



DELAWARE AND RARITAN
CANAL COMMISSION

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 24, 2007

TIME: 10:05 AM – 10:30 AM
DATE: Monday, September 24, 2007
PLACE: Canal Commission Office
Stockton, New Jersey

ATTENDING:

COMMISSIONERS: Chairman David DeVecchio, Al Payne, Richard Albert; John Loos, David Knights, Ms. Alison Mitchell

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

GUESTS:

Bill Bogosian, NJ Water Supply Authority
Patricia Kalleser, D&R Canal State Park
Jack Morris, CME Associates
Barbara Ross, D&R Canal Watch

Chairman DeVecchio announced that this was a rescheduled 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 AUGUST 15, 2007

Mr. Albert moved approval of the minutes of August 15, 2007. Mr. Loos seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

REVIEW ZONE APPLICATIONS

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

- 07-3269A - Shah Deck Extension, Franklin Township
- 07-2966B - Schulman Fence, Hopewell Township
- 07-3534 - Lambertville Traffic Calming, Phase II, City of Lambertville
- 07-3545A - The People's Store Door Removal, City of Lambertville
- 07-3565 - Weidel Signs, City of Lambertville
- 07-3567 - Rost/Griffin Residence Modifications, City of Lambertville
- 07-3566 - Stieve Dormer Addition, City of Lambertville
- 07-3559 - Tripp Modular Addition, City of Lambertville

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Ms. Mitchell seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Messrs. Payne, Albert, Loos, Knights and Ms. Mitchell voted in favor of the motion; Chairman DelVecchio abstained. The motion passed.

Mr. Hahn then presented the following "A" Zone application for review:

07-3461 – North Brunswick Water Treatment Plant Upgrades, Franklin Township

Mr. Hahn said the Water Treatment Plant is proposing to build a new filter building to comply with updates mandated by the Department of Environmental Protection. He recommended approval of the project conditioned upon the following: 1) design and installation of a new interpretive sign at Blackwell's Mills, to be approved by Superintendent Kalleser and Executive Director Hahn. The sign must be installed within two months upon completion of the filter building's construction; 2) notice of county approval; and 3) removal of the onsite trailer within two months upon completion of the filter building's construction.

Mr. Albert asked what happens to the solids/sludge once filtered; Mr. Morris said it is removed from the site.

Mr. Knights moved approval of the Water Treatment Plant Upgrades with the conditions as presented; Mr. Albert seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

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

07-2812A Ewing Commerce Park, Ewing Township
07-3530 Hidden Pond, Monroe Township

Mr. Albert seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Ms. Mitchell then moved approval of the Suydam Associates Subdivision application in Franklin Township (07-3539). Mr. Knights seconded the motion. Messrs. DelVecchio, Knights, Payne, Albert and Ms. Mitchell voted in favor of the motion; Mr. Loos abstained. The motion passed.

The final three "B" Zone applications were presented for review:

07-3453 Princeton University Chemistry Building, Princeton Township
07-2441H Washington Road Pedestrian Bridge, Princeton Township
07-3434 Ruth's Chris Steak House, Plainsboro Township

Mr. Payne moved approval of the three "B" Zone applications; Mr. Loos seconded the motion. Messrs. DelVecchio, Payne, Loos, Albert and Ms. Mitchell voted in favor of the motion; Mr. Knights abstained. The motion carried.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Hahn reported that during the past month, staff had reviewed 31 applications and found them deficient, 27 projects found to be exempt, and 14 projects deemed complete for Commission review. Staff conducted 6 site inspections.

CANAL PARK SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Kallessar reported that she met with Park Police and Trenton Police regarding increased use of ATV's in the Glen Afton section of the Canal Park. She said they are exploring different designs for the gates (longer and lower) that could help discourage this illegal use. She also showed the Commissioners a recent article from the Trenton Times regarding canal houses, and asked about the status of two. Mr. Payne replied that the Hanover Street Canal House's renovations were underway, and that the Division was getting permits for the Calhoun Street Canal House. He also mentioned that the path work in Bordentown had recently been re-bid.

WATER SUPPLY AUTHORITY REPORT

Mr. Bogosian reported that work at Station 26, north of Prallsville, and repair of the Parkside Aqueduct were on schedule. He said the Authority was also conducting routine maintenance and dredging of the canal.

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 AM.

Respectfully submitted,



Ernest P. Hahn
Secretary