

**STONINGTON BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 10, 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
Chief Darren Stewart and Captain Jerry Desmond

1) Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance

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

2) Remarks of Visitors

Naomi Gobeille 2 North Broad Street

In attendance to request "No Parking" signs on North Broad Street in Pawcatuck, CT.

Chief Stewart stated the road is approximately 24 feet wide; supports request for No Parking Signs on North Broad Street

A motion was made by Commissioner Holt to approve installation of "No Parking" signs on North Broad Street. Motion seconded by Vice-Chair Pucci, all in favor, motion approved.

Taste of Mystic - Old Mistick Village, Downtown Mystic Merchants

Captain Desmond stated he was tasked to look into determining if/when the Taste of Mystic event can be relocated, or held on a different date. Two parties currently interested in continuing this event - the Greater Mystic Chamber of Commerce, and the Downtown Mystic Merchants. Captain Desmond explained that the Downtown Mystic Merchants prefer to hold in the event in September, while the Chamber would like to hold the event in June, and move the location to the Old Mistick Village. Captain Desmond stated that both the Chamber and the Downtown Mystic Merchants are committed to working out a solution that puts the community first, and recommends that the Greater Mystic Chamber receive approval to hold an event in June at the Olde Mistick Village, and the Downtown Mystic Merchants receive approval to hold an event in September. The name "Taste of Mystic" will remain with the Chamber of Commerce.

Commissioner Moukawsher made a motion to tentatively approve the Taste of Mystic for an event to be located at the Old Mistick Village during the month of June 2015, with the following requirements:

1. That they must comply with requirements set by the police department, including but not limited to, insurance requirements, hiring of police officers, hours set for serving of alcohol and entertainment times, and all other operational requirements.
2. They meet the requirements of the Fire Department
3. That they return in January or February of 2015 to a Police Commission meeting and provide the final plans for the event for final approval.

Motion seconded by Vice-Chair Pucci, all in favor, motion approved.

2) Remarks of Visitors (cont'd)

Taste of Mystic - Old Mistick Village, Downtown Mystic Merchants (cont'd)

Commissioner Moukawsher made a motion to approve the Mystic Eats Event to be located on Cotrell Street in September 2014, with the following requirements:

1. That they must comply with requirements set by the police department, including but not limited to, insurance requirements, hiring of police officers, hours set for serving of alcohol and entertainment times, and all other operational requirements.
2. They meet the requirements of the Fire Department
3. That they move back the ending time on Friday and Saturday nights 15 minutes, for the time when alcohol will stop being served and also for the time that entertainment will end.

Motion seconded by Commissioner Holt, all in favor, motion approved.

David Reed, Pequot Cyclists Time Trial Chairman

In attendance to request approval for the Time Trial series and answer any questions.

Chief Stewart requested Mr. Reed remind cyclists that they are not permitted to ride side by side

- A motion was made by Commissioner Holt to approve Pequot Cyclists Time Trial series provided all necessary paperwork and insurance is in place. Motion seconded by Commissioner Moukawsher, motion approved. Commissioner Rotella abstained.

6th Annual Memorial Day Bearathon

Stonington High School student present to answer any questions regarding the Memorial Day Bearathon, a 5K road race to benefit class activities.

- A motion was made by Commissioner Holt to approve the 6th Annual Memorial Day Bearathon provided all necessary insurance and paperwork is in place. Motion seconded by Commissioner Moukawsher, all in favor, motion approved.

