

**Town of Wareham
BOARD OF ROAD COMMISSIONERS
Monday, October 5, 2020**

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MINUTES

Location: The Wareham Board of Road Commissioners meeting was held remotely on October 5, 2020 via Zoom tele-conferencing.

Members Present: Chair Kenneth Buckland, Member Joseph Cardoza, Member Marie Greig and Recording Secretary John McGonnell. Also participating were a number of residents.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 4:05 p.m. by Chair Buckland.

Minutes: The Minutes of the Board of Road Commissioners meetings held on July 30, 2020 and on September 14, 2020 were reviewed. Quorum insufficient for approval. Will be placed on November agenda.

Old Business:

- A. **Parked Vehicles on Wareham Avenue, request of Lisa Morales:** Onset Fire Deputy Chief Andersen stated that fire apparatus can pass through the area when vehicles are appropriately parked. Onset FD closely monitors the area, particularly in the summertime when there are more vehicles parked in the area. He suggested that more signage might be appropriate. A brief discussion followed regarding more signage and enforcement and tabling the matter until the March 2021 public hearing regarding Onset parking matters.

At 4:48 p.m., Ms. Morales signed on to the meeting. Chair Buckland gave her an overview of the earlier discussion and Fire Department report regarding Wareham Avenue and that he will discuss the signage issues with the Municipal Maintenance Director.

- B. **Speed Limit Signage Westbound on East Central/Main Avenue, request of Lisa Morales:** Ms. Morales inquired again why East Central is posted differently in two different directions. Member McGonnell reiterated the State's fundamental speed law as well as Director Menard's prior explanation of reduced speed outbound prior to the bend before Main Avenue. Member Greig indicated that she had passed by the area earlier in the day and noted a speed sign lying on the ground. She will check further with Municipal Maintenance. Chair Buckland reported that the Police Department traffic study data is not currently available but should be available shortly. This matter will be placed on the November agenda with possible recommendation from the Police Department and Municipal Maintenance regarding additional signage. Ms. Morales complained about the number of times that the matter of one speed sign has been addressed by the Board.

New Business:

- A. **Mead Street and Shore Avenue (one-way/no parking), request of Colleen Hughes:** The complainant did not appear. During discussion, it was revealed that Mead Street is a private way, and Chair Buckland will check with the Wareham Fire Department to determine whether they have issues with apparatus making the corner from Shore Avenue onto Mead Street. No Board action at this time.
- B. **58 and 72 Main Street (tenant parking), request of Angela Poyant:** Mr. and Mrs. Poyant appeared before the Board and indicated their family has owned the property for 62 years. Mrs. Poyant further pointed out that there are a number of issues, including illegally-parked

vehicles near their property as well as from Warr Avenue to the area of Tobey Hospital and Besse Park. The issues include people smoking marijuana in public and in parked cars, and problems with trash (especially nip bottles and cigarette butts), and a number of people not socially distancing or wearing face masks. She further advised these issues occur seven days a week from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Member Greig mentioned that Verilife initially provided a shuttle bus service to the area, and Mrs. Poyant indicated that when the shuttle bus service stopped, the bulk of the problems began.

Mrs. Poyant further reported that Verilife did clean the area of debris one time. She said they make an effort, but many of their customers do not seem to care or feel the rules do not apply to them. Mrs. Poyant was advised by the Town some time ago to purchase traffic cones to essentially reserve parking spots for her tenants. She did so, but they have been stolen on at least two occasions. She also reported that the Police Department placed temporary "no parking" signs and cones in the area, but their cones were apparently also stolen, and the temporary signage was torn down.

During discussion, Chair Buckland pointed out that there is sufficient parking nearby on Merchants Way, and he will check with Police Chief Walcek and Director of Natural Resources Garry Buckminster regarding enforcement issues. Chair Buckland will also check with the Board of Selectmen relative to the host community agreement with Verilife and will place the matter on the November Road Commission agenda.

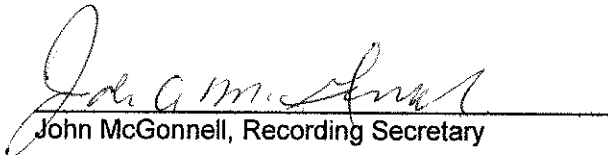
Correspondence: None.

Any Other Business/Discussion: None.

Next Meeting: Monday, November 9, 2020.

Adjournment: McGonnell moved to adjourn. Seconded by Cardoza. The meeting was adjourned at 5:03 p.m. by a vote of 4-0-0.

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.