

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF NOVEMBER 9, 2005

TIME:

10:10 – 11:05 AM

DATE:

Wednesday, October 19, 2005

PLACE:

Canal Commission office

Stockton, New Jersey

ATTENDING:

COMMISSIONERS: Chairman DelVecchio, Messrs. Albert, Jessen,

Knights; Mayor Marchand, Ms. Mitchell and Ms. Fleming

STAFF: Mr. Hahn, Ms. Guru and Ms. Holms

Mr. Lewin Weyl, Deputy Attorney General

GUESTS:

Vicki Chirco, D&R Canal State Park

Stephanie Fox, D&R Canal State Park

Linda Barth, D&R Canal Watch

Robert Barth, Canal Society of New Jersey

Bill Bogosian, NJ Water Supply Authority

Joe Shepherd, NJ Water Supply Authority

Barbara Ross, D&R Canal Watch

James Mitchell, Hambro & Mitchell

Mike Kruimer, East Coast Greenway Alliance

Anne Kruimer, East Coast Greenway Alliance

Philip Robbins, Somerset Roller Mills

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.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF OCTOBER 19, 2005

Mayor Marchand moved approval of the minutes of the meeting of October 19, 2005; Ms. Mitchell seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

REVIEW ZONE APPLICATIONS

Mayor Marchand moved approval of the following "A" Zone applications:

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05-3245 - Somerset Roller Mills Storage Building, Hopewell Twp.
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05-3135A - Curley Fence, Hopewell Township

05-3252 - Shultis/Prevete Fence - Hopewell Township

05-3247 - Siglag Addition - Lambertville

05-3239 - Sexton Garage Apartment - Lambertville

05-3238 - Nottingham Way Monopole - Trenton

05-3242 - Marty Residence - Stockton

05-3204 - Calhoun Street Building Demolition and Parking - Trenton

05-3253 - East Coast Greenway Signage - D&R Canal State Park

Mr. Jessen seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

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

Ms. Guru presented the following "B" Zone applications:

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05-2215I - Timberlane School Basin Modifications - Hopewell Twp.
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05-3194 – Atrium Parking – Franklin Township

05-3019A - Cranbury Middle Campus Modifications - Cranbury Twp.

05-1798A - Valley National Bank - Hillsborough Twp.

She said the projects were in compliance with the Commission's regulations for stormwater management and water quality. Mr. Jessen moved approval of the "B" Zone applications, Mr. Knights seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Barth asked about the "A" Zone projects; Mr. Hahn described each briefly. A discussion ensued about how best to make descriptions of Review Zone projects available to the public.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Hahn reported that since October's meeting, staff has conducted reviews and issued 8 deficiencies, 17 exemptions, and 13 reports declaring completeness. He said he met with Superintendent Herron and other Parks representatives about the status of the Weston Canal House rehabilitation. He said the consensus was to require the applicant for Canal Walk to stabilize the structure and rehabilitate the East Millstone canal house for occupancy. He said a meeting is scheduled to discuss rehabilitation of the Griggstown Muletenders Barracks. Ms. Barth suggested designing exhibits for use in the Barracks that can be elevated by a winch, should the building be flooded again in the future.

CANAL PARK REPORT

Ms. Fox, Canal Park Naturalist, described a successful Halloween Party that was held at Bull's Island, with 130 children in attendance. Ms. Barth complimented Ms. Fox, Ms. Chirco, and Colleen Ruszicka on the great job they did.

Ms. Fox said the Canal Park staff would be moving soon to new headquarters on Mapleton Road. Mr. Knights announced that Princeton University had received an Environmental Excellence Award from the Department of Environmental Protection for the preservation of the Princeton Nurseries property and historic buildings.

WATER SUPPLY AUTHORITY REPORT

Mr. Shepherd reported that the Authority is continuing to dredge between the inlet and Raven Rock and stabilize the embankment in Stockton.

Mayor Marchand moved approval of retirement to closed session to discuss matters concerning potential litigation. Mr. Knights seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The Commissioners entered Executive Session at 10:35 AM. At 11:05 AM, the public meeting resumed. Mayor Marchand moved adjournment; Mr. Albert seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 11:05 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Ernest P. Hahn