

TEWKSBURY TOWNSHIP
Scenic Roads & Bridges Commission
Meeting Minutes
May 8, 2014 **7:30 PM Mountainville**

The May 8, 2014 meeting of the Scenic Roads and Bridges Commission was called to order by Chairman Harold Wrede at 7:40 PM. In addition to Chairman Wrede, SRBC members Wayne Lisa, Barbara Todd, Hope Kaufman and George Cassa were present.

A quorum was declared by Chairman Wrede, who then read the Open Public Meetings statement.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the April 10, 2014 meeting were reviewed and accepted as submitted.

Public Participation: No members of the public were present.

Discussion Items / Old Business:

- **Fox Hill Road Drainage Improvements:** Vertical reflector markers, which are not consistent with the character of the historic district, should be removed from the Phase 1 (upper) section between Hollow Brook Road and Rt 517. Also, plastic erosion matting is no longer properly anchored and is not performing effectively. It should be removed. White rip-rap installed by the contractor at certain points in the Phase 2 (lower) section has been painted a darker color to match the surrounding natural stone. Chairman Wrede will submit a letter to the Township Committee expressing the SRBC's concerns with the substandard hydraulic performance of the recent drainage improvements.
- **JCP&L Substation Landscaping:** Chairman Wrede reported that JCP&L's landscaping contractor has replaced all non-deer resistant Chinese hollies with American hollies to comply with JCP&L's original work order. The SRBC believes this brings to a conclusion all of the outstanding issues related to the substation landscaping that have been brought to the Commission's attention.
- **LUB Application 13-02 – Cellco Partnership – Block 44, Lot 26, 19 King Street:** No additional materials were received from the LUB for review, and the SRBC took no action on the application.
- **LUB Application 14-05 – 34 Water Street:** Generator in front setback. Chairman Wrede will check on compliance with ordinance. Otherwise, no comments.
- **LUB Application 14-06 – 12 Water Street:** No comments.
- **LUB Application 14-07 – 19 Water Street:** No comments.

- Stone Arch Bridges – Hope Kaufman introduced David Townsley to the Commission. Mr. Townsley holds a Historic Preservation Certificate from Drew University, and he was invited by Ms. Kaufman to meet the Commission and discuss his possible interest in assisting with the development of recommendations for the next steps to be taken to insure the preservation of Tewksbury’s stone arch bridges. The SRBC agreed to forward photos and other data for each bridge to Mr. Townsley for his review prior to the next meeting.

Mr. Cassa recalled that the historic registration requirements for approximately thirty (30) stone arch bridges on Tewksbury’s local roads were submitted to the NJ State Historic Preservation Office in 2002 by means of a Multiple Property Documentation Form (MPDF) entitled “Historic Bridges of Tewksbury Township”, which identified the requirements for nomination to the NJ and National Registers of Historic Places if and when any of those bridges should be individually nominated in the future. Later that year, two of the bridges from the MPDF - one on Palatine Road and the other on Frog Hollow Road - were accepted for individual listing on the NJ and National Registers. Since then, there have been no other nominations made for individual listings of any of the remaining bridges on MPDF. Mr. Cassa suggested that this is most likely a result of constrained financial and technical resources, and that it would be very helpful to the SRBC if Mr. Townsley would be available to assist in establishing (a) a methodology for prioritizing the remaining bridges on the MPDF in terms of which bridge (or bridges) would be nominated first, if and when resources do become available, and (b) a budgetary cost estimate per bridge for the necessary professional and other support services.

- SRBC Strategies –

Discussion of possible new scenic road designations, scenic road protections and improvements, and nuisance properties was deferred to a future meeting.

Adjournment: Mr. Cassa’s motion to adjourn was seconded by Wayne Lisa, and the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

George Cassa