

**Town of Wareham
BOARD OF ROAD COMMISSIONERS
Monday, July 11, 2016**

MINUTES

Location: The Wareham Board of Road Commissioners meeting of July 11, 2016 was held in Room 27 of Memorial Town Hall.

Members Present: Members present: Ken Buckland, Chair William Heaney, Recording Secretary John McGonnell, Vice Chair David Menard and Howard Smith. Also present Selectman/Liaison Alan Slavin, four citizens 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 June 13, 2016 were reviewed. Motion by Vice Chair Menard to accept the Minutes. Motion was seconded by Member Smith. Vote: 4-0-1 (with Member Buckland abstaining).

New Business:

New Member: New member Town Planner, Ken Buckland, was welcomed by the Board.

16 Oak Street: Jennifer Govoni, the resident at 16 Oak Street and the parent of a disabled child with multiple disabilities, appeared and advised that her child is picked up by a bus on a daily basis, and the bus is often obstructed by parked vehicles and trailers, creating problems for wheelchair access. Following discussion, a motion was made by Member Smith, and seconded by Vice Chair Menard, to create a "no parking between signs" zone. Vote: 5-0-0. Municipal Maintenance will review the area and post an appropriate area in the vicinity of #16 Oak Street.

Town's Accepted Ways: Discussion was had regarding corrections to the Town's Accepted Ways including Spectacle Pond Road and Terrace and State Bog Road. Vice Chair Menard will research the current records. It was the consensus of the Board that way acceptance is through the Town Clerk's office, and no Board of Road Commissioner action is necessary at this time.

Truck Traffic on Chor Avenue and Lopes Avenue: Discussion was had regarding a temporary on-going construction project in the area. Both ways are apparently private. No Board action at this time.

Request for Stop Sign at Onset Bay Land and Hammond Street: Brief discussion by the Board on the request for a stop sign. The Board would like information from the Police Department as to traffic volume and accidents at that intersection prior to taking any action.

Two-Hour Parking Restrictions on Main Street opposite M&D Bait Shop: Discussion was had regarding prior two-hour parking restrictions on Main Street opposite M&D Bait Shop. Following construction in the area, the signs were not replaced. Motion by Member Smith to restore the appropriate signage. Seconded by Recording Secretary McGonnell. Vote: 5-0-0.

Old Business:

Onset Parking Program: A complaint was received from Laurie Lawrence of Second Street regarding neighbors "saving" on-street parking spots for extended periods of time and also parking by non-residents in the area. Following discussion, it was the conclusion of the Board that this is only a problem during holidays and major events in the area. The Board will address this issue in the fall, along with any other Onset parking issues.

Union Avenue Project and Parking Program: Resident Winna Dean inquired as to the status of the Union Avenue project. She also reaffirmed her support of the kiosk parking program; however, she feels that parking problems continue in the area, especially due to a lack of enforcement of the parking regulations.

Handicapped Parking in the Union Avenue Area: Resident Marie Greig inquired as to the status of the handicapped parking spots in the Union Avenue area and indicated her willingness to assist with any handicapped parking issues. Vice Chair Menard indicated he will confer with the new Town ADA liaison regarding this matter.

Any Other Business:

Parkwood Beach Association: A request was made by the Parkwood Beach Association for additional Stop signs at Parkwood Drive, Kingwood Street and Diamond Street. Following a brief discussion, the Board would like more input from the Police Department regarding traffic volume and accidents in this area. No Board action at this time.

Oak Street: Jennifer Govoni, Sandy Slavin and Alan Slavin (speaking as a resident) commented on speed issues and parking problems on Oak Street, partly due to the narrowness of the roadway, excessive speed, and residents now parking on the street due to lack of off-street parking. These issues have resulted in many "close calls" from a safety standpoint. Following discussion, it was determined that the speed limit signs of 20 mph are currently posted in one direction only on this two-way street. A motion was made by Member Smith to post both directions at 20 mph. Seconded by Vice Chair Menard. Vote: 5-0-0.

Next Meeting: Monday, September 12, 2016 at 4:00 p.m.

Adjournment: Chair Heaney moved to adjourn. Seconded by Member Smith. The meeting was adjourned at 4:48 p.m. by a vote of 5-0-0.

Respectfully submitted,


John McGonnell, Recording Secretary

These Minutes were reviewed and accepted at the meeting of the Board of Road Commissioners held on September 12, 2016.