

# DELAWARE AND RARITAN CANAL COMMISSION

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF APRIL 15, 2009

TIME:

10:05 AM - 10:45 AM

DATE:

Wednesday, April 15, 2009

PLACE:

Canal Commission Office

Stockton, New Jersey

ATTENDING:

COMMISSIONERS: Chairman David DelVecchio, Messrs. Richard

Albert, John Loos, Al Payne, and Martin Jessen; Mayor Phyllis Marchand 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 Patricia Kallesser, D&R Canal State Park Bill Bogosian, NJ Water Supply Authority Robert Barth, Canal Society of New Jersey

Nancy Connolly

Mohammed El-Hawwat, MEH Consutling Eng.

Gary Alper, GFA Development Co., LLC

Peter Soderman, Terra Momo Organic Garden

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 MARCH 18, 2009

Mr. Albert moved approval of the minutes of the meeting of March 18, 2009; Mr. Payne seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **REVIEW ZONE ACTIONS**

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

09-3789 Terra Momo Organic Garden, South Brunswick Township

09-3776 Parkside Avenue Aqueduct Fence, City of Trenton

09-3782 Taylor Doors & Windows, City of Lambertville

09-3226B Donahue Fence, Borough of Stockton

08-3604 GFA Development Warehouse, Franklin Township

09-3491A - Garrenger Dormer, City of Lambertville

NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION Jon Corzine, Governor Mark N. Mauriello, Acting Commissioner

Ms. Mitchell asked whether the Terra Momo organic garden would require a lease from the State. Superintendent Kallesser said it would require a one-year agricultural lease, which costs \$19/year. Mayor Marchand seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

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

09-3773 Trenton Battle Monument Park, City of Trenton

Mr. Loos seconded the motion. Messrs. DelVecchio, Loos, Jessen, Albert, Mayor Marchand and Ms. Mitchell voted in favor of the motion; Mr. Payne abstained. The motion passed.

Mr. Jessen moved approval of the final "A" Zone project application:

09-3787 Eagle Scout Bridgetender's House Improvements, Franklin Township

Mr. Loos seconded the motion. Mr. Albert said that the Eagle Scout should be named as coapplicant, so that he could receive recognition. The Commissioners also suggested that the Scout should receive a Certificate of Appreciation from the Commission. The motion passed unanimously.

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

09-3452A West Windsor Gardens Revisions, West Windsor Township 09-0545A Solar Energy Corp. Addition, Ewing Township 07-3524 Franklin Commons Apartments & Retail, Franklin Township

Ms. Mitchell seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

#### WATER SUPPLY AUTHORITY REPORT

Mr. Shepherd reported that Phase I of the Swan Creek Aqueduct repair was completed, and that the bulkhead behind the former "Flower Shop" on Route 29 has been removed. He said the Landing Lane Spillway will be re-graveled to fill gaps.

## CANAL PARK SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Kallesser reported that Bordentown Township police were issuing parking tickets to park-users who were parking their cars on State property. She said she will arrange a meeting between Township and State Park police to hopefully resolve the issue. She said contractors have been dumping in the Canal Park between Lock One and Lock Two, because the gate for the NJ Light Rail is unlocked. Mr. Hahn said he would reach out to NJ Transit about the matter.

## EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Hahn reported that construction of the barrier-free ramps for access to the multi-use path at Washington Crossing State Park had begun. He said that with the help of Commissioner Knights, he has worked out an arrangement with the contractor for the Route One/Millstone River bridge repair project to undertake riparian restoration of the south bank of the Millstone River (property owned by Princeton University) as mitigation for a staging area for the project that will be located on the opposite side of the river, which is presently preserved through a Conservation Easement held by the Commission. He also reported that the rehabilitation of the Prallsville Sawmill was underway; on time and on budget thus far. Finally, he recommended the Commission pass a resolution approving the draft Adopted Regulations. Mr. Loos moved approval of the Adoption document; Mr. Albert seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. The Commissioners acknowledged the work performed by Mr. Hahn and Ms. Holms.

#### **PUBLIC FORUM**

Mr. Barth mentioned the following events taking place as part of the D&R Canal's 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary: on May 2<sup>nd</sup>, a History Fair at Washington Crossing State Park, on May 9<sup>th</sup>, "Hands along the D&R", a show of support between Kingston and Rocky Hill, and on May 16<sup>th</sup>, "Authors' Day" in Griggstown, showcasing ten authors who have written about the D&R Canal, including a Pulitzer Prize-winning poet.

He then read a tribute to the D&R Canal State Park in honor of its 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary that was read into the Congressional Record by Congressman Leonard Lance.

The meeting adjourned at 10:45 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Ernest P. Hahn

Secretary