

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

**MINUTES**

**Location:** The Wareham Board of Road Commissioners meeting was held on November 13, 2017 at 4:00 p.m. in Room 27 of Memorial Town Hall.

**Members Present:** Chair William Heaney, Town Planner Kenneth Buckland, Recording Secretary John McGonnell, Municipal Maintenance Director David Menard, Member Howard Smith and Police Chief Kevin Walsh. Also present were approximately eight 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 October 2, 2017 were reviewed. Motion by Member Smith to accept the Minutes. Seconded by Member Buckland. Vote: 5-0-0 (Chief Walsh was absent at the time of the vote).

**New Business:**

**Onset Parking Program:** Agenda items A and B under New Business were postponed so that Harbormaster Garry Buckminster could be present for the discussions.

**Onset Avenue Speed Limit Signage:** Resident Lori Benson sent correspondence questioning the speed limit on Onset Avenue in the area of Lopes Playground. Chief Walsh indicated that the posted speed limit westerly on Onset Avenue is 25 miles per hour from the area of the Stone Bridge to the increased 40 mile an hour zone just past Lopes Playground. He noted, however, there is an absence of signage in the Onset Village area. He made a motion to request that Municipal Maintenance install a 25 mph sign on Onset Avenue facing westerly in the area of Tenth Street. The motion was seconded by Recording Secretary McGonnell. Vote: 6-0-0.

**Plymouth Avenue Drainage and Flooding Issues:** Director Menard reported that the Municipal Maintenance Department is aware of several problem areas on Plymouth Avenue. Because of the drainage issues, some engineering is required. The problems may be addressed after Chapter 90 funds become available in July 2018. Following discussion, the Board referred the handling of the matter to the Municipal Maintenance Department.

**Old Business:**

**Bay Pointe Club Pending Construction and Cahoon Road Upgrade:** Resident Patricia Pratt-MacLeod indicated she is the spokesperson for her Cahoon Road neighborhood and has concerns about upcoming construction traffic and speeding vehicles in the area which has high pedestrian traffic. She is particularly concerned about the area in the vicinity of #32 Cahoon where there is a sharp curve and drivers' views are obstructed. Chief Walsh stated he does not feel speeding is an issue in the area. His officers have monitored traffic on numerous occasions at all times of the day and night, and no violations were observed. Recording Secretary McGonnell, speaking as a neighborhood resident, agreed there is a high volume of pedestrian traffic in the area. He stated there have been roadway width and visibility issues for some time because of excessive vegetation overgrowth along the entire stretch of Cahoon Road, especially at the sharp curve near #32.

Tim Fay, president of Stonestreet Corp., the owner of the golf course, expressed his concerns particularly pertaining to a golf cart crossing near the sharp curve in the roadway. He also explained that some

improvements to a portion of Cahoon Road will occur as part of the new construction including roadway widening and the installation of sidewalks nearby. Town Planner Buckland showed the Board plans of the proposed project and indicated that the Planning Board has regulations regarding the direction of equipment going to and from the construction site. Mr. Fay also indicated that a traffic management plan has been drafted for the project. Following a discussion, Director Menard indicated he would meet on November 17, 2017 with Chris Reynolds, the project manager for Stonestreet Corp., to view the area and assess the issues in person. Chair Heaney and Mr. Fay briefly discussed the proposed improvements to Cahoon Road by Stonestreet and whether jurisdiction fell to the Road Commissioners, the Planning Board or the Board of Selectmen.

**Plymouth Road "No Parking" Zone:** The issue of the posted "no parking" zone in the area that was discussed at prior meetings was again discussed. Neighborhood resident Karon Pludra spoke and reported on a number of on-going issues in the area and requested that the "no parking" zone remain in effect. Among other reasons, she cited safety issues. Board members were uncertain of Town boundaries in the area in question. Resident Jose Elecier again requested that the "no parking" zone near his property be removed. Following discussion, the Board indicated that no changes to the restricted parking zone would be made, and no further Board action is required at this time. Mr. Elecier may reappear before the Board with certified engineering drawings.

**Kennedy Lane Gate Opening Request:** The Planning Board Record of Proceedings filed May 1, 1989, as provided to the Board by Chief Walsh, was reviewed by the Board. Following discussion, a motion was made by Member Buckland to have the Road Commissioners on record to keep the Kennedy Lane gate closed. Seconded by Recording Secretary McGonnell. Vote: 6-0-0.

**Request for Tenant Parking near 155 Onset Avenue:** Following a brief discussion, Member Smith made a motion that this matter should be dealt with at the same time as the other Onset Parking Program issues. Seconded by Member Buckland. Vote: 6-0-0.

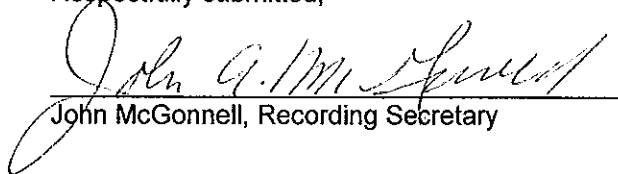
**Any Other Business:**

A resident in the audience expressed concern about signage at the 3-way intersection at Minot Avenue, Depot Street and Great Neck Road. Director Menard indicated he would view the scene and take appropriate action.

**Next Meeting:** To be announced.

**Adjournment:** Town Planner Buckland moved to adjourn. Seconded by Member Smith. The meeting was adjourned at 5:20 p.m. by a vote of 6-0-0.

Respectfully submitted,



John McGonnell, Recording Secretary

These Minutes were reviewed and accepted at the meeting of the Board of Road Commissioners held on December 11, 2017.