

**Town of Wareham
BOARD OF ROAD COMMISSIONERS
Monday, March 14, 2022**

MINUTES

Location: The Wareham Board of Road Commissioners meeting was held on March 14, 2022 was held in Room 27 of the Wareham Town Hall.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 4:34 p.m. by Chair Buckland.

Members Present: Chair Kenneth Buckland, Member Joseph Cardoza, Police Chief Walter Correia, Member Marie Greig and Recording Secretary John McGonnell. Glen Barrows of the Municipal Maintenance Department was present on behalf of Director Menard.

Members Absent: Member Municipal Maintenance Director David Menard and Member Howard Smith.

Also present were three members of the public.

Minutes: The Minutes of the Board of Road Commissioners meeting of February 14, 2022 were reviewed. Motion by Greig to accept as presented. Seconded by Cardoza. Vote: 5-0-1.

Old Business:

A. **Hearing Regarding Parking on East Boulevard at Stonebridge Café:** Chair Buckland referenced a letter from Attorney Anthony Savastano, representing Stonebridge Marina, requesting a continuance to April 4, 2022. Member McGonnell reminded the Board that the next scheduled meeting for the Road Commission would be April 11, 2022. Board members agreed to continue this matter to April 11, 2022 at 4:00 p.m.

B. **Discussion: Onset Parking Program – Preparation for April Workshop:** Chair Buckland inquired of the Board members of their suggestions or concerns. Member Greig brought up the possibility of extending the parking program to other Onset neighborhoods, particularly those not having mail delivery and required to have post office boxes. During discussion, members inquired about boxholders not being Onset residents or business owners. An audience member, Daniel Staples, identified himself as a retired USPS employee and advised that the Onset Postmaster could provide a list of Class E category customers which would include only patrons who receive free postal boxes as they do not receive mail delivery via mail carrier. This matter will be addressed further at the April workshop.

Member Greig also indicated that Garry Buckminster, Director of Natural Resources, and Missy Dzikzek, Director of the Council on Aging, are both in favor of including senior citizens as parking ambassadors in the tax work-off program.

New Business:

A. **Pedestrian Crossing Signs on Main Street at Decas School (Marcia Campbell):** Marcia Campbell appeared before the Board and advised that she has physical disabilities and frequently walks in the area of Main Street near the Decas School for therapy. Ms. Campbell advised she is unable to move quickly and recently was nearly struck by a motorist who failed to yield when other motorists yielded for her as she attempted to cross. Ms. Campbell feels that the current crosswalk is inadequately marked, and the painted crosswalk markings are very faded. She feels new paint and signage are needed for this crosswalk. She is aware that the Town has sandwich-board signs available, and she is requesting one for this location. She would be willing to place it regularly and questioned the availability of a solar-powered warning light for that area. Board members then discussed the issue regarding the sidewalks of nearby Toby Road and the lack of sidewalks on sections of Main Street in this area. They also discussed the costs and installation of solar-powered warning lights. Chief Correia indicated that the Police

Department and the Municipal Maintenance Department have some solar signs available for possible placement in this area along with other crosswalks. Glen Barrows reported that many of the Town crosswalks are faded from plowing and sand and salt applications and will be repainted during the springtime. No formal Board action at this time.

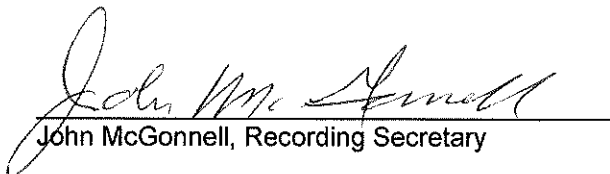
B. Street Signs at Bradford Street (Jacquelyn Carlomagno): Jacquelyn Carlomagno questioned the above-named roadway. The current posted signage reads Bradford Road. Chair Buckland indicated that the Assessor's Office has the name as Bradford Street, and he will follow-up on this issue with the Post Office, Registry of Motor Vehicles and GIS. No formal Board action at this time.

Correspondence: Longwood Avenue Traffic Issues: Dan Staples of 29 Longwood Avenue appeared before the Board and discussed traffic issues on Longwood Avenue, particularly in the area of Seventh Street where the roadway becomes divided. Due to the lack of current directional signage, many motorists travel the wrong way on the roadway. The situation worsens in the summertime with additional pedestrians and vehicular traffic. Following discussion, Member McGonnell made a motion to request that the Municipal Maintenance Department investigate and make appropriate safety signage changes. Seconded by Member Greig. Vote: 5-0-1.

Next Meeting: April 11, 2022 at 4:00 p.m.

Adjournment: Cardoza moved to adjourn. Seconded by Correia. The meeting was adjourned at 5:10 p.m. by a vote of 5-0-1.

Respectfully submitted,



John McGonnell, Recording Secretary

Correspondence discussed:
Anthony Savastano 03/09/2022
Marcia Campbell 03/07/2022
Jacquelyn Carlomagno

These Minutes were reviewed and accepted by a vote of 4-0-1 (Smith abstaining) at the meeting of the Board of Road Commissioners held on April 11, 2022.

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