

Tewksbury Historical Commission Meeting Minutes

Monday, January 4, 2016, 6:30 PM
Meeting Room
Tewksbury Public Library, 300 Chandler Street

Members present: Chairman William Wyatt, Vice Chairman Thomas Churchill, Town Historian Warren Carey, Commission Member Patricia Stratis.

Members absent: Secretary M. Eileen McDonagh, Commission Members Robert Hunter and Michael Hurton.

Meeting called to order at: 6:38pm, EST.

Motion made by Warren Carey, seconded by Patricia Stratis, to accept the minutes for the meeting on November 16, 2015. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Motion made by Warren Carey, seconded by Patricia Stratis, to accept the minutes for the meeting on December 2, 2015. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Warren Carey provided an update to his First Police Chief research: will wait until he can confirm findings with the records in Town Hall when they are available after the move.

Public Hearing for demolition permit application for 108 Pike Street called to order at 7:00pm.

Owner, John D. Sullivan spoke. Told commission the Town of Tewksbury sued for violation of zoning because the building was converted to apartments. Stated that settlement was reached with Town and claimed Town committed to approve requested rezoning.

Elias Tionis of 39 Kennedy Road, who is an abutter, asked if the project was covered by MGL Chapter 40b, affordable housing. Mr. Sullivan replied it is not a 40b project but two affordable units would be provided.

Warren Carey noted that although the documents presented by the owner show the lot as being 1.85 acres, the assessor's map shows it as 0.8 acres.

Motion made by Warren Carey, seconded by Thomas Churchill, that the property be considered historically significant. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Motion made by Warren Carey, seconded by Patricia Stratis, to consider the property preferably preserved with the condition that the owner, Mr. Sullivan, provide the commission with confirmation of the agreement made between the himself and the Town. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Motion made by Thomas Churchill, seconded by Patricia Stratis, that the owner, Mr. Sullivan, also provide estimates of costs to restore the property for use as a single family home. Motion passed by three aye votes. One member abstained.

Motion made by Warren Carey to adjourn the meeting at 7:37pm EST, seconded by Patricia Stratis. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Next Meeting: Monday, January 25, 2016 at 6:30pm, EST, in the Trustees Meeting Room in the Tewksbury Public Library, 300 Chandler Street.

Respectfully submitted,

W. J. Wyatt

Chairman

Minutes approved by commission on: January 25, 2016.