

# **MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF JULY 15, 2009**

TIME:

10:00 AM - 10:30 AM

DATE:

Wednesday, July 15, 2009

PLACE:

Canal Commission Office

Stockton, New Jersey

ATTENDING:

COMMISSIONERS: Vice Chairman Martin Jessen, Messrs. Richard

Albert, David Knights, John Loos; Ms. Alison Mitchell and Mayor

Phyllis Marchand

STAFF: Messrs. Hahn and Weyl, Ms. Guru and Ms. Holms

**GUESTS:** 

Joe Shepherd, NJ Water Supply Authority Bill Bogosian, NJ Water Supply Authority Patricia Kallesser, D&R Canal State Park Bob Barth, Canal Society of NJ

Linda Barth, D&R Canal Watch

Vice Chairman Jessen 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 JUNE 17, 2009

Ms. Mitchell moved approval of the minutes of the meeting of June 17, 2009; Mr. Albert seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### "A" ZONE REVIEW ACTIONS

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

09-3135B Curley Residence Addition, Hopewell Township 09-2826F Lambertville MUA Improvements, City of Lambertville (conditional)

Mr. Albert seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

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

06-3330 Quick Check, South Brunswick Township 09-3777 Rike Drive Flex Space, Millstone Township

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09-2743A Pesce Addition, Franklin Township 09-3813 Cassino Patio, City of Lambertville

Mr. Albert seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Mayor Marchand joined the meeting at 10:10 AM.

## EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Hahn reported that a non-paid intern has started collecting locations of infalls into the feeder canal. He also congratulated Commissioner Mitchell for her efforts regarding the bill that was recently passed by the Legislature to put a \$400 million bond issue for open space preservation on the November ballot.

## CANAL PARK SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Kallesser reported that the Colonial Park pedestrian bridge was slated to have been installed last week, but she could not yet confirm it. She announced that there was yet one more "Dine Out for the Canal" day, July 23, when several restaurants along the canal would donate 15% of the cost of dinners to D&R Canal Watch. Ms. Kallesser also reported that a non-profit group, the Capitol to Coast Trail, is seeking grants to make improvements to the Canal Park multi-use trail in Trenton. She also reported that the barrier-free access ramp at Washington Crossing is 95% complete, and that the rehabilitation of the Griggstown Muletenders' Barracks was slated for completion by the end of October.

### WATER SUPPLY AUTHORITY REPORT

Mr. Shepherd said that the Authority was undertaking maintenance work between Calhoun and Perdicaris Streets in Trenton. He said that they were also repairing the embankment between Griggstown and Blackwell's Mills.

#### PUBLIC FORUM

Ms. Barth asked about the status of the path between Mulberry and Old Rose. Mr. Hahn said that negotiations were still ongoing with Conrail. She also asked whether the approval issued for Canal Walk I allowed for the houses to be seen from the Canal Park. Ms. Holms said she would look into it. Mr. Barth announced events celebrating the Canal Park's 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary. He also said that the towpath surface north of Blackwell's Mills was still in bad shape.

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Ernest P. Hahn

Secretary