



DELAWARE AND RARITAN  
CANAL COMMISSION

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF JUNE 18, 2003**

TIME: 10:10 AM – 11:30 AM  
DATE: Wednesday, June 18, 2003  
PLACE: Canal Commission Office  
Stockton, New Jersey

ATTENDING:

COMMISSIONERS: Messrs. Herzog, Jessen, Sedor, and Weingart; Ms. Armstrong and Ms. Penney

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

PUBLIC:

Barbara Ross, D&R Canal Watch

Sue Maccia, Trenton Times

Rob Gibbs, PSE&G

Josie DiRenzo, PSE&G

Nicholas Arocha, PSE&G

Joe Winnicki, State Park Central Regional Office

Henry Patterson, NJ Water Supply Authority

Mr. Weingart 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. He invited the Commissioners and guests to introduce themselves.

**DISCUSSION OF GAS PIPE IN SOUTH BOUND BROOK**

Mr. Amon said that a gas pipeline owned by PSE&G crosses the canal in South Bound Brook and is the only freestanding pipeline that does so in the entire Canal Park. He said that the pipe was installed in the late 1950's. Neither PSE&G, the Water Supply Authority, nor the Division of Parks and Forestry can locate any legal agreement regarding the pipeline. Mr. Amon recommended that PSE&G bury the pipe under the canal. According to representatives of PSE&G, the cost for burying the pipeline would be \$250,000. They have offered instead \$50,000 as compensation for improvements elsewhere in the Canal Park. Mr. Sedor said that the Division of Parks and Forestry would consider this offer but would appreciate input from the Canal Commission.

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Mr. Herzog joined the meeting at 10:15 AM.

Mr. Amon recommended that the pipeline be buried. Mr. Arocha, a representative of PSE&G, said that not only would the relocation be costly, it would also be difficult because the pipeline runs across a parking lot owned by Allied Products, and their business would be interrupted during the construction. He said that the land on the other side of the Canal Park was owned by South Bound Brook and was a landfill. He said that excavation would be required which could be problematic.

Ms Penney said that the pipeline was unsightly and should be buried. Ms. Armstrong agreed, saying that more investigation should be done by PSE&G regarding problems with the Allied Products parking lot. Mr. Weingart said that the gain from the compensatory offer must be evaluated, noting that the pipeline burial would be permanent.

After further discussion, Mr. Weingart recommended the Commission take no action. Mr. Sedor felt that he had enough input from the Commission to work with other representatives of the DEP on this matter.

#### MINUTES OF MAY 21, 2003

Mr. Jessen moved approval of the minutes of May 21, 2003 and Ms. Penney seconded the motion. Messrs. Herzog, Jessen, Sedor, Weingart and Ms. Penney voted in favor of the motion; Ms. Armstrong abstained. The motion passed.

#### LEASES AND PERMITS

Mr. Amon presented a 5-year lease renewal application by one of the owners of the Lambertville Flea Market, to conduct business on 1&1/2 acres of land owned by the State. The Commissioners discussed the problem of litter from the flea market that blows over to the Canal Park. They recommended approving a one-year lease conditioned upon provision of a management plan to control litter, to be submitted within 90 days. They also suggested that a fence be built along Route 29. Mr. Jessen moved approval of the 1-year lease with the provision as stated; Ms. Penney seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

#### REVIEW ZONE ACTIONS

Mr. Amon presented the following "A" Zone applications for waiver from review and approval:

03-2954 – Zullo Residence – Franklin Township

Mr. Amon said that this proposed new 2-story building would not be visible from the Canal Park.

03-2957 – Woodrose Properites Building – Lambertville

Mr. Amon said that this application was for a conversion from an existing 2-story house to combined retail and residential use. The building is not visible from the Canal Park.

Mr. Jessen moved waiving the two “A” Zone applications from visual review and approval; Mr. Herzog seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Amon then presented the following “B” Zone applications for approval:

01-2743 – Morrison Estates II – Franklin Township, Somerset County

03-2945 – Hightstown High School Additions – Hightstown Borough

02-2895 – The Crossing at Monroe – Monroe Township

03-0178D – Milestone at Lawrenceville – Lawrence Township

03-2935 – Pennington School Campus Center – Pennington Borough

02-2873 – Medical Center at Princeton/Princeton House Addition – Princeton Township

02-2831 – Homewood Suites – Franklin Township, Somerset County

Mr. Amon recommended approval of the “B” Zone applications with the following conditions: 1) submission of county approval for “Milestone at Lawrenceville”, and 2) approval by Mr. Weyl for the conservation and maintenance easements for “The Crossing at Monroe.” With those conditions, Mr. Jessen moved approval of the “B” Zone applications, Ms. Armstrong seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

#### CANAL PARK SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Mr. Winnicki of the State Park Central Region’s office reported that the Canal Park presently had only four rangers, down from its normal staff of eight. He said that two new interpretive signs have been installed, and that the causeways at Griggstown and Blackwell’s Mills have been closed frequently due to flooding of the Millstone River. He said the maintenance shop in Blackwell’s Mills was almost complete.

#### WATER SUPPLY AUTHORITY REPORT

Mr. Weingart introduced Mr. Henry Patterson, the new Executive Director of the Water Supply Authority. Mr. Patterson reported that storm debris has blocked the lock at Prallsville Mill, and that the former pump station in Princeton has been demolished. He said that path repairs near Bull’s Island were ongoing, and that the automated instrumentation project was underway.

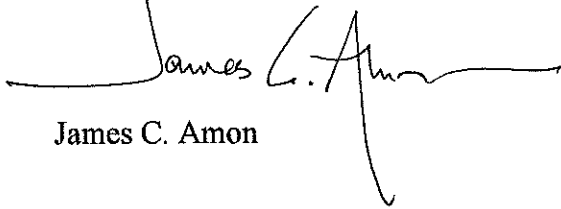
OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Amon reported that he met with Mr. Sloane of the Ancient Order of Hibernians and Vicki Chirco, the Canal Park Historian, about renovating and relocating the interpretive signs regarding Irish canal laborers. He said that Mr. Sloane was agreeable to the changes but concerned about the cost.

Ms. Armstrong moved adjournment of the meeting; Mr. Sedor seconded the motion, and it passed without dissent.

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

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

James C. Amon