



DELAWARE AND RARITAN
CANAL COMMISSION

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF March 17, 2004

TIME: 10:10 AM – 12:15 AM
DATE: Wednesday, March 17, 2004
PLACE: Canal Commission Office
Stockton, New Jersey

ATTENDING:

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

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

PUBLIC:

Joe Shepherd, NJ Water Supply Authority
Bill Bogosian, NJ Water Supply Authority
Barbara Ross, D&R Canal Watch
Peter Lanfrit, Esq., Canal Watch
Gary Dahms, T&M Associates
Tim Todato, DDR
Kevin Moore, Saul, Ewing
John Fallow, PSE&G
Susan Matulewicz, PSE&G
Noreen Merainer, PSE&G
Robert von Zumbusch
Mark Solomon, Pepper Hamilton
Peter Lanfrit, Lanfrit & Tullio
Mitchel Ardman, The Reynolds Group
Michael Somer, Canal Walk Associates
Mike Kruimer, East Coast Greenway
Anne Kruimer, Central Jersey Bike Club
Gary Dean, Gary Dean Associates
Liz Palius, Millstone Valley Preservation Coalition
Josie DiRienzo, PSE&G
Steve Ellis, State Park Service
James Matticola, Schoor DePalma

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, staff and guests to introduce themselves.

NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
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LEASES AND PERMITS

Mr. Amon presented a permit application by the Division of Parks and Forestry to build a handicapped-accessible dock next to the canal bridge at Fireman's Eddy in West Amwell Township. The floating dock would be 10' by 15'. Mr. Jessen moved approval of the dock, Ms. Armstrong seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN AND TREASURER

Ms. Armstrong moved that Mr. Jessen serve as Vice-Chairman. Mr. Sedor seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Ms. Armstrong then moved that Ms. Penney serve as Treasurer; Mr. Jessen seconded the motion and it too passed unanimously.

REVIEW ZONE ACTIONS

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

03-3018 – Djeu Residence Addition – Franklin Township

Mr. Amon said that this was a proposal to build a sunroom on the rear of an existing 2-story house on Easton Avenue, approximately 125 feet from the Canal Park. He said that the back of the property was wooded and that the project would not have a harmful visual impact on the park.

03-3024 – Lee Residence Garage – Hopewell Township

The proposed garage will not be seen from the Canal Park. Mr. Amon recommended that the application be waived from visual impact review and approved.

03-3023 – Ceglia Residence Addition – Hopewell Township

Mr. Amon said that the proposed addition could barely be seen in winter from the Canal Park because existing structures and trees screen it.

Ms. Armstrong moved approval of the three "A" Zone projects; Mr. Sedor seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

03-2986 – Reconstruction of Schoolhouse Road and Widening of Weston Canal Road Intersection

Mr. Lanfrit reviewed the proposal to realign Schoolhouse Road and add turning lanes to Weston Canal Road. He said that the traffic report substantiates the need for this project, noting that 1,200 houses are proposed to be built in this area. He said that the proposal has been modified to make the road lanes narrower, thereby reducing the impervious surface by 3,000 square feet. At Ms. Armstrong's request, he said that he would ask the County Engineer whether the turning radii can be tightened. Ms. Penney said that she was not comfortable with the intersection as proposed, noting water quality and flooding issues. Mr. Lanfrit said that engineers had met with

the Commission's Review Zone Officer, Madu Guru, who found the project to be in compliance with the Commission's Regulations. Ms. Palius said she would prefer that truck traffic use Elizabeth Avenue and, that it be discouraged from using Weston Canal Road.

Ms. Penney moved denial without prejudice of the application; Ms. Armstrong seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

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

03-2995 – Tamaron Woods @ South Brunswick – South Brunswick Township

Ms. Holms described a buffer-averaging proposal for this project as mitigation for waiver from the Commission's Stream Corridor Impact Regulation, and recommended that the wavier request be approved.

02-2829 – Carriage Park – Lawrence Township

03-2952 – Princeton University Science Library – Princeton Borough

03-2973 – Waterford – Montgomery Township

Mr. Amon said that the applicant for Waterford has proposed a path to be located in the stream corridor. He recommended approval conditioned upon 1) the path's location to be found acceptable to Commission staff, and 2) submission of county approval

03-2937 – Monroe Medical Office Building – Monroe Township

03-3001 – Rowland Park Improvements – South Brunswick Township

04-3028 – Sterling Acres at Monroe – Monroe Township

04-3029 – Bergen Mills Estates – Monroe Township

Mr. Amon said that the applicants for Sterling Acres and Bergen Mills have not yet submitted metes and bounds for the stream corridors for these projects, nor have they received county approval. He recommended that these projects be approved conditioned upon receipt of the afore-mentioned.

He said that all of the "B" Zone projects were found to be in compliance with the Commission's regulations for stormwater runoff by the staff engineers. Mr. Jessen moved approval of the "B" Zone applications with the conditions as presented; Ms. Armstrong seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION OF CANAL PARK'S 30TH ANNIVERSARY

The Commissioners discussed various ideas to celebrate the Canal Park's 30th anniversary, including holding a symposium and conducting a boat ride. Ms. Palius suggested that Linda Barth present her slide show on the D&R Canal to school groups.

CANAL PARK SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Ms. Herron reported that the clerical position at Bull's Island has been filled, and that the artifact collection has been returned to Rockingham. She said that pipes had burst in the new maintenance building at Blackwell's Mills.

WATER SUPPLY AUTHORITY REPORT

Mr. Shepherd reported that the Prallsville Mills culvert repair work and the Five-Mile Lock rehabilitation project were almost complete. He said that the Port Mercer dike has been repaired.

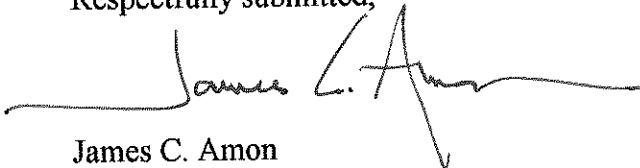
OLD/NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Amon reported that the Department of Transportation is seriously considering his request that they fund a pedestrian bridge over the canal and parking lot at Moore's Station in West Amwell Township.

He said that the public comment period for the Commission's proposed rule amendments ends on January 31st. He suggested that the Commission keep in touch with DEP's Land Use Program regarding their new stormwater regulations. If they work well re recommended that the commission re-examine its regulations so that they conform with those of the DEP.

He also reported that Thomas Edison College in Trenton is proposing to build a new building next to the Hanover Street Canal House, and that there is a possibility that they would renovate and use the Canal House.

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 large, stylized initial "A" on the right.

James C. Amon