

Town of Wareham
BOARD OF ROAD COMMISSIONERS
Monday, November 28, 2022

MINUTES

Location: The Wareham Board of Road Commissioners meeting was held in Room 27 of the Wareham Town Hall and via Zoom teleconferencing.

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

Members Present: **Roll Call:** Chair Kenneth Buckland, Marie Greig, Howard Smith, Joseph Cardoza, and Police Chief Walter Correia

Members Absent: Municipal Maintenance Director David Menard

Also present were Jacqui Nichols, Wareham Director of Assessment, Steven Salvucci, John Salerno and one member of the public.

Minutes: Approval of the Minutes of August 15 was postponed as no minutes were created. A brief discussion took place over the lack of minutes for the past months. Member Greig voiced a concern over the legality and the Open Meeting Law.

Preliminary Business:

A. Citizen Comments: A citizen off camera began speaking about 169 Onset Avenue. Member Smith asked the citizen to identify himself. He identified himself as John Salerno of Onset. He said he wanted to speak about the case on East Boulevard that was in Superior Court. He stated the signs are back up and people are still parking in front of the restaurant. Mr. Salerno requested from Chair Buckland the email from the Fire Department stating that it was dangerous for Fire and Rescue vehicles to pass that area. He stated that he had recommended a guardrail in the past and was concerned about people staying in his hotel. Member Smith explained that the Members could not comment on the issue because it was not on the agenda. Member Cardoza then stated that there was a need to resolve this issue because it had been going on for years. Member Smith stated he has taken photos on several occasions and has not been happy with what he has seen. Chair Buckland stated he would send the email from the Fire Department to Mr. Salerno.

Old Business:

A. Discussion and Possible Vote: Plymouth Rd. Speed on Road—Results of Traffic Analysis: Chair Buckland stated that Southeastern Regional Planning and Economic Development District (SRPEDD) report was received. The road is posted at 20 miles per hour going north but not posted going south. He said that the report showed that the traffic is basically going below what the study showed should be the limit. Member Chief Correia asked that the discussion and record be changed to show that this is Plymouth Avenue and not Plymouth Road. Chair Buckland agreed. After a brief discussion it was decided that no further action would be taken.

New Business:

A. Discussion and Possible Vote: Lake Shore Drive; speed on road—Results of Traffic Analysis – Steven Salvucci: Mr. Salvucci identified himself for the record and wanted to make sure it was understood that it was Wareham Lake Shore Drive under consideration. Member Chief Correia presented the Traffic Analysis and copies of the report were distributed. The traffic trailer was left in place for two weeks. The speed limit now

according to the Chief is 30 miles per hour. In summary, of the 6,734 cars, the majority traveled over the speed limit. Mr. Salvucci explained that there were no sidewalks in the area which was densely populated. He stated that there were many children and seniors who walk to the beach. He requested a 20 mile per hour speed limit. The Chief discussed the possible positioning of the signs.

Motion: Member Smith moved to decrease the limit to 20 miles per hour and install signs based on the recommendations of Members Correia and Menard. Second by Member Greig. Roll Call Vote: Cardoza, Yes; Smith, Yes; Greig, Yes; Correia, Yes; Buckland, Yes. Vote 5-0-0.

Member Cardoza stated he was concerned that there would not be enough room for the signs on the side of the road and that residents would be upset. An unidentified citizen who said she lived in the area said the roads were “redone” in 2010 and 2011 and that there was plenty of room for the signs.

B. Discussion and Possible Vote: Request for Cran Highway Address for Tow Road Car Wash – Jacqui Nichols:

Ms. Nichols from the Assessors Office distributed a handout and explained that the car wash was behind the Nouria business on Cranberry Highway. and that the car wash had legal access through an easement. She stated that for marketing and GPS purposes, it was easier and more recognizable for the car wash company to have a Cranberry Highway address. She said it would be an exception to standard policy. Members Smith, Cardoza, and Greig reviewed the map (inaudible discussion). Member Smith stated that he felt it should stay on Tow Road because he does not like to bow down to everyone who comes into Wareham asking for special privileges. Ms. Nichols responded that Tow Road was basically an industrial road and that trucks came in and out of that area and asked should they consider that? Member Chief Correia asked if it would set a precedent. Member Cardoza asked if there would be access on both Tow Road and Cranberry Highway, and Ms. Nichols responded that it would. Chair Buckland stated that the address doesn’t make much difference, and that the car wash is a drive through, and that access should be off Tow Road because of a previous policy.

Motion: Member Smith moved to keep the address on Tow Road. Second by Member Greig. Roll Call Vote: Cardoza, Yes; Smith, Yes; Greig, Yes; Correia, Yes; Buckland, Yes. Vote 5-0-0.

Correspondence: None

Any Other Business/Discussion: Discussion about emails sent to members brought up by Member Greig concerning location of handicap parking space and speed bumps. Member Smith stated he wanted to make a motion.

Motion: Member Smith moved to invite the new Building Commissioner/Enforcement Officer to a Road Commission Meeting to discuss the East Boulevard situation to bring him up to date on what has transpired over the years, and to look into the situation and make appropriate recommendations for the future. Second by Member Cardoza. Roll Call Vote: Cardoza, Yes; Smith, Yes; Greig, Abstain; Correia, Yes; Buckland, Yes; Vote 4-0-1.

Next Meeting: December 19, 2022

Adjournment: Member Cardoza moved to adjourn at 5:06 pm. Second by Member Greig. The meeting was adjourned by a voice vote of 5-0-0.

Transcribed by N. Bicki, 12/31/2022

Respectfully submitted,

Kenneth Buckland, Chair

Documents Used:

SRPEDD Traffic Analysis Report for Plymouth Avenue

Wareham Police Department Traffic Analysis Report for Wareham Lake Shore Drive

Car Wash documents at:

https://www.wareham.ma.us/sites/g/files/vyhlf5146/f/events/car_wash_cran_hwy_tow_for_road_comm.pdf