

DELAWARE AND RARITAN CANAL COMMISSION

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF JUNE 17, 2009

TIME:

10:10 AM - 10:45 AM

DATE:

Wednesday, June 17, 2009

PLACE:

Canal Commission Office

Stockton, New Jersey

ATTENDING:

COMMISSIONERS: Chairman David DelVecchio, Messrs. Richard

Albert, David Knights, and Martin Jessen; Ms. Alison Mitchell

STAFF: Mr. Hahn and Ms. Holms

GUESTS:

Joe Shepherd, NJ Water Supply Authority Patricia Kallesser, D&R Canal State Park

Barbara Ross, D&R Canal Watch

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 20, 2009

Ms. Mitchell moved approval of the minutes of the meeting of May 20, 2009; Mr. Albert seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

"A" ZONE REVIEW ACTIONS

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

08-2090F Cricket Antenna Installation, Hopewell Township

09-3801 Maxwell Assets Skylights, City of Lambertville

09-3794 Hamilton Sunroom, Franklin Township

09-3379A Pillar of Fire Car Port, Franklin Township

09-3759 Verizon Wireless Communications Facility, Franklin Township

08-1674A Colonial Park Pole Barn, Franklin Township (with condition)

07-3588 Mapleton Road Improvements, Plainsboro Township (with condition)

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

Mr. Albert seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Albert asked about the project known as the Colonial Park Pole Barn (08-1674A) in Franklin Township. He noted that the Colonial Park staff agreed to limit mowing within the stream corridor, but expressed concern that those limits would not be maintained in the future. Mr. Hahn said that because it was parkland used for recreational purposes, and because it was already existing lawn, he did not prohibit mowing, but rather discouraged it, to which the maintenance staff did not object. Mr. Albert then moved approval of the Colonial Park Pole Barn, Mr. Jessen seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Jessen moved approval of the following "B" Zone project applications as presented by staff:

07-3536 Jewish Community Center, West Windsor Township (with conditions)

08-2670A Princeton Tennis Center Replacement, Princeton Township

08-3741 Genovesi Building Addition, Ewing Township (with condition)

09-3797 Strand Patio, City of Lambertville (with condition)

07-3477 Aurobindo Pharma Warehouse, South Brunswick Township

08-3716 Princeton Corporate Center Parking, South Brunswick Township (with condition)

08-3644 Charles Court Warehouse Expansion, South Brunswick Township

Mr. Albert asked about the method of controlling stormwater for the Strand Patio, and said that swales should not be used if the project was on a slope. Mr. Knights seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Jessen moved approval of the following "B" Zone project applications, as presented by staff:

09-3595A BMS Visitors Parking Lot, Plainsboro Township (with condition)

09-3333A Harmony School Relocation, Plainsboro Township

09-3333B Eden Institute, Plainsboro Township

Mr. Hahn said that staff had formerly recommended a condition for the Harmony School Relocation and Eden Institute, which required that the detention basin for both projects be retrofitted with a 3" orifice; however, it was subsequently determined that the existing orifice is in fact 3", and thus the condition had been met. Mr. Albert seconded the motion, and it passed without dissent, with Mr. Knights abstaining.

REPORT ON FEE SCHEDULE

Mr. Hahn said the Commission's new fee schedule takes into account smaller projects not being unduly burdened with excessive fees, but noted that subsequent residential additions to projects already reviewed as major projects in Zone B could be charged the same as large-scale developments for stormwater review. Mr. Knights moved approval of adjusting the fee schedule, such that projects involving an individual residential dwelling and also involving less than 800 square feet of impervious surface shall require the same fee as that of individual residential dwellings in Zone A (\$100). This fee would apply to stormwater review only. Ms. Mitchell seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Hahn reported on the staff's monthly workload.

CANAL PARK SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Kallesser reported that the Park staff filled a 30-cubic-yard dumpster with debris at the new path between Locks One and Two, and that there was another 90 cubic yards of debris needing removal. She said volunteers will be conducting a cleanup in the Park near West Hanover Street on August 19th, and she announced that many restaurants along the canal are celebrating the canal's 175th anniversary by donating 15% of their proceeds for four days in June and July to D&R Canal Watch, for the benefit of the Canal Park.

WATER SUPPLY AUTHORITY REPORT

Mr. Shepherd reported that trees were being removed from the canal in Griggstown and that the towpath was being repaired in the vicinity. He said that after July 1st (the end of trout stocking), the Authority would begin dredging near Brookville and the Quarry.

The meeting adjourned at 10:45 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Ernest P. Hahn Secretary