



DELAWARE AND RARITAN
CANAL COMMISSION

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF JUNE 18, 2008

TIME: 10:07 AM – 10:55 AM
DATE: Wednesday, June 18, 2008
PLACE: Canal Commission Office
Stockton, New Jersey

ATTENDING:

COMMISSIONERS: Chairman David DelVecchio, Messrs. Martin Jessen,
John Loos, David Knights, Richard Albert, and Al Payne

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

GUESTS:

Bill Bogosian, NJ Water Supply Authority
Joe Shepherd, NJ Water Supply Authority
John E. Morris, PE, CME Associates
Patricia Kalleser, D&R Canal State Park
Robert H. Barth, Canal Society of New Jersey
Nicholas Brady, Lambertville homeowner
Aimer Garcia, NJ Water Supply Authority
Anne Kruimer, East Coast Greenway

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 MAY 21, 2008

Mr. Loos moved approval of the minutes of the meeting of May 21, 2008; Mr. Jessen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

REVIEW ZONE ACTIONS

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

08-3580 Route 518 Reconstruction, Franklin Township
08-3306A Six Mile Run Culvert Rehab, Franklin Township

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08-3666 Nelessen Renovation, City of Lambertville
 08-3668 Clifford Kitchen and Sunroom, City of Lambertville
 08-3672 Blue Raccoon Signs, City of Lambertville
 08-3671 Tome Sign, City of Lambertville
 08-1413C Brady Solar Panels, City of Lambertville
 08-3670 Remler Patio, Borough of Stockton
 08-3673 Stockton Inn Wagon House Partial Demolition, Borough of Stockton
 08-3663 Sluice Gates & Locks Repair, Borough of Stockton, City of Lambertville

Mr. Jessen seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

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

08-3667 Jefferson Street/Klines Court Renovations, City of Lambertville

Mr. Loos seconded the motion and it passed without dissent, with Chairman DelVecchio abstaining.

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

07-3436W BMS Water Treatment Plant Upgrade, Hopewell Township
 08-2436Y BMS Cattle Crossing Improvements, Hopewell Township
 03-2950 Airpark Road Self Storage, Montgomery Township
 06-3375 Schoolhouse Crossings Retail, Franklin Township
 04-3080A L'Oreal Warehouse Expansion, Franklin Township
 06-3418 Weston Commerce Center, Hillsborough Township
 07-3594 Universal Warehouse Addition, City of New Brunswick
 07-3573 Sabella Park Improvements, North Brunswick Township

Mr. Albert noted for the record that he once owned Bristol-Myers Squibb stock, and is part of a class action suit against BMS. Mr. Weyl counseled that this did not represent a conflict of interest. Mr. Loos then seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Hahn reported on the staff's monthly workload. He said that the proposed ramps for the disabled at Washington Crossing State Park will be funded by the Delaware Joint Toll Bridge Commission.

Mr. Loos asked about a formerly-approved project that required offsite mitigation for stream corridor encroachment. Mr. Hahn replied that a site in Hillsborough to be purchased by Somerset County was being considered. Mr. Loos felt that County-owned open space land was not a good option for mitigation, because it was open space that was already being preserved.

CANAL PARK SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Ms. Kalleser reported that the "1800 House," a historic house in the Six Mile Run portion of the Canal Park, was being stabilized. She said the Griggstown Bridgetender's House roof would soon be replaced, and that soil borings were being conducted in the Park in Lambertville for the proposed floodgate at Swan Creek.

WATER SUPPLY AUTHORITY REPORT

Mr. Shepherd reported that work was continuing on the floodguard embankment in Stockton, and that mowing was suspended because the mower was being repaired.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

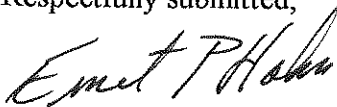
Mr. Loos suggested that the small brown trail signs with a graphic of a hiker be installed at all crossings and access points along the Canal Park. Mr. Barth said that striped pedestrian road crossings should be installed wherever roads intersect with the paths. Mr. Payne said the Department of Transportation had conducted a survey of existing and potential Canal Park pedestrian crossings several years ago, but that the project is not active.

PUBLIC FORUM

Mr. Barth suggested that the Commission work with non-profits and the Canal Park to commemorate the 175th anniversary of the completion of the D&R Canal. He also presented two video tapes on the canal to the Commission. He asked about the status of several ongoing projects, and announced that the Canal Society of New Jersey was sponsoring a Waterloo Canal Day on June 21st with various events, including a canal boat ride. He suggested that should the Route 518 canal bridge ever be widened, it be converted to a swing bridge.

The meeting adjourned at 10:55 AM.

Respectfully submitted,



Ernest P. Hahn
Secretary