

TEWKSBURY TOWNSHIP
Scenic Roads & Bridges Commission
Meeting Minutes

March 17, 2014

7:30 PM Mountainville

The March 17, 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 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 November 14, 2013 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 outstanding issues with the plastic matting used to stabilize the drainage features in the Phase 1 (upper) section between Hollow Brook Road and Rt. 517 have not been addressed by DPW due to accumulated ice and snow. Ice and snow has also prevented any attempt to remedy the problem of incompatible white riprap that was installed by the contractor at certain locations in the Phase 2 (lower) section. Also, the numerous reflectors installed at culverts along the work areas, which have not been well received by residents, remain in place.
- **JCP&L Substation Landscaping:** Chairman Wrede reported that he had commented at a Township Committee meeting on the unsatisfactory appearance of the aggressive vegetation removal at the front of the substation on Fox Hill Road. JCP&L's representative, John Anderson, reported that the landscaping was in compliance with JCP&L's understanding of their obligations to the Township and neighbors. Mayor Van Doren proposed that a subcommittee be established to discuss possible solutions to the landscaping problem with JCP&L.
- **LUB Application 13-02 – Cellco Partnership – Block 44, Lot 26, 19 King Street:** The SRBC briefly reviewed a conceptual silo package that was submitted by the applicant as an alternative to the faux-windmill cell tower shown on the site plan. The SRBC needs three members for a quorum, but three of the five members present had potential conflicts. Chairman Wrede reported that all members were eligible to participate in discussions, but members with potential conflicts should not vote, unless a quorum could not be otherwise established. In that case, the "necessity" rule kicks in, and a recused individual could be re-admitted to establish a quorum. However, since the March 19 LUB hearing had been postponed, the SRBC decided to

defer action until the next meeting, when the package can be reviewed again, hopefully with at least one more eligible voting member in attendance.

Discussion Items / New Business:

- Stone Arch Bridges – The SRBC discussed the possibility of reviewing the bridges identified on Tewksbury’s 2002 Multiple Property Denomination Form to determine which, if any, of them should be nominated for individual listing on the state and federal historic registers. Mr. Cassa will provide additional background at the next meeting.
- BPU Vegetation Management Rule Changes - Mr. Cassa reported that the BPU has announced that it will again revisit its rules for vegetation management along utility rights of way. He will provide additional information at the next meeting.

Adjournment: Mr. Cassa’s motion to adjourn was seconded by Ulrich von Hollen, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

George Cassa