

TEWKSBURY TOWNSHIP
Scenic Roads & Bridges Commission
Meeting Minutes
September 11, 2014 7:30 PM Mountainville

The September 11, 2014 meeting of the Scenic Roads and Bridges Commission was called to order by Chairman Harold Wrede at 7:35 PM. In addition to Chairman Wrede, SRBC members Barbara Todd, Hope Kaufmann, Mary Fazzini, Ulrich von Hollen 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 June 12, 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 he is still not satisfied with the vertical reflectors installed on the shoulders, which remain in place. Other work, within the Township's capability, has been addressed satisfactorily.
- **Mountain Road Bridge Restoration:** Chairman Wrede reported that the County plans to accomplish the work in-house; the stone arch itself is suitable for re-use, and new stone parapets and side walls will be constructed.
- **LUB Application 13-02 – Cellco Partnership – Block 44, Lot 26, 19 King Street:** The SRBC took note of the applicant's decision to investigate the feasibility of an alternative arrangement in which one set of antennas would be installed within the Julian Gage steeple in Oldwick, and a second set of antennas would be co-located on PSE&G transmission tower 12/4 on Hill and Dale Road. No supporting materials were presented for review, and the SRBC took no action on the application.
- **Stone Arch Bridges –**

Chairman Wrede agreed to email photos of the Township's stone arch bridges to Mr. David Townsley, who has volunteered to assist the SRBC in evaluating their eligibility for possible individual state and national historic register. Chairman Wrede's bridge photos have been identified with GPS locations.

- **SRBC Ordinance Review –** Mr. Cassa reported that during the public hearing of the Solar and Wind Energy ordinances, he raised the question as to whether solar and wind energy devices that are proposed for installation on designated Scenic Roads should be subject to review by the SRBC. Mayor Van Doren advised that the wind

and solar ordinances would not provide for SRBC review, but instead recommended that the SRBC undertake a review of the SRBC ordinance for the purpose of recommending changes to the Township Committee that will clarify the conditions under which a new application for any purpose would automatically trigger SRBC review.

■ Property Maintenance Ordinance –

Mr. Cassa reported that the Township Committee requested Township Administrator Jesse Landon to report on the number and status of residences that appear to have been abandoned. Mr. Landon advised that the Township is presently authorized to enter properties for the purpose of mitigating hazards to public health and safety, but is not authorized by ordinance to assume responsibility for maintaining grounds or structures on properties that do not present hazards to health or safety. The Township Committee requested Mr. Landon and Township Attorney Michael Selvaggi to be prepared to discuss the Township's alternatives at the next work session.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:53 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

George Cassa