



DELAWARE AND RARITAN
CANAL COMMISSION

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF NOVEMBER 12, 2008

TIME: 10:05 AM – 10:50 AM
DATE: Wednesday, November 12, 2008
PLACE: Canal Commission Office
Stockton, New Jersey

ATTENDING:

COMMISSIONERS: Chairman David DeVecchio, Richard Albert, and
Martin Jessen; Ms. Jeanne Mroczko and Ms. Alison Mitchell

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

GUESTS:

Joe Shepherd, NJ Water Supply Authority
Bill Bogosian, NJ Water Supply Authority
Patricia Kalleser, D&R Canal State Park
John and Barbara Hencheck
Vikas Kapoor, Kapoor Carwash
Jeff Harbison, URS Corporation
Joe DeAndea, Kapoor Carwash
Jonathan Stirberg, Kapoor Carwash
Jason Falcone, Kapoor Carwash

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 MEETINGS OF SEPTEMBER 17, 2008 AND OCTOBER 15, 2008

Mr. Albert moved approval of the minutes of the meetings of September 17, 2008 and October 15, 2008. Ms. Mitchell seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

REVIEW ZONE ACTIONS

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

08-1472A Rago Solar Panels, City of Lambertville
08-3731 Wrick Avenue Residence, Hopewell Township
08-3611 Radio Court Residence, Franklin Township

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Ms. Mitchell seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

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

08-3711 Jogal Warehouse & Parking, Ewing Township
02-2840 Terrace Industrial Park, Hillsborough Township
08-962C Terumo Parking Lot, Franklin Township
08-3725 Hill Patio, City of Lambertville
08-3684 Monroe 33 Sports Center, Monroe Township
08-3603 Nativity Church Parking Lot, Monroe Township

Mr. Jessen seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

UPDATE ON REGULATIONS

Mr. Hahn reported that the proposed regulations will be published in the New Jersey Register on December 1st. The date of publication begins a 60-day public comment period. The Commission will hold two public hearings on December 17th at 1:00 PM at the Commission's office in Stockton, and on January 5th at 10:00 AM at the DEP public hearing room in Trenton.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Hahn reported on last month's staff workload.

CANAL PARK SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Kallesser said a kick-off meeting was held on November 5th regarding the restoration of the Griggstown Muletender's Barracks, but that the job may have to be re-bid, because the company that was awarded the bid did not attend. She said the Calhoun Street Canal House restoration project was underway, and that the Department of Transportation will resurface the Bull's Island main entrance driveway. Ms. Kallesser also reported that Historian Vicki Chirco is heading a committee to plan for the 175th anniversary celebration of the D&R Canal. Mr. Albert proposed holding the Commission meeting in June, 2009 at the original building owned by the Canal Company in Princeton.

WATER SUPPLY AUTHORITY REPORT

Mr. Shepherd reported that the Passaic Street dredging project in Trenton is complete; the Authority removed 400 cubic yards of debris. He said that tree removal from the canal was ongoing, and that they were repairing the path between Kingston and the Carnegie Lake aqueduct.

PUBLIC FORUM

Mr. Hencheck suggested several initiatives for the Canal Park, including installation of telephone poles for osprey nests, handicapped access for birdwatching between Lambertville and West Amwell, and operation of a canal boat concession that would ferry across the Delaware River

between Lambertville and New Hope. He also suggested using a workforce similar to the historic Civilian Conservation Corps to rehabilitate historic structures in the State's parks. Chairman DeVecchio thanked Mr. Hencheck for his suggestions, noting that these matters fell within the purview of the Division of Parks and Forestry, as opposed to that of the Canal Commission. Ms. Mroczko said the Division of Parks and Forestry was actively talking about reinvigorating an initiative similar to CCC.

KAPOOR CAR WASH

Mr. Hahn presented the following "A" Zone project application for concept discussion:

05-1106C Kapoor Carwash, Franklin Township

He said the applicant proposes to build a car wash behind a strip mall on Easton Avenue, next to the Canal Park. The location of the building is within the Commission's setback requirement for the area (200 feet). He said, however, that the existing strip mall was closer to the Park than the proposed car wash would be. The strip mall is 100 feet from the Park, whereas the car wash would be 174 feet from the Park. There is presently a deciduous swath of trees and shrubs between the Canal Park and the building site; thus, the building will be seen in winter. He said the applicant has proposed to add evergreen vegetative screening and provide a dark-colored block façade on the rear of the building, to help buffer its visual impact. Ms. Mroczko suggested a combination of native shrubs and trees.

Chairman DeVecchio left the meeting at 10:45.

The consensus of the Commission was to conceptually support a waiver of the setback requirement. Mr. Hahn suggested the applicant meet with Commissioner Loos, a resident of Franklin Township, to further discuss the application.

The meeting adjourned at 10:50 AM.

Respectfully submitted,



Ernest P. Hahn
Secretary