

**Town of Wareham  
BOARD OF ROAD COMMISSIONERS  
Monday, October 21, 2019**

**MINUTES**

**Location:** The Wareham Board of Road Commissioners meeting was held on October 21, 2019 at 4:00 p.m. in Room 27 of Memorial Town Hall.

**Members Present:** Chair Kenneth Buckland, Member Joseph Cardoza, Recording Secretary John McGonnell, Member Howard Smith and Police Chief John Walcek. Vice Chair David Menard arrived at 4:08 p.m. Also present were three members of the public.

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Chair Buckland.

**Minutes:** The Minutes of the Board of Road Commissioners meeting held on August 12, 2019 were reviewed. Motion by Smith to accept the Minutes. Seconded by Walcek. Vote: 5-0-0. [Note: There was a meeting posted for September 9, 2019, but no meeting was held due to lack of a quorum.]

**Old Business:**

**Pilgrim Avenue Speed Limit Signage/Issues:** Chief Walcek reported that Pilgrim Avenue is a very safe street with only one minor accident (involving a mailbox being struck) reported in the last several years. He further advised that the new signage has been installed by Municipal Maintenance, and the Police Department will be conducting a secondary traffic study of the area in the future. No Board action.

**New Business:**

**Request for Signage at Rose Point Avenue and Barlow Avenue:** During discussion, it was agreed that Barlow Avenue has the principal flow of traffic in the area. Chief Walcek reported that he does not believe that this is a high-accident area but will view the intersection and check records prior to the next Road Commission meeting.

**Road Commission Appointment Recommendations:** Three people completed the application for appointment to the Board of Road Commissioners: Marie Greig, Jacqui Nichols and Judith Whiteside. Ms. Nichols and Ms. Whiteside were present at the October 21 meeting and were invited by Chair Buckland to state their background and to express their interest in becoming board members.

Ms. Nichols gave a brief statement and indicated because of her position in the Assessor's office, she is aware there have been numerous issues with property numbering and similarly-named streets. She voiced concerns relative to public safety issues.

Ms. Whiteside reviewed her prior service on various town boards and commissions and spoke of her participation with the committee that resolved a number of issues with regard to public/private ways in the Town of Wareham. She also spoke of her historic knowledge of the Town and mentioned she likes to do research and has the time to devote to board matters.

Following discussion, motion made by McGonnell, seconded by Walcek, to recommend that Ms. Whiteside be appointed to the open position on the Board of Road Commissioners and that Ms. Nichols be appointed as an ex officio member. The vote carried 5-0-1, with Smith abstaining.

**Any Other Business: None.**

**Next Meeting:** To be announced.

**Adjournment:** Smith moved to adjourn. Seconded by Walcek. The meeting was adjourned at 4:32 p.m. by a vote of 6-0-0.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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John McGonnell, Recording Secretary

*These Minutes were reviewed and accepted by a vote of 5-0-0 at the meeting of the Board of Road Commissioners held on December 9, 2019.*