

Tewksbury Historical Commission Meeting and Public Hearing Minutes

Monday, January 25, 2016, 6:30 PM

Tewksbury Town Hall

Members present: Chairman William Wyatt, Vice Chairman Thomas Churchill, Town Historian Warren Carey, M. Eileen McDonagh, Robert Hunter, Michael Hurton, absent: Patricia Stratis.

Also present: Dave Marcus of Tewksbury Historical Society and Jim Andella, owner of property at 155 East Street, Tewksbury.

Meeting called to order at: 6:33pm, EST.

Motion made by Mr. Churchill, seconded by Mr. Hunter to approve 12/14/15 meeting minutes. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Motion made by Mr. Carey, seconded by Mr. Churchill to approve 01/04/16 meeting minutes. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Next on the agenda was the election of officers for 2016.

Motion made by Mr. Carey, seconded by Mr. Churchill to elect Mr. Wyatt as Chairman. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Motion made by Mr. Carey, seconded by Mr. Wyatt to elect Mr. Churchill as Vice-Chairman. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Motion made by Mr. Carey, seconded by Mr. Churchill to elect Mr. Hurton and Ms. McDonough as co-Secretaries. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Next on the agenda was continuation of the discussion related to the demolition application for 108 Pike Street. The Chairman reported that two Town officials, the Director of Community Development and the Town Council were scheduled to attend this meeting with information relevant to the 108 Pike Street property. The Town officials had to cancel due to a scheduling conflict. Because there is no new information regarding this issue any action has been postponed until the next meeting.

Next on the agenda was the issue of the Hardy-Pike house at 464 Main Street. The Chairman stated that he was informed by Steve Sadwick, the Tewksbury Director of Community Development that there is another party interested in saving the Hardy Pike House. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Churchill invited Jim Andella to speak of his plan to acquire and move the Hardy-Pike house. Mr. Andella stated that he has been told there is no CPC money available until October 2016. Mr. Andella estimates it will cost \$475,000 to move the property. Mr. Andella maintains contact with the owners of IRA Toyota and has been told that IRA would donate the \$60,000 that is budgeted for demolition of the

home to anyone that is willing to move the home. Finally, Mr. Andella asked the Historical Commission to formally support his effort. Discussion ensued.

Motion made by Mr. Churchill, seconded by Mr. Hunter to support Mr. Andella's effort to rezone 155 East Street from residential to commercial zoning for the purpose of moving the Hardy-Pike House to this property. The Chairman and Mr. Carey abstained. Mr. Churchill, Ms. McDonagh, Mr. Hunter and Mr. Hurton voted for the proposal.

Motion made by Warren Carey, seconded by Thomas Churchill to adjourn the meeting at 7:14pm, EDT. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Next Meeting: March 21, 2016

Respectfully submitted,

W. J. Wyatt

Chairman

Minutes approved by commission on: March 21, 2016.