

TEWKSBURY TOWNSHIP
Scenic Roads & Bridges Commission
Meeting Minutes
June 11, 2015 7:30 PM Mountainville

The June 11, 2015 meeting of the Scenic Roads and Bridges Commission was called to order by Chairman Harold Wrede at 7:34 PM. In addition to Chairman Wrede, SRBC members Barbara Todd, Mary Fazzini, Hope Kaufman, 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 February 12, 2015 meeting were reviewed and accepted as submitted.

Public Participation: No members of the public were present.

Old Business:

- LUB Application 13-02 – Cellco Partnership – Block 44, Lot 26, 19 King Street: No new materials were provided for review, and the SRBC took no action on the application.

- Stone Arch Bridges / Historic Register Project: Mr. Cassa provided an oral review of the Multiple Property Documentation Form (MPDF) entitled “Historic Bridges of Tewksbury Township”, which was submitted to the NJ State Historic Preservation Office in 2002. This document specifies the criteria for historic registration and identifies the individual eligibility status for approximately thirty (30) stone arch bridges on Tewksbury’s municipally-owned scenic roads. With very few exceptions, these bridges are owned and maintained by Hunterdon County. Mr. Cassa noted that a number of bridges in the MPDF do not appear to meet the eligibility criteria. It was agreed that Mr. Cassa would develop a list of ineligible bridges

As reported at the previous SRBC meeting, Chairman Wrede and Township Committeeman Shaun Van Doren met with Tom Mathews, the Director of Hunterdon County’s Department of Public Works, to discuss an approach for preserving the stone arch bridges that have been documented in the MPDF. Mr. Mathews advised that if the MPDF identifies a given bridge as eligible for historic registration, it will be subject to the same requirements as a bridge that has already been individually listed on the NJ and national historic registers. Therefore, Mr. Mathews suggested that the SRBC might want to consider reviewing the MPDF to find out which bridges

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are presently ineligible and the reasons why they are not eligible, and use that information to prioritize them as candidates for individual nomination to the NJ and National Registers of Historic Places.

New Business: None.

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

Respectfully submitted,

George Cassa