



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF FEBRUARY 18, 2009

TIME: 10:05 AM – 10:40 AM
DATE: Wednesday, February 18, 2009
PLACE: Canal Commission Office
Stockton, New Jersey

ATTENDING:

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

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

GUESTS:

Joe Shepherd, NJ Water Supply Authority
Patricia Kallessner, D&R Canal State Park
Dan Whitaker, Lambertville Station
Robert Barth, Canal Society of New Jersey

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.

REVIEW ZONE ACTIONS

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

08-3141E Canal Walk Clubhouse 2, Franklin Township
09-3760 Hagerty Entrance Addition, Borough of Stockton
09-3755A Zatuchni Building Improvements, City of Lambertville
09-2313A Holbrook Store Sign, City of Lambertville
09-3763 Seiter-Bremer Porch Enclosure, City of Lambertville
06-2902A Lambertville Station Inn Expansion & Reapproval, City of Lambertville

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Mr. Jessen seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Mr. Jessen then moved approval of the following "A" Zone project application:

09-3766 Lambertville City Hall Rehabilitation, City of Lambertville

Chairman DeVecchio recused himself from this action. The motion passed without dissent.

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

07-3452 West Windsor Gardens, West Windsor Township

08-3006C Peddie School Faculty Housing, Borough of Hightstown & East Windsor Township

06-3389 Chinmaya Mission, Cranbury Township

Mr. Jessen seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF JANUARY 21, 2009

Mr. Loos moved approval of the minutes of the meeting of January 21, 2008 as presented, but with the following paragraph to be added to the summary of the Claremont Sanitary Sewer Pump House discussion (after paragraph 5):

"Should the Commission approve the pump station within the Park, the applicant agreed to not restrict street parking should the 3-car lot prove insufficient for visitors. The applicant also agreed to erect directional signage for the trail."

Mr. Jessen seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Hahn reported on the staff's monthly workload. He also reported on the status of the East Millstone Canal House rehabilitation, stating that Mr. Payne had worked with DCA to obtain permits needed for the project, and once sealed plans have been submitted, the project could go forward.

Mr. Hahn brought up the issue of solar panel installation within the Commission's "A" Review Zone, which requires review of projects for their visual impact. He recommended that any proposed solar panel project be reviewed on a case by case basis, site specific. After some discussion, the Commissioners concurred.

CANAL PARK SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Ms. Kalleser reported that the completion date for the Griggstown Muletenders' Barracks restoration would be August 26. She said another cleanup in Trenton was slated for the spring, and that the East Coast Greenway is proposing to install an additional 30 ECG directional signs, as well as a kiosk. Ms. Kalleser said that although the Greenway proposed installing the kiosk at Mulberry Street, she thought that a better location would be in the Park near the Battle Monument.

Ms. Kalleser also asked the Commission to consider restoration of the badly-eroded Bordentown bluffs as possible mitigation for future development projects.

WATER SUPPLY AUTHORITY REPORT

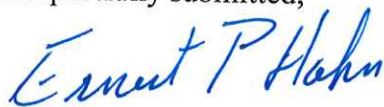
Mr. Shepherd said the Authority would soon be starting a small dredging project between Mulberry Street and Whitehead Road. He said the fish ladder at the Island Farm weir in the Raritan River was cleaned of debris, and that the roadside embankment repair at the recent water main break was completed.

PUBLIC FORUM

Mr. Barth reminded the Commissioners of the events taking place to celebrate the 175th anniversary of the D&R Canal. He said the full listing of events was on the Canal Park's website, www.dandrcanal.com.

The meeting adjourned at 10:40 AM.

Respectfully submitted,



Ernest P. Hahn
Secretary