

**Town of Wareham
BOARD OF ROAD COMMISSIONERS
Tuesday, October 13, 2015**

MINUTES

Location: The Wareham Board of Road Commissioners meeting of October 13, 2015 was held in Room 27 of Memorial Town Hall.

Members Present: Members present: Recording Secretary John McGonnell, Vice Chair David Menard, Member David Pichette, Member Howard Smith, Member Chief Kevin Walsh. Also present: Several residents. Member Joseph Cardoza arrived at 4:20 p.m.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 4:02 p.m. by Vice Chair Menard.

Minutes: The Minutes of the Board of Road Commissioners meeting held on September 8, 2015 were reviewed. Motion by Member Smith to accept the Minutes, seconded by Vice Chair Menard. Vote: 5-0-0.

New Business:

Board Vacancy: Applicants Sandra Slavin and William Heaney appeared before the Board and gave brief background statements as to their reasons for applying. Mrs. Slavin then withdrew her application and indicated her support for Mr. Heaney. She indicated she might seek an appointment in the future if another vacancy occurs. Motion made by Recording Secretary McGonnell to recommend to the Board of Selectmen that Mr. Heaney be appointed to the Board of Road Commissioners. Seconded by Member Smith. Vote carried 5-0-0. [Note: Immediately following the meeting, Recording Secretary McGonnell went to the Selectmen's Office to report this action as the Selectmen were meeting later that evening.]

Old Business:

Minot Avenue Enforcement and Signage: Vice Chair Menard reported that he closely monitored the Minot Avenue speed signage and found that it was primarily posted at 35 mph, with the exception of one area at 40 mph. He noted a lack of signage and also a lack of school zone signage in the vicinity of the Minot Forest Elementary School. Chief Walsh reported that signage was missing and street markings were worn or missing. Discussion followed. Member Smith made a motion to post the entire area at 35 mph, and eliminate the 40 mph zone. Seconded by Member Pichette. Vote carried: 5-0-0.

After further discussion, Vice Chair Menard advised the Municipal Maintenance Department would determine the exact school zone area and properly post same. A motion as to this was made by Member Smith, seconded by Recording Secretary McGonnell. Vote carried: 5-0-0. Vice Chair Menard indicated that the new signage would be installed as soon as possible. Chief Walsh advised that the Police Department would continue enforcement in the area and educate the public as to the newly-posted zone.

Stop Signs at Cedar and High Streets: Discussion was held. Vice Chair Menard reported that Municipal Maintenance had cleared away some overgrown foliage around the current stop sign on High Street. After discussion relative to adding additional signage, the consensus of the Board was that no additional signage is required at this time.

Onset Parking Program: There was brief input from a resident in attendance about ongoing issues. Following a brief discussion, the Board felt that a Public Hearing should be held on the matter in November or December, with a follow-up Public Hearing in the spring if necessary.

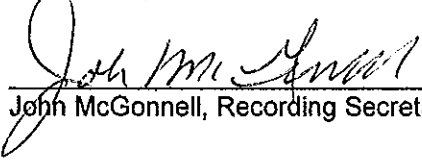
Any Other Business:

Tyler Avenue: Member Smith reported that vehicles are parking close to the corner of Tyler Avenue and Cranberry Highway due to a new business in the area. These parked cars are creating a view obstruction for passing motorists. He requested that Board members view the situation and asked that the matter be placed on a future agenda.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, November 10, 2015 at 4:00 p.m.

Adjournment: Recording Secretary McGonnell moved to adjourn. Seconded by Member Smith. The meeting was adjourned at 4:35 p.m. by a vote of 6-0-0.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "John McGonnell", is written over a horizontal line.

John McGonnell, Recording Secretary

These Minutes were reviewed and accepted by unanimous vote at the meeting of the Board of Road Commissioners held on December 8, 2015.