

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF JANUARY 17, 2007

TIME:

10:20 AM - 10:35 AM

DATE:

Wednesday, January 17, 2007

PLACE:

Canal Commission Office

Stockton, New Jersey

ATTENDING:

COMMISSIONERS: Vice-Chairman Martin Jessen (via speakerphone),

Messrs. John Loos, Richard Albert, David Knights;

Ms. Alison Mitchell

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

Ms. Helene Chudzik, Deputy Attorney General

GUESTS:

Joe Shepherd, NJ Water Supply Authority

Bill Bogosian, NJ Water Supply Authority

Barbara Ross, D&R Canal Watch

Vicki Chirco, D&R Canal State Park

Susan Herron, D&R Canal State Park

Michael Haggerty

David Singer

Mr. Loos 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 DECEMBER 20, 2006

Mr. Knights moved approval of the minutes of the meeting of December 20, 2006; Mr. Albert seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

REVIEW ZONE APPLICATIONS

Ms. Mitchell moved approval of the following "A" Zone applications:

06-3440 Phillips Storage Addition, Stockton Borough

06-3434 Ferry Street (Section 1), City of Lambertville

06-3435 Ferry Street (Section 2), City of Lambertville

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05-3230 Advanced Properties Residence, Franklin Township

06-3436 A&D Automotive, Borough of South Bound Brook

06-2305A Route 1 Southbound, Lawrence Township

06-3450 Kita Fence, Hopewell Township

06-3332 Wine Press Restaurant, South Brunswick Township

Mr. Albert seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Knights moved approval of the following "B" Zone applications:

06-3339 Franklin Center, Franklin Township

05-3222 Belvedere Homes @ Montgomery, Montgomery Township

03-2932 Rosemont Farms, Millstone Township

Mr. Albert seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Hahn detailed the staff's work activity for the previous month. He said the Division of Parks and Forestry recently chopped down oak trees, and that boards could be cut to be used as a temporary walkway over the Landing Lane spillway. He reported that a spill, emanating from a breached sediment pond owned by MEI, Inc. in Delaware Township, had entered the Wickecheokee Creek last month. He said that samplings of the water revealed that the water quality had not been significantly compromised.

CANAL STATE PARK REPORT

Superintendent Herron said that a hike on New Year's Day was well attended. She reported that a car was driven into the canal in South Bound Brook, but the driver was not injured.

WATER SUPPLY AUTHORITY REPORT

Mr. Shepherd reported that the Authority will be dredging a gravel bar in the Wickecheoke Creek, and that they would be repairing washouts in the towpath between Blackwell's Mills and East Millstone.

PUBLIC FORUM

Mr. Loos passed along suggestions made from a Franklin Township resident, Theodore Chase. Dr. Chase suggested putting up signs with a phone number for Canal Park users to call should they see motorized bikes on the towpath. Superintendent Herron replied that by the time the Canal Park's ranger got the call and responded the biker would be gone. She said calling 911 was more effective.

Dr. Chase had also asked whether flotsam at the Kingston Waste Gate was ever cleaned up; Mr. Shepherd replied that it was.

PUBLIC FORUM

Mr. von Zumbusch asked about the timing for site restoration at the Kingston waste gate. Mr. Bogosian replied that it would be done in the spring of this year. Mr. von Zumbusch then reiterated a request to install a vehicle barrier at the end of Basin Street in Kingston, at the entrance to the park. He also mentioned that someone had (illegally) set up a small picnic area with a fire pit on park property in the vicinity. Superintendent Herron said she would have it removed.

Mr. von Zumbusch asked about the status of repairing a breach in the wall of the Kingston mill pond. Mr. Hahn said it was determined that the Water Supply Authority was not responsible for its repair, and that Al Payne of the Division of Parks and Forestry was looking into it.

Respectfully submitted,

Einest Thomas

Ernest P. Hahn