

TEWKSBURY TOWNSHIP
Scenic Roads & Bridges Commission
Meeting Minutes

January 8, 2015

7:30 PM Mountainville

The January 8, 2015 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, 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 November 13, 2014 meeting were reviewed and accepted as submitted.

Public Participation: No members of the public were present.

Discussion Items / Old Business:

- Cellular Antenna Dismantling - Fox Hill Road: Chairman Wrede reported that the cellular antennal equipment compound for the collocated AT&T cellular antennas installed on the JCP&L transmission tower on Fox Hill Road has been removed. The antennas remain in place.
- LUB Application 13-02 – Cellco Partnership – Block 44, Lot 26, 19 King Street: Mr. Cassa reported that 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 report their findings on the two-site alternative at the January 7, 2015 meeting. However, according to the amended agenda for that meeting, the cell tower hearing has been continued to the February 18, 2015 meeting. No new materials were provided for review, and the SRBC took no action on the application.
- Stone Arch Bridges / Historic Register Project: Chairman Wrede reported that he contacted township committeeman 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. Mr. Van Doren advised him to contact Mr. Tom Mathews, Director of Hunterdon County Roads, Bridges and Engineering, to discuss the SRBC's proposal to make sure that it is consistent with the county's policies and plans for maintaining these bridges. Mr. Mathews indicated that he would be willing to meet with Mr. Van Doren and Mr. Wrede for this purpose.
- SRBC Ordinance Review: Discussion of the SRBC review was deferred and will be taken up at a future meeting.

Discussion Items / New Business:

- Township Road Improvement Plans for 2015: Mr. Cassa reported that township engineer Andrew Holt presented his budgetary scope for 2015 road work at the November 25 Township Committee meeting. Mr. Holt proposed a \$4.33 million budget for major road repairs and resurfacing (Potterstown , Rockaway, Califon-Cokesbury, Sutton, Still Hollow, Deer Hill, Welsh, and McCann’s Mill) in addition to the usual \$250,000 for the annual rotating chip and seal program. Mr. Holt confirmed that this budget includes funding for chip and seal treatment for the 6 roads that have been re-scheduled for C&S in 2015 as a result of an estimating oversight that prevented their completion in 2014.

- Main Street, Mountainville – Traffic Safety: At the request of the Township Committee, the SRBC, Jess Landon, Chief Holmes and Hayden Hull were asked to review a letter from a Mountainville resident concerning multiple traffic accidents on E. Main Street south of the bridge at the intersection of Sawmill and Guinea Hollow. The accidents involved vehicles traveling south and failing to negotiate the curve. The SRBC noted that there are no “curve” warning signs in either direction for that specific corner. The one curve warning sign near the corner, traveling northeast, is for the bridge at the intersection of Sawmill and Guinea Hollow Road. It was felt that blinking speed signs would be a detraction, and that speed bumps are an option. It was also noted that those drivers adhering to the 20 mph speed limit would have no trouble making the turn. Based on the facts presented, the majority view, with Ms. Kaufman abstaining, was that there is a traffic safety issue at that location. Chairman Wrede agreed to inform the township of the SRBC’s discussions and await suggestions from the other addressees.

- 2015 SRBC Budget Request: Chairman Wrede agreed to submit a request for \$500 to cover general expenses.

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

Respectfully submitted,

George Cassa