

**Town of Wareham
BOARD OF ROAD COMMISSIONERS
Monday, September 10, 2018**

MINUTES

Location: The Wareham Board of Road Commissioners meeting was held on September 10, 2018 at 4:00 p.m. in Room 27 of Memorial Town Hall.

Members Present: Chair Bill Heaney, Town Planner Kenneth Buckland, Member Joseph Cardoza, Recording Secretary John McGonnell, Vice Chair Menard, Member Howard Smith and Chief John Walcek (who arrived at 4:08 p.m.). Also present were two members of the public.

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 August 20, 2018 were reviewed. Motion by Smith to accept the Minutes. Seconded by Menard. Vote: 4-0-2.

New Business:

Cahoon Road – Request for Signage: Town Planner Buckland reported that residents of Cahoon Road have been complaining about trucks accessing the Bay Pointe Club's construction site via Cahoon Road. The developer has requested signage be installed as to the terms of the Special Permit granted by the Planning Board. Following discussion, Member Smith made a motion to authorize the Municipal Maintenance Department to make and install two appropriate signs to be paid for by the developer. Seconded by Buckland. Vote: 6-0-0.

Old Business:

Request for "No Parking" Sign at Onset Avenue and North Water Street: Chief Walcek reported that there have been no reportable accidents at this location for the past five years and advised there is limited access on North Water Street due to one-way street status for part of that roadway. There is a visibility obstruction at times because of larger, parked vehicles, and there is much congestion due to nearby apartment dwellings. Following a brief discussion, a motion was made by Smith to have Municipal Maintenance install a "No Truck Parking" sign in the affected area. Seconded by Buckland. Vote: 7-0-0.

Traffic Study at Tobey Road and Main Street: Town Planner Buckland provided copies of an earlier traffic monitoring program submitted to the Planning Board prior to the Wal-Mart construction. The June 2017 report was issued by McMahon Transportation Engineers and Planners with data collection, and Buckland advised that a second report is now being compiled. During discussion, the Board agreed that the 2017 report data primarily dealt with the Wal-Mart driveways on Route 28 and Toby Road, with no data regarding the intersection of Toby Road and Main Street. Member Smith reported that safety and congestion issues occur at this location particularly coinciding with the opening and dismissal times of the nearby Decas School. Following further discussion, Buckland indicated he would like to contact State authorities to see if the Section 61 finding could include the Toby Road/Main Street intersection and see if data/recommendations for that intersection could be included in future studies, as well as possibly extending the time limit of these studies. Chief Walcek reported that there have been four accidents at the Main Street/Toby Road intersection in the past three years – two reportable and two minor in nature. Following additional discussion, a motion was made by Buckland to have the Road Commissioners request a more complete traffic impact study from the State which would include the Main Street/Toby Road intersection. Seconded by McGonnell. Vote: 7-0-0.

Large Trucks on Indian Neck Road at Sandwich Road: Director Menard reported that the Municipal Maintenance Department has installed advisory signs on Indian Neck Road at the intersection of Minot Avenue warning truckers of tight turning issues on the roadway. He suggested that the Board revisit the issue in several months to see if the new signs are effective. No Board action at this time.

Pumpkintown Road Follow-Up: Director Menard reported that due to the absence of Town Meeting action, the homes in this area still have Main Street addresses. He further indicated that at the request of the Town Administrator, the Municipal Maintenance Department posted a Pumpkintown Road street sign. He advised that this signage is not a legal posting, and he has concerns as to the legal ramifications regarding this issue. During further discussion, Chief Walcek pointed out that only two single-family homes and one apartment dwelling are situated in the affected area. No Board action at this time.

Any Other Business:

Main Street and Fearing Hill Road Intersection: Chairman Heaney brought up the prior request for a second "Stop" sign to be posted on Main Street at Fearing Hill Road. A brief discussion followed about the current posted "Stop" sign and somewhat obstructed views because of vegetation overgrowth. Chief Walcek will research the accident data for this intersection and report back to the Board. No Board action at this time.

Width of Long Neck Road: Chair Heaney reported that according to Building Commissioner David Riquinha and Town Administrator Derek Sullivan, the current road-width issues are a result of the formal plans never being recorded at the Registry of Deeds which has resulted in the on-going legal and engineering issues. No Board action at this time.

Street Lighting and Cross Walk Issues: Resident Winna Dean called the Board's attention to a number of street light issues in the Onset Village area and the lack of a cross walk on Union Avenue at the Temple parking lot. She advised that a number of pedestrians cross Union Avenue at this location. Director Menard indicated he would look into the matters.

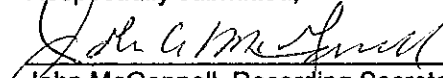
Cranberry Highway Flooding: Member Cardoza raised concerns about the flooding on Cranberry Highway near the Cranberry Plaza shopping center at times of heavy rainfall. During discussion, it was pointed out that the State will be rebuilding the roadway in this area, and drainage issues will be addressed at that time.

Low Railroad Bridge at Main Street: A discussion was had regarding truck issues with the low-height of the bridge and the most recent crash at this location. Director Menard indicated that he has suggested in the past that the bridge be painted in a brighter color with height markings prominently displayed right on the bridge. Chief Walcek indicated that the Police Department will contact Mass Coastal Railroad to suggest warning and visibility improvements to the bridge.

Next Meeting: To be announced.

Adjournment: Smith moved to adjourn. Seconded by McGonnell. The meeting was adjourned at 4:49 p.m. by a vote of 7-0-0.

Respectfully submitted,


John McGonnell, Recording Secretary

These Minutes were reviewed and accepted by unanimous vote at the meeting of the Board of Road Commissioners held on October 15, 2018.