



DELAWARE AND RARITAN  
CANAL COMMISSION

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF AUGUST 10, 2005**

TIME: 10:00 AM – 11:20 AM  
DATE: Wednesday, August 10, 2005  
PLACE: Van Wickle House  
Somerset, NJ

**ATTENDING:**

COMMISSIONERS: Chairman DelVecchio, Messrs. Albert, Jessen, Loos and Sedor; Mayor Marchand; Ms. Mitchell

STAFF: Mr. Hahn, Ms. Guru, Ms. Dougherty and Ms. Holms  
Mr. Lewin Weyl, Deputy Attorney General

**GUESTS:**

Susan Herron, D&R Canal State Park  
Vicki Chirco, D&R Canal State Park  
Robert Barth, Canal Society of New Jersey  
Mike Kruimer, East Coast Greenway  
Anne Kruimer, Central Jersey Bicycle Club  
Linda Barth, Canal Society of New Jersey, D&R Canal Watch  
Stephanie Fox, D&R Canal State Park  
Barbara Ross, D&R Canal Watch  
Robert von Zumbusch  
John L. Mullen III, Meadows Foundation  
Bill Pauley  
Jim Purcell, Medina Consultants  
Mike Lynskey, Somerset R\_\_\_\_  
Susan Goldey, Franklin Twp. Historic Preservation Commission  
Shenette Gray, City of Trenton  
Tom Perrino, Spiezle Arch. Group  
Seth Wright, Spiezle Arch. Group  
Jan ten Broke, Millstone Valley Preservation Coalition  
Stephanie Fox, D&R Canal State Park  
Tom Gale, Franklin Twp. Historical Preservation Commission  
Mike Kruimer, East Coast Greenway  
Anne Kruimer, Central Jersey Bicycle Club  
Barbara ten Broeke, Meadows, Millstone Valley Pres. Coalition  
Robert von Zumbusch

Chairman DelVecchio 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.

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## MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF JULY 20, 2005

Mayor Marchand requested that the minutes of July 20, 2005 reflect the decision to have the August meeting at the Van Wickle house. Mr. Barth noted that the draft minutes incorrectly quoted him as suggesting "consideration of lease agreements with cellphone companies in exchange for locating towers in the Canal Park." He said that he had advocated leasing parkland [to cellular companies] for the purpose of burying wires and installing hidden antennas. With those two corrections, Mr. Loos moved approval of the minutes, Mr. Albert seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. Ms. Mitchell recused herself from the discussion and vote.

### REVIEW ZONE ACTIONS

Mr. Hahn presented the following "A" Review Zone applications for review and approval:

05-3214 Trenton Police Dept. West District Building

Mr. Hahn said this would be a police sub-station and academy for recruits. He said the applicants had met with Commission staff, and after having reviewed and requiring some design changes, Mr. Hahn recommended approval of the project, stating that it would be beneficial to the Canal Park.

05-3180 – 15 Ferry Street Rehab – Lambertville  
05-3197 – 312-314 Union Street Duplex – Lambertville  
05-3210 – MacLean Fence – Hopewell Township  
05-3167 – Champps Restaurant – Lawrence Township  
05-3212 – Prallsville Kiosk – Stockton  
05-2519A – Semple Residence Pool – Hopewell Township  
05-1946B – Dailey Residence Addition – Stockton  
05-3134A – Edwards Chimney

Mr. Hahn said that the MacLean Fence, the Union Street Duplex, Champps Restaurant, and the Dailey Residence Addition will not be seen from the Canal Park and recommended waiver of the applications from visual impact review. He said the Edwards Chimney was within the prescribed setback guideline, but was an addition to an existing structure and would not create a harmful visual impact. He recommended waiving the setback guideline for the chimney. Mr. Hahn said the Semple Pool application included a planting plan that would effectively screen the pool from the Canal Park. He said that the Ferry Street Rehab and the Prallsville Kiosk were compatible with the Historic District. He recommended approval of the "A" Review Zone applications.

