

# Tewksbury Historical Commission Meeting and Public Hearing Minutes

Monday, March 21, 2016, 6:30 PM

Tewksbury Town Hall

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

Also present: Steve Sadwick, Tewksbury Director of Community Development, Charles Zaroulis, Town Counsel and Nancy Reed, Tewksbury Planning Board Member.

Meeting called to order at: 6:34pm, EST.

Motion made by Mr. Carey, seconded by Mr. Hunter to approve 01/25/16 meeting minutes. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

The Chairman called attention to the seven demolition permit applications. Four of the properties are deemed historical. Mr. Wyatt asked commission members as to their availability for a hearing on April 6, 2016 to review the historical properties. All members agreed to meet that day.

The next issue on the agenda relates to the property at 108 Pike Street. Mr. Zaroulis explained that the Town has been involved in litigation with the owner of the property because of alleged zoning violations and a failed septic system. The Town and property owner have agreed to a settlement under which the current structure will be demolished and construction equipment will be removed from the property and the owner will be permitted to build 3 duplexes (6 units) two of which are classified as affordable housing.

Motion made by Mr. Carey, seconded by Mr. Hunter to rescind the demolition delay for 108 Pike Street imposed at the January 5<sup>th</sup> 2016 meeting. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Next on the agenda was the continuation of discussion regarding the Hardy Pike House. Mr. Sadwick provided an update stating that Mr. Andella submitted an article for Town Meeting to rezone his property at 155 East Street from residential to commercial. Discussion ensued.

Next on the agenda is the matter of determining the founding date of Tewksbury Police Department. Mr. Carey continues to research and presented his findings to the Commission. He located documents from the 1890's that indicated there were police officers in Tewksbury at that time. His research will continue.

Next on the agenda was a discussion of the concept of creating historical districts in Tewksbury. Nancy Reed of the Planning Board explained the concept to the Commission. She wants to gauge the interest of the Commission and explained that the Board of Selectmen ultimately must approve the creation of the Historical District. Discussion ensued.

Motion made by Ms. Stratis, seconded by Mr. Hunter, for the Historical Commission to assign two members to take steps to investigate the concept of implementing a historical district in Tewksbury. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Motion made by Mr. Carey, seconded by Ms. Stratis to adjourn the meeting at 7:55pm, EDT. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Next Meeting: April 6, 2016

Respectfully submitted,

*W. J. Wyatt* \_\_\_\_\_

Chairman

Minutes approved by commission on: May 16, 2016.