

Wareham Road Commission

Meeting Minutes

Monday, June 4, 2012

Town Hall, Room 23

6:30 p.m.

I. Call To Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:40 p.m. by Chairman John Charbonneau.

II. Roll Call

In attendance were members John Charbonneau (Chair), Peter Williamson, Sarah Forrest and Joe Cardoza. Absent were members Richard Stanley and Mark Gifford.

III. New Business

Karen Malley, 11 Northport Drive

Karen Malley of 11 Northport Drive appeared before the Commission to explain an issue she has been having with her neighbor regarding on-street parking. The neighbor has lived on the road for much longer and complains to her and the police department on a regular basis, claiming that Karen's guests can't park on the street. Karen is requesting that a sign be posted along Northport Drive indicating that on-street parking is allowed. After some discussion, it was decided that the Commission would investigate the width of the roadway as well as the layout. The Commission agreed to do some research and discuss the matter at a future meeting.

Matthew Buckingham, Tobey Road

Mr. Charbonneau explained that Mr. Buckingham had contacted his department to complain about the speed of vehicles that travel along Tobey Road. The Commission discussed the possibility of having the police department place a speed monitor on Tobey Road. Mr. Charbonneau also mentioned that Mr. Buckingham asked about the possibility of placing a sign that warns motorists of handicapped/elderly residents since Mr. Buckingham's neighbor are elderly and handicapped. The Commission agreed to send a letter to the police department requesting that measures be taken.

Robinwood Road / Illegal Pillars

The Commission then discussed pillars that were installed on Robinwood Road by a resident. The members received correspondence between the Board of Selectmen and Myles Burke, Director of Inspectional Services regarding the matter. The Commission agreed to research the location of the pillars to determine if they were placed on private or Town land.

IV. Member Prerogatives

Sarah Forrest mentioned issues with on-street parking in the Onset area and proposed the possibility of issuing parking stickers to Onset residents to make it easier to enforce parking restrictions and generate revenue for the Town. During the summer, she has noticed vehicles

parked close to street corners and intersections as well as on the edges of residents' properties. She wondered if time limitations for parking would be a viable option. She also wondered why parking violations in Wareham aren't enforced as much as they could be, in general. The Commission then discussed parking violation enforcement in Wareham and other communities. It was suggested that metered parking on Main Street be considered as part of the reconstruction project.

Joe Cardoza then mentioned the poor pavement condition along Cranberry Highway between Tihonet Road and East Wareham and asked that it be discussed with Mark Gifford, Municipal Maintenance Director.

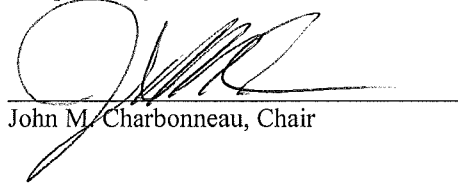
V. Next Meeting

It was agreed that the Commission will meet on as "as-needed" basis, when issues are brought to its attention or there is an initiative the Commission wants to work on.

VI. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


John M. Charbonneau, Chair