

**Town of Wareham
BOARD OF ROAD COMMISSIONERS
Tuesday, April 12, 2016**

MINUTES

Location: The Wareham Board of Road Commissioners meeting of April 12, 2016 was held in Room 27 of Memorial Town Hall. (Note: There was no meeting in March 2016.)

Members Present: Members present: Joseph Cardoza, William Heaney, Recording Secretary John McGonnell, Vice Chair David Menard, David Pichette, Howard Smith and Police Chief Kevin Walsh. Also present: Approximately eight citizens and one member of the press.

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

Minutes: No Minutes were brought forward for review.

New Business:

Correspondence:

West Boulevard: Recording Secretary McGonnell read into the record a letter from Robert Forrest of 20 West Boulevard, Onset. He made a request for additional one-way signage on West Boulevard as there is an on-going problem with wrong-way traffic, particularly in the summer months. Municipal Maintenance Director Menard believes there is currently sufficient signage, but will add new street markings when the white lines are repainted following street sweeping (which should be completed in May or early June).

Apple Street: Recording Secretary McGonnell read into the record a petition by residents of Apple Street requesting a 15-mile per hour speed limit zone on Apple Street because of the number of children and elderly residents in the area. They referenced nearby Cherry Street which is posted at 20 miles per hour. Chief Walsh reported that the Police Department is currently conducting a traffic survey in the area. He advised the results to date have shown very slow speeds in the area, and the Police Department will continue to monitor the area. The Chief also mentioned that this area, being a thickly-settled district, would be a 30-mile per hour zone under State guidelines. Member Cardoza reported that the 20-mile per hour sign on Cherry Street might have been installed many years ago by Municipal Maintenance upon the request of the residents and might not be an official posting. Following discussion, there was no Board action.

Cleveland Avenue: Recording Secretary McGonnell read into the record a letter from Susan George, a resident of Cleveland Avenue, who explained that she requested a change of her address from number 1 to number 3 Cleveland Avenue to coincide with her mailing address. She further explained that her lot is over one acre in size and could be numbered 1, 3 or 5. She requested number 3 but was issued number 1. Member Pichette advised the matter is being addressed by the Building Commissioner and will be handled by that department. No Board action was required at this time.

Edgewater Way: Recording Secretary McGonnell read into the record a letter from Building Commissioner David Moore advising the Road Commissioners and other Town departments and boards of a change of address. Parcels numbered 25 and 26 on Edgewater Way are now combined as number 49 Edgewater Way.

Change of Meeting Day: Member William Heaney inquired about changing the Road Commission meeting day as he has a conflict, especially during the summer months, with the second Tuesday.

Following a brief discussion, Member Heaney made a motion to change the Board of Road Commissioners' meeting day to the second Monday of each month beginning with May 9, 2016. The Motion was seconded by Recording Secretary McGonnell, and carried in a vote of 7-0-0.

Old Business:

Pavement Cutting and Trench Openings: Municipal Maintenance Director Menard handed out applications and regulations from another municipality regarding pavement cutting and trench openings. He also discussed on-going issues in Wareham of which he wished to make the Board aware. Following discussion by the Board, Director Menard indicated that he would fine-tune the regulations to make them more appropriate for Wareham's particular situation, and he will present the revised regulations and forms for the Board's review and possible vote at a future meeting.

Onset Parking Program:

Eleventh Street: Director Menard discussed Eleventh Street and adjacent town-owned land. He indicated that these areas still have not been surveyed as yet, and he will be in contact with the Town Administrator regarding the Town's intentions concerning the land owned by the Town. Discussion followed with nearby area residents regarding Glen Street and Landing Way and what one resident referred to as illegal signage posted by the Town. Resident Tom McManus of 14 East Boulevard stated that some areas were plowed by the Town this past winter for the first time. Director Menard indicated he will look into the posted signage. No Board action required at this time.

Handicapped Parking on Onset Avenue: Director Menard indicated that the Municipal Maintenance Department has measured the area, and there is sufficient room for handicapped parking on Onset Avenue in the vicinity of the Town Pier. Director Menard indicated that with the changes that are coming to Union Avenue this year, he is looking into additional handicapped parking spots on Onset Avenue and Union Avenue. Municipal Maintenance is currently awaiting the completion of removal of utilities by the cable company. Some utilities have already been removed by Verizon. All should be completed by the end of May. Union Avenue resident Winna Dean questioned the number of nearby handicapped parking spots that are currently available and asked if additional spots are necessary. It was the consensus of the Board that more would be better.

Driveways and Parking Passes: Tom McManus inquired whether Town Counsel had ever issued a formal definition of what constitutes a driveway. He further requested that Director Menard meet with him and view the situation at his property. Director Menard indicated he would contact Mr. McManus. Mr. McManus stated he heard "that the Harbormaster's Office has done favors and issued parking passes to residents living outside of the Onset district."