3) New Business

4) Correspondence

- a. Letter Re: Taste of Mystic – Olde Mistick Village - See Remarks of Visitors
- b. Letter Re: Taste of Mystic – Downtown Mystic Merchants - See Remarks of Visitors
- c. Letter Re: Pequot Cyclists Time Trials - See Remarks of Visitors
- d. Letter Re: Angel Ride
 - A motion was made by Vice-Chair Pucci to approve the Angel Ride, provided all necessary paperwork and insurance is in place. Motion seconded by Commissioner Holt, all in favor, motion approved.
- e. Planning & Zoning Application; Mystic Motor Inn, Inc
 - A motion was made by Commissioner Holt to approve the Planning & Zoning Application for Mystic Motor Inn, provided it meets and conforms to all Town requirements. Motion seconded by Vice-Chair Pucci, all in favor, motion approved.
- f. Letter Re: Stonington Walk for ALS – Information only
- g. E-Mail Re: Regulating Motor Sports – Information only
- h. E-Mail Re: Battle of Stonington Bicentennial
 - A motion was made by Vice-Chair Pucci to approve the Battle of Stonington Bicentennial event scheduled for August 10, 2014 provided all necessary paperwork and insurance is in place. Motion seconded by Commissioner Holt, all in favor, motion approved.
- i. Letter Re: SHS Memorial Day Bearathon – See Remarks of Visitors

5) Traffic

- a. Letter Re: No Parking Signs – North Broad Street
See Remarks of Visitors
- b. E-Mail Re: No Parking Signs – Clyde's Cider Mill
 - A motion was made by Vice-Chair Pucci to table discussion until the next meeting so the Chief Stewart can notify area residents. Motion seconded by Commissioner Holt, all in favor, motion approved.
- c. Good Friday Hunger Walk
 - A motion was made by Commissioner Holt to approve the Good Friday Hunger Walk, provided all necessary paperwork and insurance is in place. Motion seconded by Vice-Chair Pucci, all in favor, motion approved.

6) Approval of Minutes for the Thursday, March 13, 2014 Regular Meeting

Revision:

2) Remarks of the Visitors

Cynthia Fortner, March of Dimes

Paragraph 3 should read:

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

Upon the above revision, a motion was made by Commissioner Moukawsher to approve the minutes from the March 13, 2014 regular meeting. Motion seconded by Vice-Chair Pucci, all in favor, motion approved.

7) Approval of Minutes for the Tuesday, March 25, 2014 Special Meeting

A motion was made by Commissioner Holt to approve the minutes from the March 25, 2014 Special Meeting. Motion seconded by Vice-Chair Pucci, all in favor, motion approved.

8) Old Business

9) Report of the Chief of Police

- a. Budget Report
- b. Monthly Report
- c. Alarm Report
- d. Pawcatuck Statistics
- e. Special Event Schedule
- f. New Boat - arrival approximately April 24th
- g. K-9 Program Update
- h. New Hires / Schedule
- i. Detective Floyd & Officer Burrell 25 years of service
- j. Chief Stewart thanked Captain Desmond for his work in assisting with the reorganization of the Taste of Mystic & the new Mystic Eats event; the Commission concurred.
- k. Budget Discussion – public hearing April 10th at 7pm at Stonington High School
Commission members will attend in support of the Department

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

10) Consent Agenda

- a. Letters Re: YMCA Events
- b. Letters Re: Mystic outdoor Art Festival
- c. Memos Re: Disposition of Old Police Boat
- d. Letter Re: Mystic March for Babies
- e. Memo Re: Good Job – Officer Wholean
- f. Letter Re: Donation to Animal Control
- g. Highway Use Permit: YMCA Triathlon
- h. Letters Re: Brain Injury Alliance Bike-a-thon
- i. Letter Re: Sea Research Foundation Request
- j. E-Mail Re: Stonington Village Fun Run & Battle of Stonington 5K
- k. E-Mail Re: Lion's Club Road Race
- l. Highway Use Permit: Mystic Art Festival
- m. Letter Re: Donation to Animal Control
- n. Memo Re: Good Job – Officer Howard & Dispatcher Singer

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

11) Adjourn

At 8:21PM Commissioner Holt made a motion to adjourn. Motion seconded by Vice-Chair Pucci, all in favor, motion approved.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Holt', with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

Harry Holt, Secretary