

**Town of Wareham
BOARD OF ROAD COMMISSIONERS
Monday, November 14, 2016**

MINUTES

Location: The Wareham Board of Road Commissioners meeting of November 14, 2016 was held in Room 27 of Memorial Town Hall.

Members Present: Joseph Cardoza, Chair William Heaney, Recording Secretary John McGonnell, Vice Chair David Menard and Howard Smith. Also present were Selectman Alan Slavin (BOS Liaison), Harbormaster Garry Buckminster, two 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 September 12, 2016 were reviewed. Motion by Vice Chair Menard to accept the Minutes. Seconded by Member Smith. Vote: 5-0-0. (Note: There was no meeting in October 2016.)

New Business:

Onset Parking Program Update: An oral report on the 2016 Onset Parking Program was presented by Harbormaster Buckminster. He reported that there were far fewer citizen complaints than in prior years and that there were more complaints involving the Wareham Village area, rather than Onset. The previously-discussed parking issues involving residents of the Second Street and Longwood Avenue areas continue, but are not of a legal nature. The Harbormaster will speak with the neighborhood residents to see if the complaint can be resolved amicably.

The Harbormaster's office issued 510 parking passes, 1,054 visitor passes, one construction permit and sold out of 7,000 beach/dump stickers. More will be printed for 2017. The fees collected cover the related cost of the parking program. Fewer parking citations were issued in 2016, but the Town is awaiting an exact tally from the Plymouth County Treasurer's Parking Clerk.

Harbormaster Buckminster recommended only one change to the program. He suggested that the current parking regulations end on October 1 of each year, rather than the current end date of October 31. Following the Harbormaster's presentation, Member Smith made a motion to change the parking program's end date to October 1. Seconded by Recording Secretary McGonnell. Vote: 5-0-0.

Large Trucks at Nanumett and Cross Streets: A discussion was held regarding the very tight corner at Nanumett and Cross Streets after a citizen complaint regarding large trucks accessing Onset Bay Marina. Currently, a damaged concrete post is situated at the corner. Municipal Maintenance Director Menard will check for property damage and determine the Town's road layout in the area. No Board action at this time.

Parking Sign on East Boulevard: A complaint was made by a citizen regarding an illegal parking sign on East Boulevard. During discussion, Municipal Maintenance Director Menard advised that an illegally-posted parking sign had already been removed by his department. No Board action required.

"Blind Person" sign on Farmer's Lane: A resident of Farmer's Lane requested the installation of a "Blind Person" sign in the vicinity of 19 Farmer's Lane. Following a brief discussion, a motion was made by Recording Secretary McGonnell to request that Municipal Maintenance install appropriate signage on Farmer's Lane. Seconded by Member Cardoza. Vote: 5-0-0.

Private Road Maintenance: Chair Heaney distributed and discussed a draft of proposed street, road and way definitions regarding the petitioned article at the October 2016 Town Meeting [Article 26 – Town of Wareham Bylaws, Division II, Article 1, Section 18: Temporary Repairs of Private Ways] and associated recommendations of the Finance Committee. Chair Heaney requested that Board members review and familiarize themselves with the materials for discussion at the December meeting. Member Smith was asked to check with the Town Moderator regarding the intent of the Town Meeting vote for further study. Discussion was held relative to the street and way definitions and restrictive “private” signage postings on certain ways. Chair Heaney feels the Board needs a good base to begin a report and noted that while the petitioned proposals are based on a program in Mattapoisett, this Board’s charge is to make appropriate recommendations specifically for the Town of Wareham.

Old Business: None.

Any Other Business:

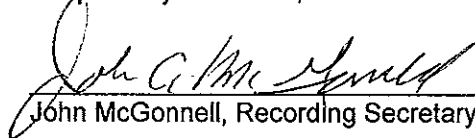
Union Avenue Construction: A member of the audience inquired as to the status of the construction on Union Avenue. Member Menard gave a brief update regarding moving of utilities. The project is moving forward, though slowly.

Oak Street: Selectman Slavin reminded the Board of parking issues on Oak Street citing the narrowness of the roadway, traffic and speed of vehicles. He will e-mail the Board with his specific concerns. Chair Heaney indicated he will put the matter on a future agenda.

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

Adjournment: Member Smith moved to adjourn. Seconded by Member Cardoza. The meeting was adjourned at 4:55 p.m. by a vote of 5-0-0.

Respectfully submitted,


John McGonnell, Recording Secretary

These Minutes were reviewed and accepted by a vote of 5-0-2 at the meeting of the Board of Road Commissioners held on December 12, 2016.