

**August 16, 2017 MINUTES OF THE MEETING
Delaware and Raritan Canal Commission**

TIME: 10:00 a.m.
DATE: August 16, 2017
PLACE: Prallsville Mills Grist Mill
Stockton, New Jersey

ATTENDING

COMMISSIONERS: Vice Chairman John Loos, Commissioners Mary Leck, Bruce Stout, Phil Lubitz, Julia Allen, and Mr. Bob Bostock (designee for DEP Commissioner Bob Martin)

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

GUESTS: Mr. Mike Sellar, NJWSA; Mr. Rob Auermuller, NJ State Park Service; Mr. Edward Bucci, Senior, and Mr. Edward Bucci, Jr., Bucci Builders; Mr. Robert von Zumbusch, DRCC Master Plan Advisory Committee; Mr. Robert Barth, D&R Canal Watch; Mr. Robert N. Ridolfi, Esq; Mr. Robert Molner, New Road Solar; Mr. Thomas Horn, LMUA; Mr. Drew French, FPA; Ms. Linda Barth, D&R Canal Watch

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 Mr. Bostock.

Administrative Items

Vice Chairman Loos confirmed that the next month's meeting date will be September 20, 2017.

Minutes of the Meeting

Minutes of the Meeting of July 19, 2017

Commissioner Lubitz moved to approve the minutes. Commissioner Stout seconded the motion. The minutes of the meeting were approved by the members present, with Mr. Bostock abstaining.

Minutes of the Executive Session of the Meeting of July 10, 2017

Commissioner Lubitz moved to approve the minutes. Commissioner Stout seconded the motion. The minutes of the meeting were approved.

Commissioner Allen entered the meeting at 10:10 a.m.

Review Zone Projects

Review Zone A Projects

Vice Chairman Loos asked the commission for questions or comments on the Zone A project.

16-4794B 1 Risler Street Reconstruction

There was discussion about the project site, removal of the garage, and incorporating garage space below the structure. Vice Chairman Loos asked for further comment and hearing none, he called for a motion. Commissioner Lubitz moved to approve the project and Commissioner Bostock seconded the motion. The project was approved unanimously.

Review Zone B Projects

Vice Chairman Loos asked the commission for questions or comments on the Zone B projects:

- 17-4994 Cranbury Public Library (Cranbury)
- 17-3742A State Road Plaza (Princeton)
- 17-4999 130 National Trailer Leasing (S. Bruns.)
- 17-4986 New Road Landfill Solar (S Bruns.)
- 16-4993 Elizabeth Avenue Warehouse (Franklin)

17-3742A State Road Plaza

Commissioner Stout, Vice Chairman Loos, and Mr. French discussed the preserved stream corridor area and reduction in impervious surface on the site.

17-4994 Cranbury Public Library

Commissioner Leck and Mr. Ruggeri discussed the parking at the project site and public parking adjacent to the site.

Vice Chairman Loos asked for further comment on the Zone B projects and hearing none he called for a motion. Commissioner Stout moved to approve the five Zone B projects and Mr. Bostock seconded the motion. The projects were approved unanimously.

Executive Director's Report

Director Hutchison reported on the staff's workload and fees for the preceding month. He reported on a sidewalk project at Montgomery High School, and, with it, the discovery of a solar array within a detention basin on the campus and that staff is addressing the matter. Director Hutchison reported on a meeting with Princeton University regarding a campus expansion. He also reported on a letter received from the NJ State Historic Preservation Office regarding findings at the Route 518 Bridge, a tour of the canal with NJWSA, computer maintenance and updates for the DRCC office, the plan to transfer the DRCC website and emails to a state server, management of paper records, capital maintenance for the building, and the need to transfer the database to a current system.

D and R Canal State Park Superintendent's Report

Mr. Auermuller reported on a busy summer season at Bulls Island State Park, that the Weston Mill Dam removal was proceeding, that there would be a towpath closure related to the I-95

Scudder Falls Bridge replacement project from August 23 through September 1, and that the path would be closed for the NJWSA seepage project from Amwell Road to Blackwell Mills August 14 through August 25, 2017

NJ Water Supply Authority (NJWSA) Report

Mr. Sellar reported that the path would still be open on nights and weekends for the seepage project near Blackwell Mills, that the hydrilla program was progressing successfully, and that tree clearing related to the dredging project would begin this fall. Commissioner Stout requested that Mr. Sellar report on the plan for the area of the canal in Stockton which is covered with plastic tarp.

Old Business

Lambertville Sewage Treatment Plant

Mr. Horn, executive director of the LMUA, addressed the commission related to odor issues brought up by a concerned citizen. He described improvements made to facility in 2010 through present.

New Business

There was no new business.

Public Forum

Mrs. Barth discussed concerns related to crosswalks and transferring the park website to a state server.

Mr. Barth reported on two hikes sponsored by D&R Canal Watch on August 26 and September 2, 2017.

Executive Session

Vice Chairman Loos noted the commission would need to enter executive session to discuss personnel matters. Mr. Bostock moved to enter executive session and Commissioner Lubitz seconded the motion. At 11:05 the Commission moved into an executive session.

Public Session and Adjournment

At 11:35 a.m., the commissioner returned to public session. Vice Chairman Loos asked

for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Bostock motioned to adjourn and Commissioner Lubitz seconded the motion. It was approved unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 11:35 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John Hutchison
Secretary