

**Town of Wareham  
BOARD OF ROAD COMMISSIONERS  
Tuesday, February 9, 2016**

**MINUTES**

**Location:** The Wareham Board of Road Commissioners meeting of February 9, 2016 was held in Room 27 of Memorial Town Hall.

**Members Present:** Members present: Joseph Cardoza, William Heaney, Recording Secretary John McGonnell, David Pichette and Howard Smith. Also present: Approximately six citizens and one member of the press.

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 4:10 p.m. by Recording Secretary McGonnell who acted as Chairman Pro Tem.

**Minutes:** The Minutes of the Board of Road Commissioners meeting held on January 12, 2016 were reviewed. Motion by Member Smith to accept the Minutes, seconded by Member Cardoza. Vote: 5-0-0.

**New Business:**

**Report of Meeting:** Member Smith gave an oral report on the meeting of Town and public safety officials held on January 13, 2016 relative to street naming and numbering, and in particular, the concerns of the Building Commissioner, the Police and Fire Departments and EMS. The Fire Departments will be withholding appropriate permits when conspicuous building numbers are not properly displayed. Future meetings are to be held relative to this subject. A brief discussion then followed, with concerns and suggestions of the Road Commissioners. Member Pichette reminded the Board of an earlier Road Commission vote to allow the Director of the Municipal Maintenance Department and Town Planner to issue appropriate property numbers for permit purposes, with number assignment ratification by the Board of Road Commissioners at a later date.

**Old Business:**

**Pavement Cutting and Trench Openings:** This matter was tabled until the Municipal Maintenance Director could be present and provide further information.

**Handicapped Parking on Onset Avenue adjacent to the crosswalk to the Town Pier:** This matter was tabled until the Municipal Maintenance Director provides appropriate measurements of the area involved.

**Eleventh Street:** This matter was tabled until the Municipal Maintenance Director reports on the boundaries of Eleventh Street and adjacent Town properties.

**Onset Parking Program:**

**Improper Use of Parking Permits/Stickers:** Discussion was had relative to the improper use of parking permits/stickers, and the related recommendations of the Harbormaster and Police Chief. Because of the limitations of the current printed parking violation notices, enforcement officers will enter "Code No. 100" under number 18 "Other" on the violation notice to indicate the improper use of the parking permit/sticker, along with noting the appropriate monetary fine. Second and subsequent violations will be addressed by the Police Chief after new violation notices are printed.

A motion to add this violation to the Traffic Code was made by Member Heaney, and it was seconded by Member Cardoza. No further discussion. Vote: 5-0-0.

Acting Chair McGonnell asked if any members of the audience wished to comment.

**East Boulevard:** John Cornish repeated his request to consider issuance to commercial property owners of daytime parking permits for their clients/customers similar to the parking permits available to residential property owners. Marie Greig commented that this area is primarily residential and that the businesses have expanded which has created the parking problems. She inquired about the prior study of the area that was conducted that indicated that the East Boulevard area is the most congested area in Onset. Thomas McManus asked if there would be a meeting to attempt to resolve some of these on-going parking issues and suggested that businesses could possibly lease some property for parking spots or institute a shuttle service. Mr. Cornish reported that these suggestions had already been considered but are not feasible due to insurance issues. No votes were taken on these issues.

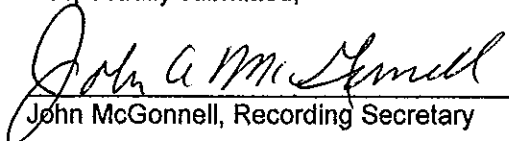
Winna Dean commented that overall she likes the Onset Parking Program. She feels enforcement is good in the lots and kiosk areas which are well patrolled, but she feels enforcement is lacking in the time-restricted areas.

**Any Other Business:** None.

**Next Meeting:** Tuesday, March 8, 2016 at 4:00 p.m.

**Adjournment:** Member Cardoza moved to adjourn. Seconded by Member Heaney. The meeting was adjourned at 4:50 p.m. by a vote of 5-0-0.

Respectfully submitted,

  
John McGonnell, Recording Secretary