

**Town of Wareham
BOARD OF ROAD COMMISSIONERS
Monday, April 8, 2019**

MINUTES

Location: The Wareham Board of Road Commissioners meeting was held on April 8, 2019 at 4:00 p.m. in Room 27 of Memorial Town Hall.

Members Present: Chair Bill Heaney, Town Planner Kenneth Buckland, Member Joseph Cardoza, Recording Secretary John McGonnell, Vice Chair David Menard, Member Howard Smith and Police Chief John Walcek. Also present were Director of Natural Resources Garry Buckminster, approximately eight members 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 December 10, 2018 were reviewed. Motion by Smith to accept the Minutes. Seconded by Walcek. Vote: Unanimous.

New Business:

Onset Parking Plan: Director Buckminster distributed proposed amendments to the Onset Parking Program for 2019. (See attachment.) Following a lengthy discussion among Board members and members of the public, it was suggested that Item No. 1 regarding residential parking operational time frames remain as current from May 1 to October 1 in the residential areas. This is due to ongoing parking issues in the East Boulevard area. The time-frame proposal for employee parking areas and the kiosk areas was that it would be effective from June 1 to September 15 annually. Director Buckminster will re-draft and distribute the final proposals to Board members. Information will also be made available to the public. New parking-related signage in the Onset area will be installed, and the relevant dates and times on all signage will be standardized.

Following the discussion about the proposed changes, Member Smith made a motion to implement the changes. Seconded by Chief Walcek. Vote: Unanimous.

Pilgrim Avenue – Speed Bump Issue: Chris Hiltz of #26 Pilgrim Avenue inquired about the possible installation of speed bumps on Pilgrim Avenue due to the volume and speed of traffic and the number of pedestrians, including children, in the area. Chief Walcek questioned the legality of speed bumps in Massachusetts, but his department will immediately institute a traffic study in the area. The resulting data will be reviewed for possible recommendations at the next Board meeting.

Main Street – Parking in Vicinity of Veri-Life: Cladin Poyant, property owner at #58 Main Street, spoke regarding illegal parking on Main Street in this area affecting the neighborhood residents. Temporary "no parking" signs directed at Veri-Life customers are creating confusion to others in the neighborhood. Chief Walcek reports that the shuttle service to Besse Park for Veri-Life customers is scheduled to end on April 22, 2019. Planner Buckland reported that the Zoning Board of Appeals is scheduled to hold a hearing on April 10, 2019 regarding possible development of the nearby Baker property, including parking and future marina and restaurant. Parking on this property could potentially alleviate some of the current parking issues. Chief Walcek and Director Buckland will be participating in an upcoming meeting regarding public safety issues in this area. Director Menard will view the situation and possibly install appropriate "no parking" signage in this area.

Agawam Drive – Town Acceptance: The Board discussed correspondence from Elizabeth Siwinski regarding the acceptance of Agawam Drive. During discussion, confusion arose over Agawam Drive or

Agawam Road. Director Menard reported that the roadway is gravel-based and narrow, and acceptance by the Town is questionable. The Town receives no Chapter 90 funds for this roadway. No Board action at this time.

Marion Road near Town Hall – Crosswalk Signage: The Board discussed a request by Katie Moulding for additional signage at the crosswalks in the vicinity of Town Hall. During discussion, it was brought out that there are two separate crosswalks in this area. Additional signage/warning lights would be desirable, but this roadway is under the jurisdiction of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Director Menard will contact the Massachusetts Department of Transportation District 5 with the resident's concerns/request.

Old Business:

Plymouth Road – Parking: Chief Walcek reported that this area was visited by Police Lt. Correia along with EMS Director David Evans and Assistant Fire Chief John Kelly. Both Evans and Kelly reported they have no public safety access concerns in this area. Chief Walcek reported there have been no notable public safety issues in this area recently, and he will meet with concerned residents prior to the next Road Commission meeting. No Board action at this time.

Any Other Business:

Tyler Avenue Sign: Member Smith reported that a "no parking" sign on Tyler Avenue has been knocked down. Municipal Maintenance will replace the sign.

Development in the Area of Old Stagecoach Road: Member Smith inquired about the ancient-way status of Old Stagecoach Road and the proposed development plans in this area. Planner Buckland advised that the Planning Board is scheduled to review development proposals during a meeting tonight (April 8, 2019).

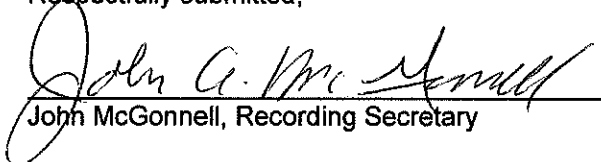
Parkwood Drive Sign: Chief Walcek reported that a resident has requested an additional "stop" sign on Parkwood Drive in the area of the tennis courts. Director Menard will review the location and make a determination.

Parking/Crosswalks: Resident Winna Dean applauded the new placement of a parking kiosk on Union Avenue. She also suggested the removal of one parking spot on Union Avenue and Union Street due to the visibility of drivers being blocked by parked vehicles. She also again recommended an additional crosswalk be installed across Union Avenue to the Temple Parking lot. Ms. Dean also called attention to the crosswalk on Onset Avenue at St. Mary's Church, indicating that it needs to be repainted and that there is a pothole in that area as well. Director Menard will review these matters.

Next Meeting: Tentative date – Monday, May 13, 2019.

Adjournment: Smith moved to adjourn. Seconded by Cardoza. The meeting was adjourned at 5:22 p.m. by unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,


John McGonnell, Recording Secretary

These Minutes were reviewed and accepted at the meeting of the Board of Road Commissioners held on May 6, 2019.