

# Tewksbury Historical Commission Meeting and Public Hearing Minutes

Wednesday, December 2, 2015, 7:00 PM  
Tewksbury Senior Center, 175 Chandler Street

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

Approximately 16 members of the public were present for the public hearing segment of the meeting.

Meeting called to order at: 7:04pm, EST.

Motion made by Warren Carey, seconded by Michael Hurton, to take a five minute recess to allow time for additional members of the public to arrive. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

The recess ended at 7:09 and the meeting started. The Chairman advised the public that the purpose of the meeting was to determine how to apply the "Demolition of Historic Building" by-law to 464 Main Street Hardy-Pike House. The Chairman then introduced the Board members to the public and explained the "Demolition of Historical Buildings" by-law.

The Chairman polled members of the public as to their opinion on whether the Hardy-Pike House is historically significant and the vast majority are of the opinion that it is.

Jay Kelley of 22 Karen Lee Lane stated his opinion that the Hardy-Pike house is historic as it is the third oldest house in town and it also served as the town hall.

Dave Marcus of Amesbury, President of the Tewksbury Historic Society spoke of the historical significance of the building.

Motion made by Warren Carey, seconded by Michael Hurton, that the Hardy-Pike House be deemed historically significant. Motion passed with six members voting for the motion and Tom Churchill abstaining from the vote.

David Robertson of Tewksbury, aide to State Representative Miceli spoke of the potential to obtain state funding to move the house to state owned land in town.

Jim Andella of Tewksbury proposed moving the house to property he owns on East Street if the Town would meet certain stipulations.

Motion made by Warren Carey, seconded by Thomas Churchill, to deem the property "preferably preserved" and request a meeting with the owners of the property, Group One Motors. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Motion made by Warren Carey, seconded by Thomas Churchill to adjourn the meeting at 8:21pm, EDT.  
Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Next Meeting: to be determined.

Respectfully submitted,

*W. J. Wyatt*

Chairman

Minutes approved by commission on: January 4, 2016