

**Town of Wareham
BOARD OF ROAD COMMISSIONERS
Monday, January 10, 2022**

MINUTES

Location: The Wareham Board of Road Commissioners meeting was held on January 10, 2022 via Zoom teleconferencing.

Members Present: Chair Kenneth Buckland, Member Joseph Cardoza, Police Chief Walter Correia, Member Marie Greig, Recording Secretary John McGonnell and Member Howard Smith. Municipal Maintenance Director David Menard was absent.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. by Chair Buckland.

Minutes: The Minutes of the Board of Road Commissioners meeting of December 13, 2021 were reviewed. Motion by Smith to accept as presented. Seconded by Greig. Vote: 6-0-0.

Old Business:

- A. Discussion: Onset Parking Program:** During discussion, Chair Buckland referenced the issue of on-street parking of commercial vehicles. Member Smith questioned whether this issue is one of having one neighbor complaining about another neighbor or is it a town-wide problem? He also questioned the size of commercial vehicles, indicating that they can range from pick-up trucks with commercial plates to heavy vehicles. Chair Buckland indicated that the issue involves small businesses (i.e., plumber's and electricians' vehicles) and indicated that clarification is needed involving driveway parking vs. on-street parking. Member Cardoza commented that commercial vehicles should be regulated by their weight limits, perhaps vehicles over seven or ten tons. Member McGonnell made reference to a proposed regulation by the Board of Road Commissioners on April 9, 2018 regarding a heavy vehicle parking ban and will forward that information to the Board members for their review. Chair Buckland remarked that the Board should check prior files on this issue.

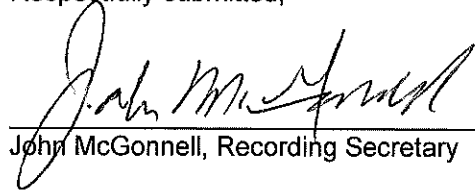
New Business:

- A. Warning Signs and Safety Barriers near 50 Great Neck Road –** (Jenna Hudson and Connor Fleming): Chair Buckland remarked about new signage and a 20 mph speed zone signage posted in the area by Municipal Maintenance. Member Smith indicated he thought that the new signage in the area seems to be appropriate and questioned what could be done further because of the configuration of the roadway. Members Greig and McGonnell commented in agreement with Smith's statements. Chief Correia stated he didn't know what could be done further, short of installing guardrails, which could potentially worsen things. The Chair spoke of engineering limitations without changing the geometry of the roadway and realigning the right of way. No board action at this time.
- B. Flashing Light on Minot Avenue at Entrance to New Elementary School Driveway –** (Sel. Judith Whiteside and Dr. Kimberly Shaver-Hood): Joan Semans of the Wareham Public Schools appeared before the Board and spoke on behalf of Superintendent of Schools Dr. Kimberly Shaver-Hood relative to her endorsement of the issue. She further related that the original school feasibility study made no recommendations for flashing lights. She also advised the School Department has no funding in its budget for the lights and questioned the availability of various grant funding.

During discussion, Chair Buckland mentioned that the possible cost of appropriate equipment could be up to \$150,000 for equipment, installation and maintenance. Board members were in favor of installing the lights but also have no budget. Chief Correia indicated that he and his staff

Adjournment: Smith moved to adjourn. Seconded by Cardoza. The meeting was adjourned at 3:51 p.m. by a vote of 6-0-0.

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 February 14, 2022.