

Tewksbury Historical Commission

Meeting Minutes

Monday January 24, 2022 6:30 PM

Tewksbury Town Hall
1009 Main Street

Members present: Chairman, William Wyatt, Nancy Reed, Pat Stratis, Eileen McDonagh and Michael McLaughlin - absent were Linda Voutour and Tom Churchill.

1. Meeting called to order at: 6:35 pm, EST

Chairman, Bill Wyatt opened the meeting and asked for :

2. Approval of Minutes - Nov 22, 2021

MOTION: Nancy made a motion to approve the minutes of Nov 22, 2021, Pat seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.

3. Correspondence and Demolition Applications: The Chairman mentioned that that he had circulated the list of 2 properties and that neither were historically significant

4. Updates

A. New Elementary School Mural Wall and Bookcases from Center School.

- Mrs. Reed gave an update, last week, she met with Assist. Superintendents of Schools, Brenda Regan and Maria Cutelis to go over the photo collection for items they might want to use on the mural wall. Peter Collins also joined to discuss the bookcase situation and options. The photos and plans were distributed. Plans showing a spot for the bookcases being between the Library and the Gym entrance in an area where there will be seating, near the library and it is away from the main hallway where they could be damaged by bookbags and so forth. Bookcases will be taken from the Center school as seen best to be restored and converted for display and use in the designated area. All were happy that this is happening and grateful that the working team for the new school has addressed this topic so thoughtfully.

B. Proposed changes to Town Center roadways.

Mrs. Stratis mentioned that she contacted the town Engineer Kevin Hartiman and he forwarded her a plan from December 2021. The wide turns, left and right hand, at Pleasant Street are not on this plan, where they were on the previous plan from March 2021. She circulated a copy of the newer plan. She also said that Kevin told her that nothing can really happen for at least 5 years due to funding at the state level. Michael asked that the Chairman ask the town engineer to verify which plan is being submitted to the state – Bill will contact the Town engineer.

C. 30 East Street topic.

Bill mentioned that this is still an open item for the Planning Board and will be on a future agenda.

5. Historical Society update –already covered in items above.
6. New Business

A. Review Demolition of Historical buildings bylaw:

Bill mentioned that wants to review whether or not the Commission can set an expiration date on the release of the Demo Delay approval. As an example the Carriage house at Sycamore Hall was approved several years ago, but has not come down yet. The question is – how long should these things remain open items and do their demo permits expire and if they do, why don't the properties come back before the Commission for review..??? More information is needed – the Chairman will research and get back to us.

B. Review requiring the Planning Board to notify the Commission when they have a hearing regarding an historical resource. The Chairman wanted to know if there is any way that we can be notified when this happens – by the Town, the Planning Board and so forth? Bill mentioned that he will ask the Planning Board Chairman about this.

7. **Next meeting:** Slated to be in March 21, 2022, the third Monday of that month.
8. **Adjournment**
Motion was made by Pat and seconded by Michael - unanimously approved at 7:19 PM

Minutes were approved at meeting on May 16, 2022.