Parking Map: Marie Greig called the Board's attention to errors in the 2016 Onset Parking Program map regarding employee parking areas. (This map is displayed at the Harbormaster's Office.) Following a discussion, it appears this was a misunderstanding, and the map has been corrected. Ms. Greig thanked the Board for its efforts and reported that all is currently okay on East Boulevard.

Director Menard explained that there have been some changes to the Parking Program, and all additional changes will be made in the fall prior to the 2017 season as has been requested by the Harbormaster.

Any Other Business:

Member Howard Smith indicated that the Wareham Fire Department had inquired of him as to an address change from 127R Marion Road to number 6 Beaver Creek. Member David Pichette will check with the Building Commissioner's office regarding this matter.

Member Cardoza urged better communication between the Road Commissioners and Town Boards, such as the ZBA. Permits are being issued, promises made but not kept by applicants, and parking problems have resulted.

Next Meeting: Monday, May 9, 2016 at 4:00 p.m.

Adjournment: Member Heaney moved to adjourn. Seconded by Member Cardoza. The meeting was adjourned at 4:53 p.m. by a vote of 7-0-0.

Respectfully submitted,



John McGonnell, Recording Secretary

Robert Forrest
20 West Blvd
P O Box 1352
Onset MA 02558

Roads Commission members

I live at 20 West Blvd in Onset, and have been noticing more + more that vehicles on 5th 6th + 8th streets have been taking a right turn and going the wrong way on West Blvd which is a one way street, I have seen many near accidents and close calls with pedestrians. I was hoping that some one way signs could be posted on West Blvd, between these streets. There are signs at the end of 5th 6th + 8th but it seems that no one even notices them. The biggest problem is in the summer, some vehicles are speeding and if people are walking they are sometimes pushed up on to lawns or in the woods. The price of a few signs could save lives

Sincerely
Robert C Forrest

March 1, 2016

TO : Wareham Selectmen

David Menard, Director of Municipal Maintenance

Derek Sullivan, Town Administrator

Road Commissioner

Wareham Police Chief- Kevin Walsh

We the residents of Apple Street are very concerned about vehicles traveling at high speed on our street. There are children on this street, there is also an elderly woman who is 105 who enjoys keeping the street clean and picking up leaves. This street is also adjacent to the Oakdale Playground. We would like to have a speed limit sign erected that says - 15 m.p.h. We believe this will help with the cars traveling at high speeds. At this time there are no speed limit signs, this is a residential area. I have spoken with the police station and was informed that the speed limit is 35 if there is no sign posted, but in a heavy residential area it is 25 mph (which Apple Street is considered). We as residents of Apple Street would truly be grateful if you could look into this matter.

Thank You ,

Saundra Mendes-Silvia
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Richard Silva
Mary Mendes

Joanna Matthews
Mario Silva
Julia P. Pires

- 7 Apple St

- 7- Apple St

- 9 Apple St

- 11 Apple St

- 6 Apple St

- 9 Apple St

I would also like to bring to your attention that there is a speed limit sign on Cherry Street that says 20 m.p.h. We would like the sign on Apple Street to say 15 m.p.h.

Road Commissioners
Town of Wareham
54 Marion Road
Wareham, MA 02571

February 26, 2016

Dear Sirs:

I am writing to request that you change my street address to 3 Cleveland Avenue, in place of 1 Cleveland Avenue.

My lot is over 1 acre and could be 1, 3 or 5 Cleveland Avenue. I requested #3 and you chose #1.

My house is nearly centered on this lot, facing Cleveland Avenue. There is no setback space or frontage available now for a #1 and probably not for a #5.

Please reconsider my house/street number and notify the Assessor's office. I am using #3 and would appreciate it if you did the same.

My mailing address is #3 Cleveland Avenue, Buzzards Bay, MA 02532. I would like to get this number issue cleared up for police/fire/deed etc.

Thank you in advance.



Susan George



TOWN OF WAREHAM
54 Marion Road
Wareham, Massachusetts 02571

David R. Moore
Building Commissioner
(508) 291-3100 ext. 3194

March 8, 2016

Joyce B. Houlihan, Trustee
49 Edgewater Way
Wareham, MA 02571

Re: 47/49 Edgewater Way

Dear Sir:

I have reviewed the records in this office and see no problem with you changing the street address to 49 Edgewater Way. It appears that parcels 25 and 26 have been combined by common ownership. The dwelling address will now be 49 Edgewater Way.

If you have any further questions you may contact this office.

Sincerely,

David R. Moore
Building Commissioner

CC: Wareham Fire, Wareham Police, Town Clerk, Board of Assessors, Board of Health, Conservation Commission, Road Commission