

TEWKSBURY TOWNSHIP
Scenic Roads & Bridges Commission
Meeting Minutes
April 10, 2014 **7:30 PM Mountainville**

The April 10, 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, Ulrich von Hollen, Hope Kaufmann 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 March 17, 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:** Chairman Wrede reported that the construction signage and unused culvert section have been removed from the Phase 1 (upper) section between Hollow Brook Road and Rt. 517. Vertical reflector markers installed by the contractor along the east side of the road are not compatible with the historic district and should be removed. Plastic matting installed to control erosion has been dislodged and should be removed. White rip-rap installed by the contractor at certain points in the Phase 2 (lower) section has not been removed. A neighbor has offered to replace the white stone with compatible local stone. Chairman Wrede and Wayne Lisa will discuss this proposal with Jess Landon

- **JCP&L Substation Landscaping:** Chairman Wrede reported that the Township Committee had appointed a subcommittee to pursue possible solutions to the unsatisfactory landscaping at the JCP&L substation on Fox Hill Road. In addition to Chairman Wrede, the members of the subcommittee included Mayor Van Doren and Dana Desiderio. The subcommittee met with John Anderson from JCP&L, who explained that the present appearance of the landscaping is a result JCP&L's aggressive clearing of invasive species. Also, the landscaping contractor installed non- deer resistant Chinese hollies in place of the specified American. The contractor will replace the affected hollies with the correct species.

- **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.

Discussion Items / New Business:

- Stone Arch Bridges – Hope Kaufman suggested the possibility of engaging a qualified historic preservation intern to assist with the consolidation and evaluation of existing historic bridge information from several sources, including Tewksbury’s Multiple Property Documentation Form, for the purpose of establishing a plan for identifying individual candidate bridges for listing on the NJ state and national historic registers. The SRBC asked Ms. Kaufman to follow up with a prospective intern to determine his interest and availability to participate, should the SRBC decide to proceed.

- SRBC Strategies –

Chairman Wrede suggested that the SRBC review its policies and criteria for nominating new local roads as scenic roads. No roads have been added to the list of designated scenic roads since the Scenic Roads ordinance was first adopted. Also, the SRBC’s authority with respect to architectural design details for structures on scenic roads that are not located in designated historic districts should be clarified. Finally, the possible role of the SRBC in recommending standards for maintenance and appearance of structures and landscaping on properties located on scenic roads was discussed. The subject will be continued at a future meeting.

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

Respectfully submitted,

George Cassa