

**July 19, 2017 MINUTES OF THE MEETING
Delaware and Raritan Canal Commission**

TIME: 10:00 a.m.
DATE: July 19, 2017
PLACE: Prallsville Mills Grist Mill
Stockton, New Jersey

ATTENDING

COMMISSIONERS: Vice Chairman John Loos, Mary Leck, Bruce Stout, Phil Lubitz, Julia Allen, Mark Texel (designee for DEP Commissioner Bob Martin)

STAFF: Mr. John Hutchison, Ms. Colleen Christie Maloney, Mr. Joe Ruggeri, Deputy Attorney General Melissa P. Abatamarco, Ms. Haley Johnson

GUESTS: Robert Barth, D&R Canal Watch; Mark Sellar, NJ Water Supply Authority (NJWSA); Edward Caballero, Maser Consulting; Russel N. Ridolfi, R.N. Ridolfi, LLC; Mark Janiszewski, Maser Consulting; Patricia Kalleser and Rob Auemuller, D&R Canal State Park; Healthier Desko, WJWSA, Chuck Latini, L&G Planning; Rob Gelbard, Atlantic Realty; Theodore Chase Jr., Franklin Township; Robert von Zumbusch, D&R Canal Commission Master Plan Advisory Chair; Bob Bushar, Ewing Prop. LLC

Vice-Chairman Loos announced that this was a regularly scheduled meeting of the D&R Canal Commission and that all provisions of the Open Public Meeting Law of 1976 had been met in the scheduling of the meeting.

In attendance at 10 a.m.: Vice-Chairman Loos and Commissioners Leck, Stout, and Lubitz, and Director Texel

Administrative Items

Vice-Chairman Loos confirmed that the next month's meeting date will be August 16, 2017.

Minutes of the Meeting

Minutes of the Meeting of June 21, 2017

Commissioner Stout moved to approve the minutes. Commissioner Leck seconded the motion. The minutes of the meeting were approved by the members present.

Minutes of the Meeting of July 10, 2017

Commissioner Lubitz noted that he did not vote to approve Mr. Hutchison's salary. Commissioner Stout moved to approve the minutes with that correction. Commissioner

Leck seconded the motion. The amended minutes were approved by the members present.

Review Zone Projects

Review Zone A Projects

There were no projects in Review Zone A.

Review Zone B Projects

Vice Chairman Loos asked for questions on the Zone B Projects:

- 16-3624D The Farmhouse (Hopewell Twp)
- 17-2857A 1445 Parkway Town Center (Ewing)
- 17-4967 Volvo Building Expansion (Lawrence Twp)
- 17-3038A Monroe 33 - Phase 2 Residential (Monroe)
- 17-3190B Prologis Park Cranbury South Modification
- 17-5049 Heritage Court Phase 2 (Ewing)
- 16-2632D Princeton Day School

17-4967 Volvo Building Expansion, Lawrence Township
Commissioner Stout and Mr. Ruggeri discussed changes in drainage quantity to the surrounding areas.

16-3624D The Farmhouse
Commissioners Stout and Leck and Mr. Ruggeri discussed the long term impacts of the project's stream corridor intrusion.

17-2857A Parkway Town Center
Commissioner Leck, Mr. Janiszewski, and Ms. Dooley discussed invasive species, the term "return to natural state", and the stream corridor regulations

17-3190B Prologis Park Cranbury South Modification
Mr. Texel and Mr. Caballero discuss the applicant's failure to fully execute the requirements of a previous permit which had been granted an extension. Mr. Caballero says that work on the previous permit has started and will be fully executed in the fall.

Vice Chairman Loos asked for further comment. Commissioner Lubitz moved to approve the seven Zone B projects as recommended by the executive director. Commissioner Stout seconded the motion and the projects were approved unanimously.

Executive Director's Report

Director Hutchison reported on the staff's workload and fees for the preceding month and distributed a report. He noted Princeton University had reviewed historic commission materials and would scan several maps and supply the commission with copies of the scan. Director Hutchison also discussed a proposed repair to a canal bridge in South Bound Brook and a bicycle project at the Lambertville Justice Center.

D and R Canal State Park Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Kalleser discussed a series of bridge repairs and concerns in addition to parking issues along Rt. 29 during the summer.

NJ Water Supply Authority (NJWSA) Report

Mr. Sellar noted repairs to a leak near the wing dam in Lambertville are complete, and the current intervention dose for the hydrilla in the canal is working.

Old Business

Bulls Island: Vice Chairman Loos noted that Bulls Island discussion would be moved to a later time.

Lambertville Sewerage Treatment Plant: Vice Chairman Loos and Director Hutchison discussed asking a representative from the LMUA to report to the commission regarding measures taken to control odors.

Electronic Application Policy: Ms. Dooley addressed changes to the Electronic Application Materials Draft Policy including voluntary language and removing references to the Lotus database system. A motion to adopt the voluntary policy was made by Commissioner Lubitz, seconded by Commissioner Leck, and passed unanimously.

New Business

Commissioner Lubitz suggested adopting standards for projects requiring a planting plan which would mandate the quality of plants, survival rates, and period of time that the applicant must monitor plant health. Commissioner Allen also suggested requirements for deer protection. Vice Chairman Loos suggested that the Commission research the existing policies for towns in the area and propose a new regulation.

Director Texel noted that there would be a treasury sale of the Holcombe House, located on Route 29 in West Amwell Township.

Public Forum

Vice Chairman Loos opened the floor to public comment.

Mr. Barth announced their upcoming four mile canal walk.

Dr. Chase noted that Franklin Township would not be pursuing the pedestrian bridge near the Somerset Diner due to issues related to the property.

Vice Chairman Loos thanked Ms. Dooley for her service and dedication in her six years as Executive Director of the commission.

Executive Session

Vice Chairman Loos stated that an executive session was not needed.

Adjournment

Director Texel moved to adjourn the meeting; Commissioner Stout seconded; the motion was approved unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John Hutchison
Secretary