

Tewksbury Historical Commission  
Monday, January 20, 2014  
Tewksbury Housing Authority Community Room  
Saunders Circle

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Meeting opened: 6:35p.m.

Present: Chairman William Wyatt, Warren Carey, Thomas Churchill, M. Eileen McDonagh, Michael Hurton

Absent: Robert Hunter

Also present: Historical Society "Line of March" Committee members: David Marcus, member Board of Directors and former Society President and Tony Coviello

Secretary's report Monday, November 18, 2013: Motion by Warren Carey, seconded by Michael Hurton to accept the minutes as written passed unanimously with the Chair voting aye.

Correspondence:

Letter from MassDOT regarding repaving of Route 38 from the Tewksbury/Lowell line to the intersection with Pike Street (Astle Street). The Chair replied asking that special attention be paid to the Wamesit Indian Statue because of its historical significance. The Commission would like to share in procedures and operations and the Chair reminded MassDOT that they should send future correspondence to the Chairman of the Historical Commission.

Letter from MassDOT regarding the proposed installation of two solar powered permanent message signs on Interstate 495.

Demolition applications:

Five buildings were reviewed by the Chair and found not subject to the By-law.

B&M and L&L structures survey review:

The Chair reviewed the draft of sight surveys of the Lowell and Lawrence Railroad Bridge. The Meadow Brook culvert, which is still functional, was discussed.

Tewksbury Historical Society "Line of March" Presentation:

Tony Coviello gave a Presentation on the "Line of March" program which marks the route the 97 citizen soldiers of Tewksbury took April 19, 1775 on their way to Lexington and Concord at the start of the Revolution. Other towns have marked the route their men took on their way to fight that day. David Marcus also spoke on the program and slides were shown of that period.

There are nine granite posts and the markers will memorialize these men and educate people on the part Tewksbury took in the Revolution. The route is 2.6 miles and goes from the Town Common to East Street, to Lee, to Chandler and to the Billerica line.

None will be on private property. Brochures were given to residents along the route explaining the program.

The Committee, at this time is not asking for money from the taxpayers but are in the process of seeking private donations and grants.

The Historical Society is asking for the Historical Commission's approval of the program.

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After discussion, Warren Carey made the motion, seconded by Thomas Churchill that "The Tewksbury Historical Commission supports the Tewksbury Historical Society's project to post "Line of March" signs in Tewksbury along the route of the Tewksbury Minutemen's march to the battle of Lexington and Concord". The Chair voted aye and the motion passed unanimously.

Next meeting: 6:30p.m. Monday, March 17, 2014  
Trustee's Room, Tewksbury Public Library

Motion by Warren Carey, seconded by Thomas Churchill to adjourn at 7:23p.m. passed unanimously with the Chair voting aye.

Respectfully submitted:

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