

Road commissioners Feb 27, 2023

**Town of Wareham
BOARD OF ROAD COMMISSIONERS
Monday, February 27, 2023**

MINUTES

Location: The Wareham Board of Road Commissioners meeting was held in Room 27 of the Wareham Town Hall

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 3:00 pm by Chair Buckland.

Members Present: Roll Call: Chair Kenneth Buckland, Marie Greig, Howard Smith, Joseph Cardoza,

Members Absent: Municipal Maintenance Director David Menard, Police Chief Walter Correia

Also present were Joseph Salerno, member of the public, Bernie Pigeon Chair of the Finance Committee, Judith Whiteside, Chair of the Selectboard and Bill Scully from Kimley Horn.

Minutes: The minutes of August 15, 2022, September 19, 2022, and November 28, 2022 were presented. Ms. Greig made a motion to approve, Mr. Smith seconded. All minutes were approved by vote of 4-0-0

Preliminary Business:

- A. **Citizen Comments:** Mr. John Salerno presented the Board with several copies of documents pertaining to the ongoing parking area dispute relating to parking on East Boulevard in Village of Onset. Mr. Salerno asked that the members review the documents. Mrs. Greig had removed herself from the room during this presentation of information. The Commissioners have postponed any discussion of the East Boulevard/Onset Avenue parking until April 10, 2023 meeting.
- B. Discussion and possible vote to set policy regarding road signage. The Commissioners engaged in a lively discussion regarding whether their requests for signage was not being followed up, and the possible reasons why. It is apparent that there is no funding available from the Municipal Maintenance Department for addressing all or any of the signs requested. The only possible source of funding for signage would be that generated for parking in the Onset Village area, where funding may only be used for signage in that area.
Mr. Smith and Mrs. Greig offered to generate a list of all the request for signage that have not been accomplished.
- C. Mr. Bill Scully presented a Power Point summary entitled Transportation Studies Briefing (copy attached) Included in the presentation was information regarding the "Complete Streets project, as well as a focus on the Minot Avenue Onset Avenue roads. The Complete Streets program is to consider all users of streets, roads and highways, including pedestrians, bicyclists, persons with disabilities, seniors, children, motorists, as well as all first responders and commercial traffic.

Several members expressed doubt that all such users could be safely incorporated into one street or roadway, particularly in densely or sparsely populated areas.

Mr. Scully explained that there are several grant programs available for researching and designing streets.

The goal of the Complete Streets program is to develop a plan which may take up to five years to design and implement.

Apparently the Wareham Department Heads will be reviewing the information presented to the Commissioners for input.

In terms of the data presented for the Minot Avenue, Onset Avenue members were skeptical about the accuracy of the information reported.

Old Business:

As previously noted the discussion about parking on East Boulevard and Onset Avenue is being postponed to the April meeting.

New Business:

A. The request for signage on Prospect Street will be referred to Mr. Buckminster for action.
Mr. Smith made the motion, seconded by Mr. Costa, Vote 4-0-0

B.

Correspondence: None

Any Other Business/Discussion:

Members would like a report from Mr. Buckminster regarding the Onset Parking Program

Members would like a 'spreadsheet of votes taken, but not yet acted on, as well as those voted and acted upon. Mrs. Greig has offered to work on this information by reviewing old minutes.

Next Meeting: April 10, 2023

Adjournment: Member Cardoza moved to adjourn at 4:25 pm. Second by Member Smith. **Vote 4-0-0**

Respectfully submitted,



Kenneth Buckland, Chair

Documents Used:

Minutes of August 15, 2022, September 19, 2022, and November 28, 2022.

Document titled Town of Wareham Transportation Briefing, prepared by Kimley Horn