

**STONINGTON BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 13, 2014
5:00 PM AT THE STONINGTON POLICE HEADQUARTERS
MEETING MINUTES**

Present: Chair Mel Olsson and Vice-Chair Frank Pucci
Commissioners Harry Holt, Patrick Moukawsher and Peter Rotella
Captain Jerry Desmond
Absent: Chief Darren Stewart

1) Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Olsson called the meeting to order at 5:00PM.

2) Remarks of Visitors

Cynthia Fortner, March of Dimes
Mystic March for Babies

In attendance to request approval of March of Dimes "Mystic March for Babies", scheduled for Sunday, May 4th, and to answer any questions about the event. Also requesting to use Olde Mistick Village as start/stopping point of walk.

Captain Desmond confirmed with Ms. Fortner that any crossing of Coogan Boulevard will be at the crosswalk.

Commissioner Holt confirmed with Ms. Fortner that there will be approximately 300 participants.

- A motion was made by Commissioner Pucci to approve March of Dimes Mystic March for Babies scheduled for Sunday, May 4th, provided all necessary paperwork and insurance is in place. Motion seconded by Commissioner Holt, all in favor, motion approved.

3) New Business

- a. Fusion Event
Information Only

4) Correspondence

- a. Letter Re: Mystic March for Babies
See Remarks of Visitors
- b. Letter Re: 57th Annual Mystic Outdoor Art Festival
Cherie'lin Toporowski in attendance to answer any questions. Ms. Toporowski confirmed that the event is planned just as last year, there are no changes.
 - A motion was made by Vice-Chair Pucci to approve the 57th Annual Mystic Outdoor Art Festival scheduled for Saturday August 9th & Sunday August 10th provided all necessary paperwork and insurance is in place. Motion seconded by Commissioner Moukawsher, all in favor, motion approved.
- c. Letter Re: YMCA Events
Emily King Herbette in attendance to answer questions regarding the following events:
 1. Mystic River Valley Triathlon - Sunday, June 8, 2014
 2. Tarzan Brown Race - Sunday, November 2, 2014
 3. Turkey Trot and Dip - Thursday, November 27, 2014

Captain Desmond confirmed with Ms. King that there are no changes to the routes; that they are the same as last year.

- A motion was made by Commissioner Moukawsher to approve the Mystic River Valley Triathlon scheduled for Sunday, June 8, 2014 provided all necessary paperwork and insurance is in place. Motion seconded by Commissioner Holt, all in favor, motion approved.
- A motion was made by Commissioner Moukawsher to approve the Tarzan Brown Race scheduled for Sunday, November 2, 2014 provided all necessary paperwork and insurance is in place. Motion seconded by Commissioner Holt, all in favor, motion approved.
- A motion was made by Commissioner Moukawsher to approve the Turkey Trot and Dip scheduled for Thursday, November 27, 2014 provided all necessary paperwork and insurance is in place. Motion seconded by Commissioner Holt, all in favor, motion approved.

5) Traffic

6) Approval of Minutes for the February 18, 2014 Special Meeting

A motion was made by Vice-Chair Pucci to approve the minutes from the February 18, 2014 Special Meeting. Motion seconded by Commissioner Rotella, all in favor, motion approved.

7) Old Business

- a. Yearly Report
Commissioner Moukawsher thanked the Chief and Captain for providing a yearly report.
- b. Disposition of Old Police Boat
 - A motion was made by Vice-Chair Pucci to forward a request to the Board of Selectman to auction the old police boat with a suggested minimum bid.
Motion seconded by Commissioner Holt, all in favor, motion approved.

8) Report of the Chief of Police (presented by Captain Desmond)

- a. Budget Report
- b. Monthly Report
- c. Alarm Report
- d. Pawcatuck Statistics
- e. Special Event Schedule
- f. Thank you to Westerly Police Officer Timothy Manfredi and K-9 partner Sipko
- g. Officer Palmer training with new K-9
- h. North Broad Street "No Parking"
- i. Tabled until Commissioners are able to conduct site visit
- j. Hiring/Personnel update
- k. New Boat, Blue Force Tracker Antenna
- l. Board of Finance budget deliberations
- m. Noise ordinance meeting
- n. Mystic Aquarium DOT Permit Issues
- o. Taste of Mystic location

A motion was made by Commissioner Holt to approve the Report of the Chief, as presented by Captain Desmond. Motion seconded by Vice-Chair Pucci, all in favor, motion approved.

9) Consent Agenda

- a. Memo Re: Good Job – Officer Rathgaber & Sgt. Beebe
- b. Memo Re: Good Job – Therese Alexander
- c. Letter Re: Easter Seals Walk With Me Event
- d. Highway Use Permit – Mystic Irish Parade
- e. Letter Re: Dirt Bikes
- f. Letter Re: Donahue Road Race
- g. Letter Re: Good Job – Westerly Police Department Officer Manfredi
- h. Memo Re: Good Job – Officer Capalbo
- i. Memo Re: Good Job – Officer Rebello

A motion was made by Commissioner Moukawsher to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion seconded by Commissioner Holt, all in favor, motion approved.

10) Executive Session

At 5:55PM Vice-Chair Pucci made a motion to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing a personnel issue regarding Probationary Officer Ryan Simone. The parties invited into the executive session on this matter are Captain Jerry Desmond, Lieutenant Bryan Schneider, Sergeant Michael Peckham, Town Labor Counsel Michael Satti, Attorney Michelle Zulawski, and Ryan Simone. Motion seconded by Commissioner Holt, all in favor, motion approved.

At 8:15PM a motion was made by Vice-Chair Pucci to come out of executive session. Motion seconded by Commissioner Holt, all in favor, motion approved.

A motion was made by Commissioner Moukawsher that based on the written evidence and testimony provided to the Commission from the Police Department and Officer Simone here tonight, the Commission finds that there are sufficient reasons to terminate Officer Simone's probationary employment with the Town of Stonington Police Department. Motion seconded by Vice-Chair Pucci, vote taken 4-1 in favor, motion approved.

A motion was made by Commissioner Moukawsher to waive the reimbursement money that would be owed to the Town for training per the contract. Motion seconded by Commissioner Holt, vote taken 5-0 in favor, motion approved.

At 8:21PM a motion was made by Commissioner Holt to adjourn. Motion seconded by Commissioner Moukawsher, all in favor, meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Harry Holt', written over a horizontal line.

Harry Holt, Secretary