



Committee: Beautification Committee

Date: Wednesday April 16, 2014

Time: 6:40 pm

Location: Tewksbury Public Library, 300 Chandler Street, Tewksbury

Members present: Jackie Stone, Paige Impink, Tracy Clement, Sandra Wilson, Doug Sears

Members not present: Dan Elliman, Joe Mazzola

Guest: Susan Boucher- Member At Large, Ed Johnson, Steve Sadwick

The meeting was called to order at: 6:40pm

#### Meeting Motions / Actions and Summary of Discussions:

Acceptance of the minutes of the 2/26/14 and 3/24/14 meetings unanimously approved.

The group welcomed Steve Sadwick, Director of Community Development and Edward Johnson, Building Commissioner. Steve indicated that maintenance of properties in town can be thorny. Massachusetts has not adopted the universal property code. Jackie raised the issue of the old police station and the Center school as eyesores. The group also discussed the condition of signs in town as well as options for enforcement, bylaws, etc. It was suggested that a bylaw could be a way that the committee could help the town move forward with implementing new standards. An informal work session was proposed and will be scheduled for a future date.

Other topics covered included temporary signs, Adopt-an-Island signs, a letter to the planning board to improve signs.

Jackie will be meeting with Rotary on May 7 to discuss support for Welcome to Tewksbury signs.

Memorials in town turn out to be the purview of the DPW, not the VFW. As such, some cost for replacement may fall under the town. The committee will still pursue funding options via VFW, DAV, and other sources.

The group discussed crowd-sourcing and expanded funding options for the monument program.

Jackie will be distributing a draft of the Adopt an Island guidelines for the committee to review.

Steve Sadwick will forward some relevant articles from other communities for the committee to review to assist in planning for any signage articles going forward.

Meeting was adjourned at: 8:00pm

#### Next meeting:

Date: Wednesday, May 21, 2014

Time: 6:00pm

Place: Tewksbury Public Library, Trustees Room

Respectfully submitted, Paige Impink, Secretary

Minutes approved by Committee on: \_\_\_\_\_ 5.21.14 \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*No documents were distributed at this meeting.\*\*