

**Town of Wareham  
BOARD OF ROAD COMMISSIONERS  
Monday, October 15, 2018**

**MINUTES**

**Location:** The Wareham Board of Road Commissioners meeting was held on October 15, 2018 at 4:00 p.m. in Room 27 of Memorial Town Hall.

**Members Present:** Chair Bill Heaney, Recording Secretary John McGonnell, Vice Chair Menard, Member Howard Smith and Police Chief John Walcek. Also present was one member 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 September 10, 2018 were reviewed. Motion by Smith to accept the Minutes. Seconded by Menard. Vote: 5-0-0.

**New Business:**

**Speed Limit on Main Street Between Hathaway Road and Tobey Road:** Discussion was held regarding the concerns of area residents involving speeding vehicles and lack of signage and sidewalks, particularly since roadway improvements were made in the area. Director Menard reports that a small area of broken sidewalk was removed during reconstruction, but stated there are no funds available for completing new sidewalks. Chief Walcek advised that the Police Department regularly monitors traffic in the area, particularly near the Decas School. Following discussion, the Board was in general agreement that there is a lack of speed limit signage in the area. Motion made by McGonnell to have Municipal Maintenance erect three additional 35 mile-per-hour signs in both directions in that area of Main Street. Seconded by Smith. Vote: 5-0-0.

**Town Meeting Warrant Article 9:** Discussion was held regarding Town Meeting Warrant Article 9 – House Numbering By-Law, proposed by the Board of Selectmen for Fall Town Meeting 2018. Board members were in agreement that this article has merit. Motion made by McGonnell to endorse the article. Seconded by Walcek. Vote: 5-0-0.

**Old Business:**

**Pumpkintown Road Follow-Up:** Chair Heaney discussed prior Board action relative to this matter and the letter to Board members by Town Administrator Derek Sullivan. Heaney confirmed that the Board has the authority to make this type of road name change, but a public hearing is required. He advised that a public hearing will be scheduled on November 19, 2018, at the time of the next Board of Road Commissioners meeting.

**Any Other Business:**

**Onset Parking Program:** Chair Heaney advised that the Onset Parking Program will be on the agenda of the Monday, November 19, 2018 meeting, when Garry Buckminster, Director of Natural Resources/Harbormaster, will be available.

**Speeding and Overgrowth on Cahoon Road:** Chief Walcek reported that the Police Department has received complaints regarding vegetation overgrowth, speeding and lack of signage on Cahoon Road. During discussion, it was noted that there is only one 20 mile-per-hour speed sign currently on the roadway. Director Menard reported that some brush was cut earlier in the year on one side of the street. Additional clearing will occur shortly. His department will address signage issues (speed and caution/children) and post additional signage as needed. Walcek reported that the Police Department is currently

conducting a speed and traffic data study on Cahoon Road, and he will advise the Board of the results when the study has been completed.

**Parkwood Road Signage:** Chief Walcek reported that a Parkwood resident has requested that an advisory sign be posted for the area school bus stop. Municipal Maintenance and the Police Department will consult with the school authorities and determine the exact bus stop location and follow up with appropriate action.

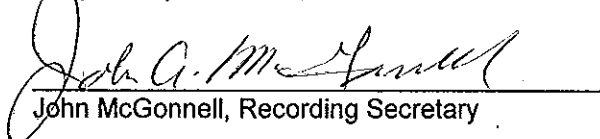
**Main Street and Fearing Hill Road Intersection:** Chief Walcek indicated that he checked the accident data for the intersection of Main Street and Fearing Hill Road, and he reported that there has been only one accident at this location in the past two years. No Board action at this time.

**Low Railroad Bridge at Main Street:** Following a brief discussion, Municipal Maintenance Director Menard and his department were commended for their high-visibility paint job and markings on the Main Street railroad bridge in an effort to eliminate future problems in this area.

**Next Meeting:** Monday, November 19, 2018.

**Adjournment:** Menard moved to adjourn. Seconded by Heaney. The meeting was adjourned at 4:29 p.m. by a vote of 5-0-0.

Respectfully submitted,



John McGonnell, Recording Secretary

These Minutes were reviewed and accepted at the meeting of the Board of Road Commissioners held on November 19, 2018 by a vote of 5-0-1 (Buckland abstaining).