

Tewksbury Historical Commission Meeting and Public Hearing Minutes

Monday, May 16, 2016, 6:30 PM

Tewksbury Library

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

Also present: Members of public

Meeting called to order at: 6:30pm, EST.

Motion made by Mr. Hurton, seconded by Mr. Hunter to approve 03/21/16 meeting minutes. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Motion made by Mr. Hurton, seconded by Ms. McDonagh to approve 04/11/16 meeting minutes. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Next on agenda was the review of five demolition permit applications as distributed. Of the five applications none of the properties were determined to be historic. After a short discussion it was agreed there was no action to take.

Next on the agenda was the continuation of the issue of the proposed demolition of 1547, 1553 and 1563 Andover Street and 1037 North Street. The commission voted at the April 11 meeting that these properties are preferably preserved. Counsel of the property owner made the point that there appears to be no proposal to take action needed to save the property. Several members of the public expressed the desire to explore alternatives to demolition. Ms. McDonagh asked the Chairman if Historical Commission members can view the inside of the property and was informed that we could. Discussion ensued.

The next item on the agenda was the review of the Hardy-Pike House property. Town resident Mr. Jim Andella of 155 East Street indicated that he is investigating a new option for saving the Hardy-Pike House and requested that the Commission not rescind the 270-day demolition delay which expires in August. The Chairman informed Mr. Andella that the Commission intended to leave the demolition delay in place.

The Chairman then updated the members on the issue of historical districts in the Town. The Chairman and Ms. Stratis plan to meet with Planning Board member Nancy Reed to discuss how to pursue this initiative.

The Chairman reported that he intends to send a letter to the owner of the Marshall House reminding them of certain restriction impose on the property and the potential funds that compensate for these restrictions.

Motion by Ms. Stratis, seconded by Mr. Hunter that the Historical Commission Chairman write a letter to the owner of Marshall House reminding them of preservation restrictions and that CPC funds are available for any resultant decrease in value.

Motion made by Mr. Hurton, seconded by Mr. Hunter to adjourn the meeting at 7:41 pm, EDT. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Next Meeting: July 11, 2016

Respectfully submitted,

W. J. Wyatt _____

Chairman

Minutes approved by commission on: July 11, 2016.