



**Minutes of the Meeting
Delaware and Raritan Canal Commission
March 27, 2018**

TIME: 10 a.m.
DATE: March 27, 2018
PLACE: Prallsville Mills, Stockton, New Jersey

ATTENDING COMMISSIONERS:

Vice Chairman John Loos, Commissioner Julia Allen, Commissioner Bruce Stout, Commissioner Mary Leck, Director Mark Texel.

STAFF: Executive Director John Hutchison, Mr. Joseph Ruggeri, DAG Melissa Abatemarco, Ms. Colleen Christie Maloney, Ms. Tammy Rohmsdahl.

GUESTS: Superintendent Patricia Kalleser; Mr. Robert Barth, D&R Canal Watch; Mr. John Kantorek and Ms. Antonia Pchola, Stony Brook Regional Sewerage Authority; Mr. Sharif Aly, Amertech Engineering; Mr. Brian Friedlich, Kleinfelder; Ms. Cheryl Bergailo, PSE&G.

Vice Chairman Loos announced that this was a monthly meeting of the D&R Canal Commission and that all provisions of the "Senator Byron Baer Open Public Meetings Act" had been met in the scheduling of the meeting.

Administrative Items

The Commission confirmed the April 18, 2018 Commission meeting date.

Minutes

Vice Chairman Loos called for a motion on the February 21, 2018 meeting minutes. Commissioner Stout made a motion to approve the minutes and Commissioner Leck seconded the motion. Vice Chairman Loos asked for any corrections on the minutes. Hearing none, he called for a vote and the minutes were approved unanimously.

Review Zone Projects

Zone A Projects

18-2903D PSE&G Mercer Generating Station Monitoring Wells (Hamilton Twp)
18-2903E PSE&G Remote Report Trailers (Hamilton Twp)

Vice Chairman Loos asked for a motion on the two Zone A projects. Director Texel made a motion to approve the projects and Commissioner Leck seconded the motion. Vice Chairman Loos asked for comment. Hearing none, he called for a vote and the projects were approved unanimously.

Zone B Projects

- 17-2892A Ashton Estates (S. Brunswick Twp)
- 16-4951 Quakertown Solar (Franklin Twp/Hunterdon Cty)
- 17-5131 The Willows at Cranbury (Cranbury Twp)
- 17-5052 Pennington Waste Water Treatment Plant Upgrade (Hopewell Twp)
- 17-2445C Stouts Lane Pedestrian Sidewalk (S. Brunswick Twp)

Vice Chairman Loos asked for questions and comments related to the Zone B projects.

Director Texel, Mr. Ruggeri, and Mr. Kantorek discussed tree removal and the planting plan related to 17-5052 Pennington Waste Water Treatment Plant Upgrade (Hopewell Twp).

Commissioner Leck and Mr. Ruggeri discussed the 17-2445C Stouts Lane Pedestrian Sidewalk (S. Brunswick Twp).

Vice Chairman Loos called for a motion on the Zone B projects. Commissioner Stout moved to approve the projects, and Director Texel seconded the motion. Vice Chairman Loos asked for further comment. Hearing none, he called for a vote on the Zone B projects. The projects were approved unanimously.

Executive Director's Report

Director Hutchison reported on staff's monthly workload and fees collected since the prior months meeting. He reported on meetings he attended regarding several matters, including: the proposed dredging of Carnegie Lake by Princeton University; a proposal from the City of Trenton to renovate and expand the Trenton Battle Monument Park; scheduling for the DRCC/DOT Joint Bridge Task Force meeting; and contacts with the State Park Police regarding "sentinel" events in the Delaware Raritan Canal State Park. The Director reported on a NJDOT proposed Landing Lane Bridge replacement project, and how it could impact pedestrian access to the canal State Park. Director Hutchison discussed queries received by Commission staff from homeowners whose properties contain a Commission conservation easement, the limited activities that are permissible in easement areas, and the signage, fencing or other markers required as conditions of approval.

Park Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Kalleser noted that staff was busy cleaning up after three recent Nor'easter storms, which left considerable tree damage in the park. She also discussed matters related to an encroachment by a day camp on parkland at the Six Mile Run park. Additionally, she commented on recent water damage to the Millstone Valley Visitors Center, tree cutting related to Emerald Ash Borer and preparation for the New Jersey Water Supply Authority dredging of the main canal.

New Jersey Water Supply Authority (NJWSA) Report

No report.

Old Business

Vice Chairman Loos noted that Commission staff and he met with officials from the New Jersey Transit Corporation to discuss an appropriate mitigation project related to the NJT County Yard resiliency project approved by the Commission.

Public Forum


Mr. Barth distributed a schedule of D&R Canal Watch activities and encouraged participation. He discussed his concern for the fate of the four remaining swing bridge sites on the canal: Landing Lane, South Bound Brook, a railroad bridge in South Bound Brook, and the "Dinky" Line railroad bridge in Princeton. There was discussion related to the importance of preserving the remaining swing bridges.

Commissioner Leck noted a walk related to Abbott Marshlands on April 14.

Adjournment

Vice Chairman Loos called for a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Stout move to adjourn and Commissioner Leck seconded. The meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



John Hutchison, Secretary