

**Sidewalks For A Safer Tewksbury Ballot Committee  
Meeting Minutes**

- Meeting Date:** September 4<sup>th</sup>, 2002
- Meeting Place:** Tewksbury Police Station, Community Room
- Attendee's:** Sandra Campo, Franco Lucchesi, Sam Krikorian, Ted Dooling, Jefferson, Smith, Laura Caplan, Matt Dailey.
- Guests:** Toni Joseph, Elaine Quinlan, Dave Silva, Eric Braciska.

Meeting commenced at 7:45 pm.

Jefferson discussed with Ted opening a bank account for the Ballot Committee. They then made arrangements to do so.

Jefferson discussed making signs for the election. He stated that he has sign holders and he may be able to get some blank plastic for free left over from a golf tournament. We would just need to put our printing on the signs. Jefferson stated that he has not had time to contact any PAC members or attend any meetings but he did state that there was a meeting scheduled for Sept. 18<sup>th</sup>. Eric Braciska stated that he was on the agenda for the Trahan School so he would cover that one. Laura stated that she would speak at the Wynn and Ryan Schools PAC Meetings. Eric discussed his ideas on topics for discussion at these meetings.

Franco advised that he spoke to the Safety Officer who did state that he does support our plan. Sandra advised that she spoke with Superintendent of Schools, Dr. McGrath who advised that she commends us for our efforts but was not willing to send a letter to the Selectmen endorsing our plan, as she was concerned about the financial impact it may have on the schools. Franco also stated that he called Ray Shaw from the Finance Committee and left a message but has not heard back from him yet.

Sandra advised that we are on the agenda for the Board of Health for Sept. 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:45. Sandra and Sam will attend and plan to present them with the 5-year plan and seek some feedback from them on our plan.

Jefferson expressed that we should all try to send a letter to the editor and devised a schedule and an assignment. Members discussed strategy and topics of discussion for the letters. Jefferson also discussed the Tewksbury Issues web site. Members and Volunteers agreed that it would be better to use the web site for posting information and to avoid responding to negative comments.

Jefferson Stated that he feels members should stress that the vote at the Town Meeting is strictly to get the question on the ballot. Mr. Silva also commented that it should be noted that the town has a good credit standing and has recently paid off some debts.

Jefferson stated that the Lowell Sun has the talk back section, which might be a good place to discuss the issue. Laura commented that the Globe also has some new correspondents covering the local area.

Jefferson presented some flyers he drafted for review. Members reviewed and discussed information on flyers.

Mr. Silva inquired about land taking. Franco responded advising that there would be little to no land taking on Shawsheen or North St.

Franco discussed our approach for town meeting regarding staying focused & Organized with bullet points.

Committee members discussed distributing flyers on Sept. 21<sup>st</sup>. Franco stated he would be able to make copies of the flyers.

Jefferson stated that he thinks it would be a good idea to pass out chops at the Town Meeting. Members agreed. Jefferson also advised that there is a new web page for the committee and also a new web address: [www.tewksbury.com/sst](http://www.tewksbury.com/sst)

It was also discussed that members would try to recruit volunteers to help with the campaign.

Meeting adjourned 9:25PM.