

**Town of Wareham  
BOARD OF ROAD COMMISSIONERS  
Monday, March 12, 2018**

**MINUTES**

**Location:** The Wareham Board of Road Commissioners meeting was held on March 12, 2018 at 4:00 p.m. in Room 27 of Memorial Town Hall.

**Members Present:** Chair William Heaney, Town Planner Kenneth Buckland, Member Joseph Cardoza, Member Howard Smith and Police Chief Kevin Walsh. Also present were approximately 5 members of the public, and Town Administrator Derek Sullivan.

**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 February 12, 2018 were reviewed. Motion by Member Smith to accept the Minutes. Seconded by Chief Walsh. Vote: 4-0-1. Member Cardoza abstaining

**New Business:**

**Discussion of Weight Limit on Main Street between Tremont Rehab and Hathaway Road:**  
General consensus of the Commissioners was that there was no evidence that large tractor trailers were frequently on this section of road. Also it was not clear why the weight limit would stop at Hathaway Road.

Member Howard Smith moves to "Take No Action." Seconded by Chief Walsh. Approved by unanimous vote 5-0-0.

**Discussion of proposed By-Law to ban overnight parking of large commercial vehicles on public ways:**

The Commission reviewed a request from the Board of Selectmen for suggestions for an article on the Town Meeting Warrant regarding banning overnight parking of large commercial trucks on public ways. Discussion followed on the issues with how to specify criteria for the restriction, including if setting a weight limit for commercial vehicles could work. However the Commission generally supported the concept to put this on a Town Meeting Warrant.

A request will be made to Town Counsel to provide text of a draft article and attend the next Road Commission meeting; which could be on April 9.

**Discussion Old Section of Main Street (a/k/a Pumpkintown Road):**

**(A) Proposal to Close Off an Old Section of Main Street (a/k/a Pumpkintown Road):** Jack Sidar and Michelle Krauser of the Buzzards Bay Coalition started by stating that they were unable to find a compromise solution with the property owner Elizabeth Arone of 946 Main Street or with Father Bill's Homeless Shelter. Ms. Arone confirmed that she wanted to proceed with the full closure of the old section of Main Street. Town Administrator Sullivan asked that the Coalition go back to Father Bill's because a permanent block at the end of the old Main Street section was needed. Mr. Sidar said Father Bill's has been unresponsive to calls. Ms. Arone complained about traffic from Father Bill's turning into her driveway.

The Commission was in consensus that the old section of Main Street should be closed. On motion by Commissioner Smith and second by Chief Walsh it was voted that the Commission should direct

Municipal Maintenance to close the old section of Main Street with a barrier and install no parking sign(s). Vote: 5-0-0

**(B) Proposal to Rename Old Section of Main Street to Pumpkintown Road**

The property owner Elizabeth Arone of 946 Main Street presented the history of the street name and noted that her grandmother is in hospice and needs EMS response. Chief Walsh checked in with Police HQ and reported that 'Pumpkintown Road' comes up as 'Main Street' on 911.

The Commission was generally in support of the name change but noted to Ms. Arone that there are a number of steps and notifications necessary for an official name change.

The Commission approved changing of the name of this section of Old Main Street to Pumpkintown Road, including all necessary steps, and to notify and direct the Town Administrator to complete the Town's process for the name change. Approved by unanimous vote: 5-0-0.

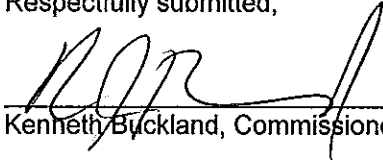
**Old Business:** None.

**Any Other Business:** None.

**Next Meeting:** To be announced.

**Adjournment:** Member Smith moved to adjourn. Seconded by Member Cardoza. The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m. by a vote of 5-0-0.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Kenneth Buckland, Commissioner/Acting Secretary

These Minutes were reviewed and accepted by a vote of 4-0-3 at the meeting of the Board of Road Commissioners held on April 9, 2018.