

## **MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF JULY 21, 2010**

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

### **ATTENDING**

**COMMISSIONERS:** Chairman David DeVecchio, Vice Chairman Martin Jessen, Messrs. David Knights, Al Payne, Ms. Alison Mitchell and Mayor Phyllis Marchand

**STAFF:** Messrs. Hahn and Mazzei, Ms. Holms

**GUESTS:** Bill Bogosian, NJ Water Supply  
Joe Shepherd, NJ Water Supply  
Linda Barth, D&R Canal Watch  
Patricia Kalleser, D&R Canal State Park  
Barbara Ross, D&R Canal Watch  
Robert Mettler, Franklin Twp. Historian  
Frank Rester, Marconi Board Member

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 JUNE 23, 2010**

Mr. Jessen moved approval of the minutes of June 23, 2010, and Mr. Knights seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### **REVIEW ZONE ACTIONS**

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

09-3889 – Shuck Farm Generator, Delaware Township

Mr. Payne seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Knights then moved approval of the following "B" Zone applications:

09-3903 Jersey Avenue Transfer Station, City of New Brunswick  
10-2551A Montgomery Elementary School Addition, Montgomery Township  
09-31A CDNJ Plaza Improvements, West Windsor Township  
08-2789F College of New Jersey Education Building, Ewing Township  
10-3393A Notre Dame High School Synthetic Field, Lawrence Township  
09-3887 Brunswick Avenue Solar Farm, City of Trenton

Mr. Jessen seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Jessen moved approval of the “B” Zone application “Hindu Temple” in Franklin Township, DRCC #07-3498. The Commissioners discussed the “paper street” that was part of this application. Mr. Hahn clarified that the dispute over the issue had been resolved. Mr. Knights seconded the motion. With Mr. Payne abstaining, the Commissioners voted in favor of the motion, and it passed.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Jessen moved approval of a resolution acknowledging and thanking Commissioner Payne for his contributions to the D&R Canal Park and to the Canal Commission. Mr. Knights seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

### **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT**

Mr. Hahn reported on the staff’s monthly workload, noting that development applications have been decreasing. He said that DOT recently submitted plans to rebuild three canal bridges in Ewing Township, at Lower Ferry, Bernards Drive, and Wilburtha.

### **CANAL PARK SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT**

Superintendent Kalleser reported that the towpath re-surfacing has begun and has been completed from Landing Lane Bridge to Amwell Road, and that it will continue to Griggstown.

### **WATER SUPPLY AUTHORITY REPORT**

Mr. Shepherd reported that the Authority was helping with path improvements on the “missing link” (Old Rose to Mulberry Streets in Trenton). He said excavation with the pontoon excavator was slated to begin at the Prallsville lock.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Ms. Barth asked the Commission to consider installing a swing bridge, should a new pedestrian bridge be installed along Easton Avenue.

Mr. Resta, on behalf of the Marconi Foundation, presented preliminary ideas regarding a new Marconi museum on Easton Avenue next to the Somerset Diner, and adjacent to the canal. He said that Marconi, the inventor of wireless communication, had many of his buildings at this near this location, but only one remained. He said he envisioned that half the museum would be devoted to canal interpretation, and that it could be used as an environmental center as well. He asked the Commission to endorse this proposal. The Commission’s consensus was that it was a good idea.

The meeting adjourned at 10:50 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Ernest P. Hahn  
Secretary