



DELAWARE AND RARITAN
CANAL COMMISSION

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF AUGUST 19, 2009

TIME: 10:00 AM – 10:30 AM
DATE: Wednesday, August 19, 2009
PLACE: Canal Commission Office
Stockton, New Jersey

ATTENDING:

COMMISSIONERS: Vice Chairman Martin Jessen, Messrs. Al Payne, Richard Albert, Mayor David DeVecchio (via conference call), David Knights (via conference call), Mayor Phyllis Marchand

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

GUESTS:

Bob Barth, Canal Society of NJ
Linda Barth, D&R Canal Watch
John T. Hausmann, Carrier Clinic
Vincent M. DeSimone, Make-A-Wish Foundation
Jeff Gerber, Interstate Outdoor Advertising
John Moran, EnXco
David Holey, EnXco

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 JULY 15, 2009

Mayor Marchand asked that her comments regarding a D&R Greenway exhibit be added to the minutes of July 15, 2009. She said that the exhibit of historic D&R Canal postcards at the D&R Greenway's offices in Princeton was excellent, and recommended it highly. With that addition, Mayor Marchand moved approval of the minutes of the meeting of July 15, 2009; Mr. Albert seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

"A" ZONE REVIEW ACTIONS

The following "A" Zone project applications were presented for action by the Commission:

09-3811 Donato Residence, Montgomery Township
09-3821 Franklin Township Eco-Heritage Tourism Signage, Franklin Township

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Mayor DelVecchio joined the meeting at 10:10 AM. Mr. Albert asked Ms. Guru about pre- and post-recharge for this project. After some discussion, Mr. Albert moved approval of the two applications; Mr. Payne seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

A third "A" Zone project application was then presented to the Commission for their action:

08-3623 Interstate Outdoor Advertising Billboard, City of Trenton

Mr. Barth asked whether the settlement document ensured that the path would be built. Mr. Hahn replied that it did. Mayor DelVecchio moved approval of the application; Mayor Marchand seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. Mayor Marchand inquired about the time frame of the completion of the settlement document; Mr. Hahn replied that it was on a fast track.

Mayor DelVecchio left the meeting at 10:15 AM.

Mayor Marchand moved approval of the following "B" Zone project applications:

- 09-3800 Carrier Clinic Solar Panels, Hillsborough and Montgomery Townships
- 07-3569 Make a Wish Foundation Headquarters, Monroe Township
- 09-3520 Somerset Elizabeth Retail & Bank, Franklin Township
- 09-3831 Romaniello Barn Addition, Delaware Township

Mr. Albert seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION OF FEE WAIVERS

Mr. Hahn said that several applicants have asked for waivers from fees for reasons other than extreme economic hardship, which is the only basis for waiving fees in the Regulations. The Commissioners said that fees should not be waived for other circumstances.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Hahn reported on the staff workload. He said that the NJ Turnpike Authority submitted an endowment of \$100,000 for the purpose of monitoring stream corridors associated with the turnpike widening project. He also reported that the rehabilitation of the Prallsville sawmill was complete, and wonderful.

CANAL PARK SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Hahn said that Superintendent Kalleser could not attend the meeting because she was participating in a cleanup in Trenton involving volunteers from the College of New Jersey. On her behalf, he reported that the East Millstone House had been covered with graffiti, but was subsequently repainted by D&R Canal Watch volunteers. He said the restoration of that building would begin very soon. He said that Canal Park maintenance staff, Water Supply Authority staff, and the Delaware River Mill Society have all been involved with large-scale tree cleanups as a result of this summer's heavy rains and thunderstorms.

PUBLIC FORUM

Mr. Barth announced that the next big event to celebrate the D&R Canal's 175th anniversary was a picnic with speakers, to be held at Prallsville on August 30th from 1 PM – 4 PM. The sawmill will be open, and the historic postcard exhibit will be on display inside.

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ernest P. Hahn". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Ernest P. Hahn
Secretary