

**Town of Wareham
BOARD OF ROAD COMMISSIONERS
Monday, September 14 2020**

MINUTES

Location: The Wareham Board of Road Commissioners meeting was held remotely on September 14, 2020 via Zoom tele-conferencing.

Members Present: Chair Kenneth Buckland, Recording Secretary John McGonnell, Vice Chair David Menard, Member Howard Smith and Police Chief John Walcek. Also participating were a number of residents.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 4:01 p.m. by Chair Buckland.

Minutes: The Minutes of the Board of Road Commissioners meeting held on August 10, 2020 were reviewed. Motion by Smith to accept the Minutes. Seconded by Walcek. Vote: 4-0-1 (Menard abstaining).

New Business:

- A. **"No Dumping Signs on Street Drains, request of Kathleen Norris for the Swift's Beach Improvement Association:** The Board discussed the matter including preventing oils and animal waste from leaching into the waterways. Members Smith and Menard indicated that this has been done by the Town in the past. Director Menard felt this is a good policy and that the Municipal Maintenance Department has appropriate stencils from past use. He indicated that the MMD could possibly do some of the stenciling, but also stated supplies could be provided to volunteer groups if they wished to assist with this task. Motion by Menard to reinstitute the stenciling program. Seconded by Smith. Vote: 5-0-0.
- B. **Riverside Drive Parking Restrictions, request of Karen Wilfert:** Daniel Brossi of 43 Riverside Drive questioned the extent of the restrictions requested by Karen Wilfert, and he advised that neighbors he has spoken with have reservations about parking restrictions. A resident from 21 Riverside Drive indicated that as far as she is concerned, there are generally no issues with parking in the neighborhood. Following discussion, Director Menard suggested that the matter be tabled to the March 2021 meeting of the Board of Road Commissioners along with all other Onset parking proposals. Chair Buckland agreed and advised that a public hearing would be appropriate unless emergency situations arise. Motion to table this matter to March 2021 was made by Chair Buckland. Seconded by Chief Walcek. Vote: 5-0-0.
- C. **Pearl Avenue and Twelfth Street – "Do Not Enter" Sign, request of Karen Wilfert:** Resident Lisa Morales spoke and indicated that particularly during the summer, there are a number of pedestrians and bicyclists in this area, and many cars traveling at excessive speeds. She also felt that many drivers are confused and not familiar with this area, creating hazardous conditions. She felt something should be done for the sake of safety. Following discussion, McGonnell moved to request that Municipal Maintenance re-evaluate the intersection and place appropriate signage and markings in the area. Seconded by Smith. Vote: 4-0-1 (Menard abstaining).
- D. **Parking on Onset Avenue, request of Richard Greig:** Chair Buckland reported this issue involves the area near the Glen Cove Hotel, but he is uncertain when or how often these issues occur, possibly on weekends. Director Menard suggested this matter be tabled until the March 2021 meeting. Motion to do so by Walcek. Seconded by Smith. Vote: 5-0-0.

- E. **Repaving Union Street, request of Letrice Lopes:** Chair Buckland indicated that paving issues are primarily determined by the Municipal Maintenance Department, the Board of Selectmen and the Capital Expenditure Committee. No Board action.

Old Business:

- A. **Recommendation to Selectmen for Appointment:** Chair Buckland indicated that it appears that Marie Greig is the only applicant for membership on the Board of Road Commissioners. Member Smith inquired if this was her original application from some time ago and wondered if she is still interested, particularly with the Board holding remote meetings. Chair Buckland will reach out to Ms. Greig to determine her interest. Pending her interest, motion by McGonnelli to recommend the appointment of Marie Greig by the Board of Selectmen to the Board of Road Commissioners. Seconded by Smith. Vote: 5-0-0.
- B. **Repaving Indian Neck Road from Alden to Warren Point, request of James Herring:** No Board action as paving issues are primarily determined by the Municipal Maintenance Department, the Board of Selectmen and the Capital Expenditure Committee.

Correspondence:

- A. E-mail correspondence from Lisa Morales regarding the following:
1. **Speed Limit Signage Westbound on East Central/Main Avenue:** Resident Lisa Morales inquired about the speed limit signage posted on East Central Avenue and the lack of sidewalks in the area. She made reference to a 25 mph posting leaving the Onset Village area and no posted speed limit for inbound traffic. Chief Walcek explained the fundamental speed law in a thickly-settled district is 30 mph and does not require posting. Director Menard explained the single 25 mph speed limit sign leading from the village serves as a cautionary warning to drivers approaching the Main Avenue intersection which is around a curve in the roadway. During further discussion, Chief Walcek stated that Lt. Correia advised him that a hidden traffic monitor will be recording data in this area in the near future. The matter was tabled to the October meeting to allow Board members to view the area and current signage.
 2. **Parked Vehicles on Wareham Avenue:** Ms. Morales brought up the issue of the narrowness of Wareham Avenue and the issue of parked vehicles in this area, making the passage of emergency vehicles impossible. She further felt this matter is urgent in nature and should be dealt with immediately. Chief Walcek reported that there is a hearing upcoming shortly between one particular owner of property on Wareham Avenue and several Town departments concerning several issues. He also reported that the Onset Fire Department stays on top of blocking issues and refers them to the Police Department as they occur. The Chief will direct extra patrols to this area and advised that the Police Department can be contacted at any time if there are any blocking issues. Chair Buckland will contact Chief Goodwin of the Onset Fire District and determine any particular blocking/parking issues that they have experienced. The matter was tabled to the October meeting.

Any Other Business/Discussion:

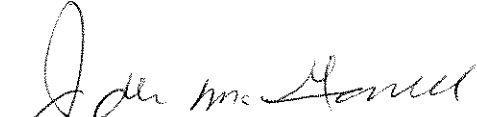
Eleventh Street: Resident Lisa Salerno called the Board's attention to parking issues on Eleventh Street, particularly when cars are parked on both sides of the roadway, with residential driveways sometimes being blocked. She advised that this is not only a summertime issue but also a weekend issue. Chief Walcek advised contacting the Police Department when any issue occurs and that public input would be helpful in this matter. He requested this matter be placed on a future agenda. No Board action at this time.

Old Business Matters: Member Smith suggested that "Old Business" matters be placed on the Agenda prior to "New Business." Chair Buckland agreed and stated he would make the change beginning with the Agenda for the next meeting.

Next Meeting: Monday, October 5, 2020 due to the holiday on October 12, 2020.

Adjournment: McGonnell moved to adjourn. Seconded by Walcek. The meeting was adjourned at 4:53 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 April 12, 2021.