

TEWKSBURY TOWNSHIP
Scenic Roads & Bridges Commission
Meeting Minutes
November 13, 2014 7:30 PM Mountainville

The November 13, 2014 meeting of the Scenic Roads and Bridges Commission was called to order by Chairman Harold Wrede at 7:30 PM. In addition to Chairman Wrede, SRBC members Barbara Todd, 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 September 11, 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: The vertical reflectors installed on the shoulders remain in place. The SRBC considers the style and location of these markers to be inconsistent with the character of the road and the neighborhood.
- Mountain Road Bridge Restoration: Chairman Wrede reported that the County that the bridge work has been completed and has been re-opened to traffic.
- LUB Application 13-02 – Cellco Partnership – Block 44, Lot 26, 19 King Street: There has been no change in the status of the cell tower application since the September 17 Land Use Board meeting, when the cell tower applicant advised the LUB that they planned to investigate the feasibility of a two-site alternative. The applicant has presented no additional materials for review. The SRBC took no action on the application.
- Stone Arch Bridges –

Mr. David Townsley, who has volunteered to assist the SRBC in evaluating the feasibility of nominating one or more stone arch bridges for possible individual state and national historic register, reported on guidance he received from Carolyn Scott at NJ SHPO concerning the format and content of the nomination document. SHPO will accept nominations submitted by citizens or local organizations, and does not require that such nominations be prepared by a certified historic preservation professional. SHPO does not charge any fee to review the nomination document. Mr. Townsley has prepared a pro forma nomination for Bridge T-89.

Chairman Wrede will contact Mayor Van Doren to discuss the possibility of proceeding with a program to submit individual nominations for one or more of the Township's stone arch bridges listed in "Historic Bridges of Tewksbury Township MPDF (ID#3951)", a Multiple Property Documentation Form submitted to SHPO by ARCH2 Inc., and listed on the NJ and national historic registers in 2002.

- SRBC Ordinance Review – Chairman Wrede will circulate the existing Scenic Roads and Bridges Ordinance to SRBC members for the purpose of proposing amendments to more clearly specify the conditions that should trigger automatic review of a land use or building permit for a property on a scenic road
- Property Maintenance Ordinance –

Mr. Cassa reported that Township Attorney Michael Selvaggi advised the Township Committee that property maintenance ordinances in other NJ municipalities have often been inefficient in terms of enforceability and effectiveness. Township Administrator Landon reported that the property taxes on most of the dozen or so foreclosed properties in Tewksbury are being kept up to date by the lenders. This means the properties cannot legally be considered as abandoned, and the Township cannot enter such properties to undertake any maintenance or repairs except when necessary to correct hazards to public health or safety.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

George Cassa