

**Town of Wareham  
BOARD OF ROAD COMMISSIONERS  
Tuesday, February 10, 2015**

**MINUTES**

**Location:** The Wareham Board of Road Commissioners meeting of February 10, 2015 was held in Room 23 of Memorial Town Hall.

**Members Present:** Chief Kevin Walsh, Wareham Police Department; Member Joseph Cardoza, Member David Pichette and Recording Secretary John McGonnell. Also present: Town Administrator Derek Sullivan, and various residents and a member of the press. (Chairman Sara Forrest arrived at 4:42 p.m.)

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 4:25 p.m. by RS McGonnell, acting as Chairman Pro Tem until the arrival of Chairman Forrest.

**New Business:**

**East Boulevard Parking:** Discussion was held among Board members and citizens regarding a resident's request to exempt portions of East Boulevard from Resident Only/Sticker Parking regulations. There was discussion that several locations in the area are posted "no parking" and have been for a number of years. Unable to attend the meeting, Harbormaster Buckminster made a written request to have the area remain as currently posted. He also mentioned concerns about private property (boat trailers, etc.) being stored on Town land in the area. It was also pointed out that without the permit parking, the area could be inundated with cars, trucks and boat trailers from very early in the morning throughout the day. TA Sullivan stated a clean-up of nearby areas is planned. This would allow space for additional parking. A motion was made by Member Pichette to take no action on this request. Seconded by Member Cardoza. Vote: Unanimous 4-0-0.

**Assignment of Street Numbers:** Member Pichette advised of the issuance of some street/lot numbers that he issued for properties on Jordan Road, Skipper's Way, Blackmore Pond Road, Jonathan Lane and Cleveland Avenue. Following a discussion, there was a formal vote to authorize the Town Planner or the Municipal Maintenance Director to issue lot/street numbers prior to ratification by the Board of Road Commissioners. The motion was made by Chief Walsh, seconded by Member Cardoza, and unanimously passed 4-0-0.

**Old Business:**

**Minutes:** The Minutes of the Board of Road Commissioners meeting held on December 9, 2014 were reviewed and approved unanimously 4-0-0.

**Board Vacancies and Applicants:** Discussion was held about the vacancy remaining on the Board, and Chairman Forrest indicated that the Board is still requesting and receiving applications. She made a motion that no action be taken at this time. RS McGonnell seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous 5-0-0.

**Onset Parking Program:** There was discussion regarding the Onset Parking Program. It was generally agreed by Board members and the residents who were present that the current plan is working well overall. It was acknowledged that further changes might be required in the future as various issues come to light.

TA Sullivan discussed possible parking changes on Union Avenue and will have more information on this at an upcoming meeting. He further addressed possible parking improvements at Hines Field.

Chairman Forrest indicated that "no parking" issues will be on upcoming agendas. Residents present commented on the parking situation on Union Street and suggested possibly removing a sidewalk. Further, it was requested that the parking signs be changed to give more information, including dates of enforcement. TA Sullivan advised that new signage will be in place by the start of the summer season.

**Letter to the Board of Selectmen:** TA Sullivan also suggested that the Board make a formal request to the Board of Selectmen relative to possible permitted parking on Waban Avenue, at the rear of the Onset Mobile Home Park, for employees of local businesses and also to allow permit parking at the Shell Point Beach lot. Chairman Forrest indicated she will correspond with the Board of Selectmen regarding these matters.

**Parking Enforcement:** TA Sullivan mentioned it is hoped parking enforcement officers will be hired and in place for the upcoming season. This would be a more efficient way to handle parking enforcement and would free up members of the Police Department for other matters. Chief Walsh indicated that the members of the Police Department will also continue to enforce parking regulations.

**Other Business:**

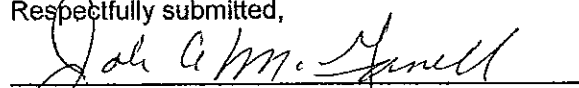
**Stop Signs at Main Street and Tobey Road:** Chief Walsh commented on the new Stop signs at Main Street and Tobey Road. He expressed concern regarding traffic travelling from west to east on Main Street. There is a blind spot and hill on the approach to one of the Stop signs. He advised this matter will be on the agenda of an upcoming ZBA meeting, and he is hopeful that the ZBA will require Wal-Mart to fund any changes deemed necessary at this intersection.

**Next Meeting:** Tuesday, March 11, 2015.

TA Sullivan suggested that future meetings be held in Room 27 as that room can accommodate more people.

**Adjournment:** Following a motion by RS McGonnell and seconded by Chief Walsh, the meeting was adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
John McGonnell, Recording Secretary

(These Minutes were reviewed and accepted by unanimous vote at the meeting of the Board of Road Commissioners held on May 26, 2015.)