



DELAWARE AND RARITAN  
CANAL COMMISSION

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF April 21, 2004**

TIME: 10:05 AM – 12:00 PM  
DATE: Wednesday, April 21, 2004  
PLACE: Canal Commission Office  
Stockton, New Jersey

**ATTENDING:**

COMMISSIONERS: Messrs. Jessen, Loos, 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  
Barbara Ross, D&R Canal Watch  
Edward W. Hoy, Canal Society of NJ  
Susan Herron, D&R Canal State Park  
Russ Smith, Hopewell Valley Engineering  
William Harris, Nexus Properties  
Andrea Sussman, Nexus Properties  
Mike Sheering, Thomas Edison College  
Sarah Sweeney, project architect  
Charles Reuther, Nexus Properties  
Sal Federico, Byron-Hill

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.

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF MARCH 17, 2004**

Ms. Armstrong said that the motion that she made for the Schoolhouse Road Widening project (page 4, paragraph 2 of the minutes) should reference the name and date of the plans that were being acted upon. This motion referred to plans entitled "Striping Plan, Weston Canal/School House Road" (sheet 27 of 35), prepared by The Reynolds Group, undated but marked "received by DRCC 2/17/04". With that amendment, Mr. Jessen moved approval of the minutes of March 17, 2004, Ms. Penney seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

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## LEASES AND PERMITS

### Discussion of Hanover Street Canal House Restoration

Mr. Amon said that a development company, Nexus Properties, owns land next to the Hanover Street Canal House in Trenton, and is proposing to build a three- and four-story building that would be leased to Thomas Edison State College for use as administrative offices. He said that he has been working with Nexus and the College on the possibility of restoring the canal house. He said the house had been restored in the late 1980's but was seriously damaged by fire in the early 1990's and is now boarded up. Ms. Sussman, the owner of the property, said the college is not interested in using the canal house because it is too small. The project's architect, Sarah Sweeney, presented drawings that showed the relationship of the new building with the canal house. She said that there would be a courtyard surrounding the canal house, and that the new building would help frame it. Mr. Sheering said the new building would provide for better security for the canal house.

Mr. Jessen felt that the canal house should be used by the college. Mr. Loos asked whether Canal Park maintenance staff could use the house, or whether it could be used as a community policing center.

The issue of who would fund the restoration of the canal house was discussed. Ms. Sussman suggested setting up a non-profit foundation to raise money for the restoration. Mr. Amon said that linking the canal house restoration to the approval of the new building had been discussed in pre-application meetings. Mr. Loos suggested that the applicant obtain a breakdown of costs for stabilization, exterior restoration, and interior restoration of the house.

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

00-2706 – Heritage Village Adult Community – South Brunswick Township

Mr. Amon said this application had received a waiver from strict compliance of the Stream Corridor Impact Regulation by the Commission and that it was in conformance with the Commission's regulations for stormwater management and water quality standards. Ms. Holms presented the stream corridor averaging proposal that the Commission had previously approved. Mr. Jessen moved approval of Heritage Village, Mr. Loos seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Amon presented a permit application to the Division of Parks and Forestry by Princeton University to allow trucks on the towpath for the purpose of repairing the Carnegie Lake dam. The trucks would be accessing the towpath from Route 27. The permit stipulates that the trucks cannot be heavier than those used by the Water Supply Authority in that section of the Canal Park. It also stipulates that upon completion of the dam repair, the path must be restored to the satisfaction of the Canal Park Superintendent.

Armstrong voted in favor of the motion; Mr. Jessen opposed the motion. The motion passed.

#### CANAL PARK SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Ms. Herron suggested that the Commission not approve lease renewals until the Superintendent confirms that the applicants are not behind in their rent. She said that the campgrounds at Bull's Island are now open for the season. She commented that more parking is needed in Franklin Township. She also reported that a luncheon for Canal Park volunteers was held on April 17<sup>th</sup>.

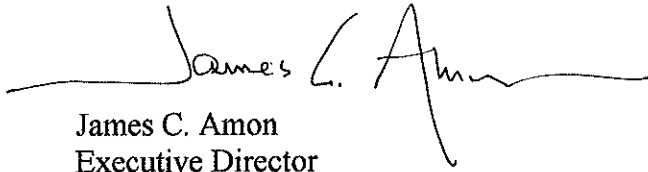
#### WATER SUPPLY AUTHORITY REPORT

Mr. Shepherd reported that the Authority was repairing the lower road on Bull's Island that had caved in, and that the work at Prallsville Mills was completed except for a punchlist of minor items. He said the Island fish weir had been cleared of sediment.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Amon reminded the Commissioners that the May meeting date had been changed, to Tuesday, May 18, at 10:00 AM.

Respectfully submitted,



James C. Amon  
Executive Director