck

Mr. Amon said that the applicant had already constructed a deck and covered porch. He said that a five to six-foot high bank with dense trees shields the deck and porch from the Canal Park, but that it would be visible in winter. He recommended approval. Ms. Armstrong moved approval of the "A" Zone application, Mrs. Nash seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

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

00-2602 – Cranbury Housing Associates – Cranbury Township

01-1071A - Conair Warehouse Addition – East Windsor Township

99-2522 – Walgreens Pharmacy – Franklin Township

99-2589 – Kelliko Construction – Millstone Township

00-2678 – Fieldstone Glen – Montgomery Township

Mr. Amon said that the "B" Zone projects were reviewed and found to be in compliance with the Commission's Stormwater Management Regulations. He said that Fieldstone Glen had a stream corridor, and that the applicant was proposing to build a path within the corridor. He said that representatives from Montgomery Township had sited the path so that mature trees would not be removed as a result. The Commissioners expressed concern that the Commission would be responsible for maintenance of the path because it would be holding a conservation easement for the stream corridor. Mr. Herzog moved approval of the "B" Zone projects with the condition that the Fieldstone Glen conservation easement be revised to ensure that the Commission is not responsible for maintenance of the path, and that homeowners in this development are made aware of the easement as part of the chain of title. Mr. Pauley seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

## GRIGGSTOWN MULETENDERS BARRACKS

Mr. Amon said that the Muletenders Barracks' interior was heavily damaged during Hurricane Floyd, and that the Division of Parks and Forestry was proposing to renovate it by gutting the entire interior. He said that the two downstairs rooms would be open to each other from the inside, and the second floor would be offices. He said that the Office of Historic Preservation was satisfied with the renovation plans. Mr. Amon recommended approval of the interior renovation proposal, with the condition, however, that the recent changes to the exterior be remediated. He recommended that new landscaping, re-location of ductwork on the canal-side exterior wall, and new paint be included as part of approval for the interior renovation.

Mr. Marshall said that although he felt the suggestions for exterior remediation were good, that they should be recommendations, rather than conditions as part of the approval for the interior renovation. He said that a committee was currently working on a Master Plan for the Griggstown area, and that a collective consensus should be agreed upon regarding these types of decisions, so that past mistakes are not repeated.

Mrs. Nash moved that the interior renovation for the Muletenders' Barracks be approved, conditioned upon the Division of Parks and Forestry reporting in one year on the status of the potential exterior improvements. Ms. Armstrong seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

#### BLACKWELL'S MILLS MAINTENANCE BUILDING ADDITION

Mr. Amon stated that the Division of Parks and Forestry is proposing to construct an addition onto the maintenance building at the Canal Park's headquarters in Blackwell's Mills. The existing building is an historic barn; Mr. Amon said that the addition would have wood siding and composition roof, and that the siding and roof on the existing barn would be repaired. Mr. Amon said he thought the plans were very good, but was concerned with a proposed drain near a gas pump that drains to Six Mile Run. He said he recently spoke to Mr. Payne of the Division of Parks and Forestry who said that the matter would be addressed. He also expressed concern over the proposed pitch of the new roof (9 on 4½) and thought the roof should have the same pitch as the existing roof. He said the architect told him it would be much more expensive to have a higher-pitched roof because there would be more fire code requirements, including thicker wallboard and a sprinkler system.

Mrs. Nash moved approval of the Blackwell's Mills Maintenance Building Addition, with the proviso that the Executive Director work with the Historic Preservation Office, the architect, and Al Payne of the Division of Parks and Forestry regarding the roof pitch. Mr. Pauley seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

#### INTERPRETIVE SIGNS

Mr. Amon said that the Division of Parks and Forestry was proposing to install interpretive signs at strategic locations in the Canal Park. He said they would be 24" x 36", mounted on fiberglass sign holders, and recommended approval. Mr. Herzog moved approval of the interpretive signs, Mr. Pauley seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

#### CANAL PARK SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Ms. Williams reported that the Canal Park was very busy this past summer because of good weather. She said that bow hunting season has begun at Six Mile Run, and that the pre-bid construction meeting for the new office at Bull's Island took place, with construction beginning in October.

## WATER SUPPLY AUTHORITY REPORT

Mr. Shepherd reported that restoration of the towpath at Alexander Road was continuing, and that the instrumentation project was underway. He said that tree removal at Bull's Island is taking place in preparation for dredging, and that the Authority is looking to rebuild the Simonson Brook culvert.

## OLD BUSINESS

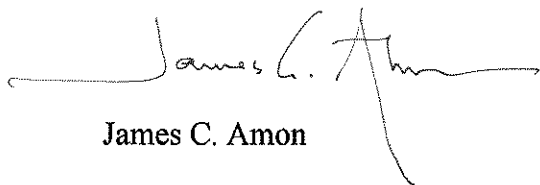
Mrs. Nash asked whether the Canal Commission still had a deed book of Canal Park property that she gave to it years ago. Mr. Amon replied that his policy was to give all primary sources to State Archives, but that several agencies had maps that contained all the property deeds of the Canal Park.

## PUBLIC FORUM

Mr. von Zumbusch asked whether the Canal Commission knew of the Army Corps of Engineers proposal to install dikes in Manville, and encouraged the Commission to follow this proposal.

The meeting adjourned at 2:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James C. Amon". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal line extending to the left and a vertical line extending downwards from the end.

James C. Amon