

**Town of Wareham  
BOARD OF ROAD COMMISSIONERS  
Monday, February 13, 2017**

**MINUTES**

**Location:** The Wareham Board of Road Commissioners meeting of February 13, 2017 was held in Room 27 of Memorial Town Hall.

**Members Present:** Town Planner Kenneth Buckland, Joseph Cardoza, Chair William Heaney, Recording Secretary John McGonnell, Vice Chair David Menard, Howard Smith and Police Chief Kevin Walsh. Also present was one member of the press.

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Chair Heaney.

**Minutes:** The Minutes of the Board of Road Commissioners meeting held on December 12, 2016 were reviewed. Motion by Chair Heaney to accept the Minutes. Seconded by Member Smith. Vote: Unanimous. [Note: There was no meeting in January 2017.]

**New Business:**

**Windsor Drive:** The resident at #18 Windsor Drive requested signage to slow traffic down (other than a posted speed limit sign). He indicated he would appear before the Board with a formal request and explanation, but he did not appear. Chief Walsh reported that the Police Department has monitored traffic in that area on several occasions, and no violations were observed. The area is a thickly-settled district (30 mph). Discussion followed that the street is somewhat curvy and not conducive to speeding. The matter was tabled until further information is provided by the complainant. No Board action at this time.

**Viking Drive and Kennedy Lane – Temporary Parking and Traffic Control:** Recording Secretary McGonnell gave a brief overview of the proposed temporary parking and traffic regulations during the display of the Moving Vietnam Memorial Wall from August 17 to 21, 2017. He requested this matter be tabled to a further meeting so any related legal issues can be resolved. No Board action at this time.

**Old Business:**

**Assignment from Town Meeting Regarding Maintenance of Unapproved Ways:** Chair Heaney provided an overview of the issues and the concerns of the working group (consisting of Members Heaney, McGonnell and Menard). He also reported that required placeholders for the Town Meeting warrant have been reserved regarding two related articles. One is the article relating to repairs and maintenance of unaccepted ways. The second is an article to establish a revolving fund for maintenance of unaccepted ways. He further indicated a working group meeting will be held in the near future, and a full update will be distributed to all Board members prior to our next meeting. A brief discussion followed relative to the Board holding a public hearing on these articles prior to Town Meeting. The Board was in general agreement that a public hearing would be proper and beneficial. Chair Heaney also expressed thanks to Vice Chair Menard for arranging for three Board members to view a number of the smaller unaccepted ways from the vantage point of Municipal Maintenance trucks.

**Oak Street (between #23 and #27):** There was a brief discussion regarding parking issues in the area of #23 and #27 Oak Street. Chief Walsh reported that Lt. Gerard has been in contact with area residents who appear to be cooperating in the matter. The Chief stated he feels there is currently sufficient signage in this area, and the current parking situation does not presently constitute a hazard.

The Chief further reported there have been no accidents in this immediate area, and his department has not received a high number of citizen complaints. Chief Walsh advised he will re-evaluate the situation during the spring when increased traffic and activity are present in the area. He or Lt. Gerard will report further at that time. No Board action at this time.


**Any Other Business:**

**Name Change Request for David's Way:** A discussion was held relative to the request for a name change from David's Way to Justice Court. It was determined this is not a Road Commission matter as David's Way is not an accepted way, and the petitioner (who is the only property owner on David's Way) can change the name following the procedure of notifying the Town Clerk, the Board of Assessors, the 911 Control and the United States Post Office. Chief Walsh indicated he would actually prefer the new name to avoid confusion with the similarly-named street of David's Cross. No Board action at this time.

**Next Meeting:** Monday, March 13, 2017, at 4:00 p.m.

**Adjournment:** Member Buckland moved to adjourn. Seconded by Member Smith. The meeting was adjourned at 4:35 p.m. by a vote of 7-0-0.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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John McGonnell, Recording Secretary

These Minutes were reviewed and accepted by vote of 6-0-0 at the meeting of the Board of Road Commissioners held on March 13, 2017.