

**Town of Wareham
BOARD OF ROAD COMMISSIONERS
Monday, December 10, 2018**

MINUTES

Location: The Wareham Board of Road Commissioners meeting was held on December 10, 2018 at 4:00 p.m. in Room 27 of Memorial Town Hall.

Members Present: Chair Bill Heaney, Recording Secretary John McGonnell, Vice Chair David Menard and Member Howard Smith. (Member Joseph Cardoza and Lt. Walter Correia arrived at 4:02 p.m. Town Planner Kenneth Buckland arrived at 4:29 p.m.) Also present were one member of the public and one member of the press.

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 November 19, 2018 were reviewed. Motion by Smith to accept the Minutes. Seconded by McGonnell. Vote: 3-0-1 (Menard abstaining).

New Business:

Address Change – 16 Waban Avenue: Director Menard reminded the Board of a previous vote for a curb cut at this address, and it appears that a new number makes sense due to the configuration of the neighborhood. After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Smith, seconded by McGonnell, to continue this matter to the next meeting when an appropriate street number can be determined. Vote: 6-0-0.

Upcoming Board Meetings: Chair Heaney reports there is little on the upcoming agenda, and he will continue to monitor electronic correspondence sent to the Board. Current issues appear minimal at this time.

Old Business:

Update on Cahoon Road Issues: Lt. Correia provided the Board a review of the recent traffic study of the area conducted by the Police Department and indicated he had recently met with neighborhood residents regarding same. It appears the issue of heavy equipment being operated on the street has lessened, and neighborhood residents are relatively satisfied with the current situation. Lt. Correia reported that he has personally monitored the area and observed a few speeding vehicles which were operated primarily by neighborhood residents. He further observed one large truck on the roadway. After stopping the truck, he learned that this vehicle had nothing to do with the Windward Pines construction project, and the operator was following directions from his gps unit.

Planner Buckland later reported on the results of a recent Planning Board meeting. The developer has placed signs in the area and cautioned workers and vendors about Cahoon Road restrictions. If problems continue or worsen in the long term, the Planning Board indicated it might consider the dead-ending of the roadway and installing a cul-de-sac.

Annual Review of Onset Parking Program: Chair Heaney indicated that he has reviewed the written concerns of some Onset residents with Director of Natural Resources Garry Buckminster and Town Administrator Derek Sullivan and has prepared a written response addressing those concerns (see attachment). Director Menard reported that some of the signage issues will be addressed prior to the

2019 season. Chair Heaney also noted that handicapped parking zones (not including new construction) must be requested by handicapped persons and may not later be reversed.

Any Other Business:

Plymouth Road – Parking: Caron Pluzra of 9 Plymouth Road voiced her opposition and neighborhood concerns about the elimination of parking restrictions at the end of Plymouth Road to allow one resident one parking spot. She and other neighbors feel that due to the narrowness of the roadway and previous criminal activity in the area, the parking restrictions should remain in force. During discussion, Lt. Correia indicated that the issues are compounded by the poor physical layout of the roadway when the State dead-ended the street. Following discussion, Chair Heaney indicated that the Board has heard the pros and cons of this matter and feels that the issue is primarily one of public safety and that he would like formal input from the Police and Fire Chiefs. Lt. Correia will obtain formal opinions from both department heads and will advise the Board at a future meeting.

Next Meeting: Tentative date – Monday, January 14, 2019.

Adjournment: Menard moved to adjourn. Seconded by Cardoza. The meeting was adjourned at 4:40 p.m. by a vote of 7-0-0.

Respectfully submitted,


John McGonnell, Recording Secretary

These Minutes were reviewed and accepted at the meeting of the Board of Road Commissioners held on April 8, 2019.

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