



DELAWARE AND RARITAN
CANAL COMMISSION

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF FEBRUARY 20, 2008

TIME: 10:00 AM – 11:15 AM
DATE: Wednesday, February 20, 2008
PLACE: Canal Commission Office
Stockton, New Jersey

ATTENDING:

COMMISSIONERS: Chairman David DeVecchio, Messrs. Martin Jessen, John Loos, David Knights, Richard Albert, Al Payne, Mayor Phyllis Marchand and Ms. Alison Mitchell

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

GUESTS:

Bill Bogosian, NJ Water Supply Authority
Howie Glick, Jerry and Stan's Bicycle Shop
Anne Kruimer, East Coast Greenway
Edwin Caballero, CMX
Joe Shepherd, NJ Water Supply Authority
Barbara Ross, D&R Canal Watch

Chairman DeVecchio 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 JANUARY 16, 2008

Mr. Albert moved approval of the minutes of January 16, 2008. Mr. Jessen seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Messrs. Knights and Loos joined the meeting at 10:05 AM.

REVIEW ZONE ACTIONS

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

08-3615 – Urion Fence, Hopewell Township
08-3617 – Pettit Decks and Stairs, City of Lambertville

Mr. Jessen seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

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

08-3610A – Vansalous Garage Demolition, Stockton Borough

Mr. Jessen seconded the motion. The motion passed without dissent, with Ms. Mitchell recused.

The following "A" Zone project application was presented for review and approval:

08-3614 - D&R Canal State Park Mileage Markers

Mr. Albert expressed concern about the location of the start of the mileage system (near the Trenton Battle Monument), and also about the materials and height proposed for the markers themselves. The Commissioners discussed various aspects of the project, and felt that action should be tabled until the March meeting. They asked the staff to provide them with more information concerning the choices made for the location of the start point as well as the materials and height for the posts. Mr. Loos moved denial without prejudice the mileage marker system; Mr. Knights seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

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

08-3612 – Coppotelli Pool, Cranbury Township

07-3457A – Ewing Commercial Park Phase II, Ewing Township

07-3584 – Merrill Lynch Southfields Parking Lot, Hopewell Township

07-2436U – Bristol Myers Squibb Water System Improvements, Hopewell Township

07-0837F – Bloomberg Business Park Expansion, Montgomery Township

Ms. Mitchell seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Mr. Knights then moved approval of the following "B" Zone application:

06-3190 – Prologis Park Cranbury South, Cranbury Township

After discussion about the mitigation proposed for encroachment into the stream corridor, Mr. Jessen seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

The following "B" Zone application was presented for review and approval:

07-3595 – Bristol Myers Squibb Storage Shed, Plainsboro Township

Mr. Loos asked why the staff recommended a temporary waiver be granted for this project. Ms. Guru explained that although the project does not meet the 2-year storm standard, it will meet it once future buildings are proposed. Mr. Hahn said the waiver would expire in one year. Mr. Loos moved approval of the BMS Storage Shed; Ms. Mitchell seconded the motion, and it passed without dissent, with Mr. Knights abstaining.

Mr. Albert then moved approval of the final "B" Zone application:

08-3606 – Hogan Security Ministorage, Hopewell Township

Ms. Mitchell seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Hahn reported on the staff's monthly work tally. He said Mr. Weyl has reviewed the draft regulations, and that they have been submitted to DEP's Office of Legal Affairs for further review. He said the Commission applied to the Delaware Joint Toll Bridge Commission to fund the construction of a pedestrian swing bridge across the canal at Moore's Station in Hopewell Township.

CANAL PARK SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Hahn said that Superintendent Kalleser was not able to attend the meeting, but reported that the Water Supply Authority and the Division of Parks and Forestry issued permits to allow pontoon boats to be used on the canal during the State's History Fair, to be held on May 3rd. According to Mr. Hahn, Ms. Kalleser also reports that Griggstown residents met recently with Assistant Commissioner Amy Cradic and Parks Director Jean Mroczko to discuss various historic buildings along the canal in Griggstown.

WATER SUPPLY AUTHORITY

Mr. Shepherd said that the Authority was continuing to dredge the inlet at Bull's Island and remove fallen trees.

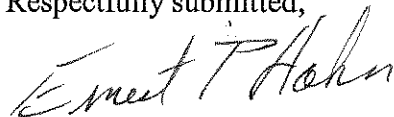
NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Hahn said that Green Acres may acquire a site that contained a former gas station in Franklin Township near the Five-Mile Lock, and suggested that it may be a good location for a pedestrian bridge in that area. Mr. Loos said he would look at the site, but had hoped the bridge could be located in an area that was further from the bridge near DeMott Lane, and where there was a greater population density.

Mr. Knights moved approval of the nomination of Martin Jessen as Vice Chair; Mayor Marchand seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously. Mr. Loos moved approval of the nomination of Mayor Marchand as Treasurer; Mr. Knights seconded the motion and it also passed without dissent.

The meeting adjourned at 11:15 AM.

Respectfully submitted,



Ernest P. Hahn
Secretary