



DELAWARE AND RARITAN
CANAL COMMISSION

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 18 NOVEMBER 2004

TIME: 10:00AM -10:50AM
DATE: Thursday, November 18, 2004
PLACE: Canal Commission Office, Stockton, New Jersey

ATTENDING:

COMMISSIONERS: Messrs. Albert, Fernandez, Jessen, Knights,
Weingart; Ms. Armstrong

STAFF: Mr. Amon Mr. Lewin Weyl, Deputy Attorney General

GUESTS:

Ron Bond, D&R Canal Watch
Barbara Ross, D&R Canal Watch
Robert von Zumbusch
John Hatch, Clarke, Caton & Hintz

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.

Mr. Weingart asked the members of the Commission, the staff and guests to introduce themselves.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF OCTOBER 20 2004

Mr. Jessen moved approval of the minutes of the meeting of October 20, 2004;
Mr. Albert seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

REVIEW ZONE PROJECTS

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

04-3020 - Hall's Warehouses - Franklin Township, Somerset County

Mr. Amon said that this is a proposal for two warehouse buildings, each 457,950 SF with associated parking and entrance drive on 77.5 acres. The project site is directly across Weston Canal Road from the Canal Park, but the buildings are to be up a hill and set back about 1000 feet from the park. The area alongside Weston Canal Road is wooded. The road will be widened to accommodate safe truck access and egress from the site.

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04-2090E - Cingular Wireless Addition to Union Firehouse Tower - Hopewell Township

Mr. Amon said that this project is for the addition of antenna to an existing wireless communication tower.

04-3114 - Schuck Apartment Building Renovation – Stockton Borough

This is a proposed addition of a second story to the rear of an existing building. The addition will be harmonious in style to the existing building.

Mr. Amon said that the staff recommendation for all three of these “A” Zone projects is for approval.

Mr. Jessen moved approval of these three projects as presented; Mr. Fernandez seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously. (Ms Armstrong abstained since she arrived in the middle of the presentation of these projects.)

04-2629A - Mapleton Road Barn Renovation—Plainsboro Township

Mr. Amon presented the final “A” Zone project, which is the renovation of a barn for office use. He said that the additional impervious surface would be nominal—approximately 70 SF—and that the project would not be visible from the park. He recommended waiver from visual impact review and approval.

Mr. Jessen moved for the approval as presented; Mr. Albert seconded the motion and it passed unanimously, with Mr. Knights abstaining.

Mr. Amon then presented the following “B” Zone projects:

01-2779 - Perinne Road Associates Additions - South Brunswick Township

03-3019 - Rockefeller Group FTZ/8A - Cranbury Township

01-2751- Christian Community Chapel - Hillsborough Township

03-2913 - GLM Office/Warehouse - Franklin Township

03-2928 - Cornerstone Subdivision -Hillsborough Township

02-2885 - Gates Warehouse Complex -Franklin Township

04-3069 - Home Depot Shopping Plaza – South Brunswick Township

Mr. Amon said that all of these projects had been reviewed by the Commission’s Review Zone Officers and found to be in compliance with the Commission’s storm water management regulations. The staff recommendation for all of them is for approval.

Ms. Armstrong moved their approval; Mr. Jessen seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Amon then presented one project for waiver from strict compliance with the stream corridor regulation:

03-2962 - Renaissance at West Windsor - West Windsor Township

Mr. Amon said that this proposal for 156 dwellings on a 155 acre site has a portion of Big Bear Brook and a tributary flowing through it. He pointed out that in two small places the applicant proposes to intrude into the stream corridor and as compensation the applicant proposes to expand the corridor elsewhere. Mr. Amon said that the character of the intruded-upon land is the same as the character of the compensatory land and they are about equal in size. He recommended waiver from strict compliance based upon the plan entitled "Overall D&RCC Plan"(sheet 1 of 1), prepared by Flannery, Webb & Hansen, PA, and dated 10/7/04.

Mr. Jessen moved to waive the project as recommended; Ms. Armstrong seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Jessen moved the following resolution:

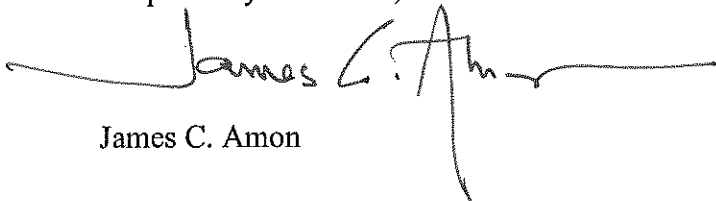
Whereas the Open Public Meeting Act provides that a public body such as the Canal Commission may meet in closed session to discuss personnel matters; and

Whereas the Commission desires to retire to closed session to discuss such personnel matters; now

Therefore be it resolved that the Commission shall at this time meet in closed session to discuss personnel matters, the substance of which will be disclosed publicly only if it does not constitute an unwarranted invasion of individual privacy.

Ms Armstrong seconded the motion and the Commission adjourned the public meeting and entered into closed session at 10:50AM

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James C. Amon", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

James C. Amon