



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF APRIL 21, 2010

TIME: 10:00 AM – 10:50 AM
DATE: Wednesday, April 21, 2010
PLACE: Canal Commission Office
Stockton, New Jersey

ATTENDING:

COMMISSIONERS: Chairman David DeVecchio, Vice Chairman Martin Jessen,
Messrs. John Loos, David Knights; Ms. Alison Mitchell

STAFF: Messrs. Hahn and Mazzei, Ms. Holms
Lewin Weyl, Deputy Attorney General

GUESTS: Bill Bogosian, NJ Water Supply
Robert Barth, Canal Society of NJ and D&R Canal Watch
Patricia Kalleser, D&R Canal State Park
Rob Korkuch, ACT Engineers, Inc.
Mark Hebden, Ewing Cole, Architects/Engineers
Walter Bronson, ACT Engineers
German Martinez, Jr., Princeton Theological Seminary
Steve Cardone, Princeton Theological Seminary
Phil Perhamus, AMEC, Inc.
Richard Goldman, DBR (Princeton Theological Seminary)
John Gilmore, Princeton Theological Seminary

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.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF MARCH 17, 2010

Ms. Holms noted that for the minutes of the meeting of March 17 2010, Commissioner Knights was inadvertently omitted as attending the meeting when in fact he was in attendance. With that correction, Mr. Loos moved approval of the minutes, and Mr. Jessen seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

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REVIEW ZONE ACTIONS

Mr. Jessen moved approval of the following “A” Review Zone project application:

10-2998A – Fischer Addition, Hopewell Township

Mr. Loos seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Jessen then moved approval of the following “B” Review Zone project applications with conditions as presented by staff:

10-3949 – St. David’s Episcopal Church, Cranbury Township

09-3906 – Cottontail Data Center, Franklin Township

09-2642A – Villa Vianney, Lawrence Township

Ms. Mitchell seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Loos moved approval of the following “A” Review Zone project application, with conditions as presented by staff:

09-3911 – Princeton Theological Seminary Housing (Phase I), West Windsor Township

Mr. Knights seconded the motion. Mr. Goldman, representing the Seminary, described the mitigation lands that would be preserved as part of the application. In addition to a 15+ acre wooded area, there would be additional area that will be limited to development with a height restriction of 25 feet. The motion passed unanimously.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT

Mr. Hahn summarized the staff’s monthly workload. He distributed minutes of the February Executive Session to the Commissioners, and noted that Mr. Knehr had withdrawn his appeal regarding his development application that was recently approved.

CANAL PARK SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Ms. Kalleser said that restoration of the East Millstone Canal House and the Community Forestry Building in Blackwell’s Mills has begun. She said that Bull’s Island re-opened on April 1st.

WATER SUPPLY AUTHORITY REPORT

Mr. Bogosian reported that the Authority is currently reviewing bids for a Cultural Resource consultant for the future dredging project. He said they were continuing to remove trees and other debris from the canal as a result of the recent floods, and they were in the process of reconstructing the towpath base. Mr. Hahn added that Mr. Payne is working with the Department of Transportation to install a new path surface from Princeton to New Brunswick.

PUBLIC FORUM

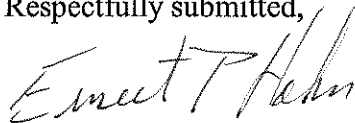
Mr. Barth announced that the D&R Canal Watch had its most successful Fun Run ever, with 300 participants. He said Canal Watch would soon be celebrating its 20th anniversary. He also asked the Commission whether there could be a more formal policy or “yardstick” for mitigation requirements. The Commission felt that it would be difficult to create general guidelines for mitigation because of the idiosyncratic nature of major projects in Zone A.

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE SESSION OF FEBRUARY 17, 2010

Mr. Knights moved approval of the minutes of the Executive Session of February 17, 2010; Ms. Mitchell seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 10:50 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ernest P. Hahn". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the text "Respectfully submitted,".

Ernest P. Hahn
Secretary