Mr. Jessen moved waiver of the MacLean Fence, the Union Street Duplex, Champps Restaurant, the Dailey Residence Addition and the Edwards Chimney from strict compliance of visual impact review, and approval of the "A" Zone applications with the exception of the Prallsville Kiosk. Mayor Marchand seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Mr. Jessen then moved approval of the Prallsville Kiosk and Mayor Marchand seconded the motion. Ms. Mitchell recused herself. The Commissioners voted approval without dissent, and the motion passed.

Mayor Marchand moved approval of a resolution in support of the Executive Director to seek Green Acres funding to acquire the vacant lot between the Semple property and the Canal Park in Titusville. Mr. Loos seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Ms. Guru presented the following "B" Zone applications for review and approval:

04-3115 – Medicor Medical Center – Hillsborough  
04-3050 – Franklin Care Center – Franklin Township  
00-1239A – American Re-Insurance Company – Plainsboro  
04-3112 – FT-213 Warehouse – Franklin Township

Ms. Guru said that the projects were in conformance with the Commission's Regulations for stormwater runoff and water quality, and recommended approval. Mr. Jessen moved approval of the "B" Zone applications, Mr. Sedor seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

#### EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Hahn gave July's tally of the staff's project reviews.

#### CANAL PARK SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Ms. Herron reported on a drowning victim in the Delaware River near Scudder's Falls, a murder victim on the path in Trenton, and three stolen cars found in the canal in Lawrence Township and Lambertville. She said that several interpretative programs had recently taken place and were well attended.

#### PUBLIC FORUM

Mayor DeVecchio announced that a meeting of the Flood Mitigation Task Force would take place on August 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM at the Lambertville Rescue Squad.

Ms. Barth inquired about a site on Route 29 in Ewing Township that had had recent extensive clearing of very large trees. Mr. Hahn replied that he was pursuing the matter, and that he was thus far successful in preventing further grading on the site.

Ms. Herron encouraged Mr. Hahn to consider acquiring property in Lambertville adjacent to the Canal Park, formerly owned by Leslie Holzmann, who recently passed away. Mr. Hahn said he would research the matter.

Mr. von Zumbusch brought up the concept proposal that was discussed at the July meeting, concerning the location of a utility pole and line crossing near the Van Wickle house. He said the Commission should encourage PSE&G to submit the cost of installing the lines underground. Mayor Marchand said that the cost of installation should not override other issues regarding potential adverse impact on the Canal Park. Mr. Sedor asked about the status of burying the gas pipeline in South Bound Brook. Mr. Barth suggested that the potential transmission crossing be conditioned on construction starting once the gas pipeline has been buried.

Mr. ten Broeke read a draft resolution regarding the transmission crossing, including both monopoles, prepared by the Meadows Foundation (attached). Mr. Gale said the pole would be visually inappropriate to the area.

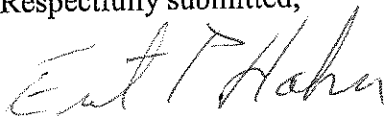
Mr. Mullen said that the Meadows Foundation is currently seeking board members and three caretakers to look after their historic buildings.

#### SITE INSPECTION OF PROPOSED PSE&G TRANSMISSION LINES AND POLE

The Commissioners inspected the location of the monopole in the Canal Park that was proposed at the July meeting by representatives of PSE&G.

The meeting adjourned at 11:20 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Ernest P. Hahn".

Ernest P. Hahn



## **Resolution opposing the erection of the proposed PSE&G monopole**

The Board of Directors of the Meadows Foundation strongly opposes the erection of the 85 feet tall utility monopole proposed by PSE&G, to bring additional power to the Rutgers Campus, and to be located at the end of DeMott Lane, adjacent to the entrance of the historic Symon Van Wickle site, and at the scenic access to the historic D&R Canal Park

The proposed massive monopole would have severe negative impacts on the historic integrity of the area, and the natural beauty of the environment.

The proposed second similar monopole on the opposite bank of the Raritan River also would be an eyesore, clearly visible from the towpath and especially from the spillway.

The Board proposes the following alternatives:

1. Providing the additional power to the Rutgers Campus from the east so as not to require a canal/river crossing
2. Moving the Crossing to a less sensitive location.
3. Placing the transmission lines underground (and under the canal and river. )