

**Town of Wareham
BOARD OF ROAD COMMISSIONERS
Monday, November 9, 2020**

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MINUTES

Location: The Wareham Board of Road Commissioners meeting was held remotely on November 9, 2020 via Zoom tele-conferencing.

Members Present: Chair Kenneth Buckland, Member Marie Greig, Recording Secretary John McGonnell, Member Howard Smith and Police Chief John Walcek. Also participating was one member of the public.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 4:03 p.m. by Chair Buckland.

Minutes: The Minutes of the Board of Road Commissioners meeting held on October 5, 2020 were discussed. Quorum insufficient for approval. Will be placed on future agenda.

Old Business:

- A. **Tenant Parking on street at 58 and 72 Main Street, request of Angela Poyant:** During discussion, McGonnell inquired about the possibility of issuing resident-only stickers through the Department of Natural Resources. Chair Buckland indicated it would not be practical at this time because this issue involves both residential and business areas and could possibly open up questions for restricted parking in other areas throughout Town. Chief Walcek also voiced concerns that the issue could lead to many other similar requests. Chair Buckland discussed the possibility of requesting funds from the Board of Selectman for a complete parking study. No Board action at this time.
- B. **Speed Limit Signage in Onset Village, request of Lisa Morales:** Chair Buckland reiterated that under State regulations, the Town can utilize State speed statutes for thickly-settled districts or post as appropriate. Chief Walcek reported that the monitor data that the Police Department had gathered was not currently available but stated that there have been no major problems in the area, and it is no worse than many other streets throughout Town. Resident Lisa Morales inquired as to why this issue has been discussed at five Board meetings without action being taken. Following discussion, McGonnell made a motion to request that the Municipal Maintenance Department post East Central Avenue, inbound toward Onset Village, at 30 miles per hour. Seconded by Walcek. Vote: 5-0-0.

New Business:

- A. **Street Sign at Drew Way, request of Paul O'Donnell:** The complainant did not participate. Chair Buckland reported that he had spoken with Director Menard who indicated that Municipal Maintenance has posted street signs on private ways for public safety purposes at minimal cost to property owners. No Board action.
- B. **Recommendation on Article 20, Fall Town Meeting 2020:** Chair Buckland reminded Board members that the Fall Town Meeting has been postponed until December and inquired if any Board members had an opinion on the matter and also inquired if we felt that the Municipal Maintenance or Police Departments should be contacted for their input on this issue. Member Smith reminded this Board that he has spoken previously of his opposition to disbanding the Board of Road Commissioners. He feels that the Board of Selectmen has its hands full with other Town business. He advised that he intends to speak at Town Meeting as an individual resident. Chief Walcek stated that he is opposed to the article and also feels that the Board of Selectmen

has a full plate with other matters, and the Board of Road Commissioners should not be disbanded. During discussion, Chief Walcek suggested possibly contacting the Board of Selectmen or the BOS liaison to discuss this matter prior to Town Meeting. Member McGonnell also voiced his opposition to dissolution of the Board of Road Commissioners. Following discussion, Chief Walcek made a motion to have Member Smith contact the Board of Selectmen/BOS liaison to discuss the opposition of commission members to Article 20. Seconded by McGonnell. Vote: 4-0-0 (Member Greig's electronic connection apparently having been lost).

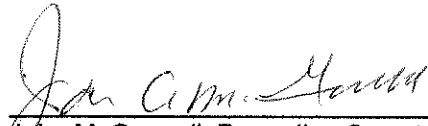
Correspondence: None.

Any Other Business/Discussion: None.

Next Meeting: Monday, December 14, 2020.

Adjournment: Walcek moved to adjourn. Seconded by McGonnell. The meeting was adjourned at 4:28 p.m. by a vote of 4-0-0 (Member Greig's electronic connection apparently having been lost).

Respectfully submitted,



John McGonnell, Recording Secretary

These Minutes were reviewed and accepted at the meeting of the Board of Road Commissioners held on March 8, 2021.