

STONINGTON BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
THURSDAY, JULY 10, 2014
5:00 P.M. AT STONINGTON POLICE HEADQUARTERS

MEETING MINUTES

Present: Chair Mel Olsson
Vice Chair Frank Pucci
Commissioners Patrick Moukawsher & Peter Rotella
Captain Jerry Desmond

Absent: Commissioner Harry Holt
Chief Darren Stewart

1) **Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance**

Chair Mel Olsson called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

2) **Remarks of Visitors**

The Commission addressed Correspondence agenda items at this time:

4a. Spruce Meadows – Special Use Permit Application *TABLED FROM JUNE MEETING*

Ed Wenke, Nick Formenko, Tracy Wenke, Tom Buxton & James Buxton in attendance. Spruce Meadows/Spruce Ridge are affordable housing developments which will be constructed on South Broad Street (Route 1) in Pawcatuck in the area of the Rutman's Furniture site.

The Commission discussed the impact on traffic with the representatives of the project.

Commissioner Moukawsher made the following motion:
Spruce Ridge project be moved forward to Planning and Zoning providing all Department of Transportation requirements are met. Motion seconded by Commissioner Pucci, all in favor, motion approved.

4b. Letter Re: St. Michael School Road Race *VOTE NEEDED*

Linda Cunningham & Pete Robinson in attendance. This is an annual event scheduled for September 27, 2014.

Commissioner Pucci made a motion to approve the St. Michael School Road Race. Motion seconded by Commissioner Moukawsher. Commissioner Olsson was in favor of motion, Commissioner Rotella abstained. Motion approved.

4c. Letter Re: Problems on Downer Street, Pawcatuck

Sherri Compasso was in attendance and outlined the various issues she is having with youth playing in the middle of the street on Downer Street in Pawcatuck.

Captain Desmond stated that he is aware of the situation and has relayed to all officers that the youth cannot be obstructing the roadway and for the officers to address this as these issues come up. Captain Desmond said the situation is being monitored.

4d. Stonington Village Food Mart – Special Use Permit Application

Application for a liquor permit at Stonington Village Food Mart located at 522 Stonington Road in Stonington.

Commissioner Rotella made a motion that the Commission take a neutral position on this as no adverse impact on traffic was found. Motion seconded by Commissioner Olsson, all in favor, motion approved.

4e. Letter Re: Sergio Franchi Concert *VOTE NEEDED*

This is an annual event scheduled for August 23, 2014.

Commissioner Pucci made a motion to approve the Sergio Franchi Concert. Motion seconded by Commissioner Moukawsher, all in favor, motion approved.

4f. Levant, LLC – Special Use Permit Application

Farouk Rajab of Levant, LLC was in attendance. This is a special use permit application for a proposed 26 seat coffee shop at the site of the former Bess Eaton and Tim Horton's shop located at 148 South Broad Street in Pawcatuck. There will be no drive thru.

Commissioner Rotella made a motion to approve a 26 seat restaurant in the old Bess Eaton building located at 148 South Broad Street in Pawcatuck. Motion seconded by Commissioner Moukawsher, all in favor, motion approved.

4g. Blessing of the Fleet *VOTE NEEDED*

This is a Stonington Borough event.

Commissioner Pucci made a motion to approve the Blessing of the Fleet provided the organizers meet all of the requirements set forth by the Chief of Police and the Stonington Borough Officials. Motion seconded by Commissioner Rotella, all in favor, motion approved.

Additional Remarks of Visitors:

Rod Demaris – Downtown Mystic Merchants
Mystic Pirate Invasion event is scheduled for Saturday, November 3, 2014 from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. and Sunday, November 4, 2014 from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. This event is held in Downtown Mystic, it is an event that was held last year. No roads are closed for this event. Information only.

The Commission addressed the following Traffic agenda items at this time:

5d. E-Mail Re: Use of Golf Carts on Lord's Point

John and Kathy Dixon were in attendance and presented a letter to the Commission regarding the use of golf carts by older citizens in Lord's Point. There was a discussion, and it was decided that the Police Department and the Commission will take a neutral position on this issue. If the citizens wish to pursue this, it was recommended that they address the issue with the Board of Selectman.

5c. E-Mail Re: No Parking – North Stonington Road

Harold and Annette Miner of Clyde's Cider Mill in attendance. They have no problems with the "No Parking" signs on the north side of North Stonington Road. The parking issue only occurs for the four weekends during the month of October. There is a resident across the street who would like to have a "No Parking" sign in front of the residence. Captain Desmond has spoken with this resident and he has recommended not putting the sign up at this time, but to monitor the situation and if issues came up then it would be addressed.

Commissioner Rotella made a motion that permanent "No Parking" on the north side of North Stonington Road remain in effect. The request for a "No Parking" sign at 138 North Stonington Road is denied, but the situation will be monitored based on Captain Desmond's recommendations. Motion seconded by Commissioner Pucci, all in favor, motion approved.

5a. No Parking – Downer Street *POSSIBLE VOTE*

Commissioner Moukawsher made a motion to approve no parking on the north side of Downer Street and the south side of Downer Street near Richmond Lane based on Chief Stewart's recommendations. Motion seconded by Commissioner Pucci, all in favor, motion approved.

3) New Business – None

4) Correspondence – See above

5) Traffic – See above

6) Approval of Minutes for June 12, 2014 Regular Meeting *VOTE NEEDED*

Commissioner Pucci made a motion to approve the minutes for the June 12, 2014 Regular Meeting. Motion seconded by Commissioner Rotella, Commissioner Olsson abstained. Motion approved.

7) Old Business – None

8) Process for Evaluation of Chief

Commissioner Moukawsher made a motion to table this to August meeting. Motion seconded by Commissioner Pucci, all in favor, motion approved.

9) Report of the Chief of Police

- a. **Budget Report** – Captain Desmond noted that we will be giving back a money from the FY13/14 budget as a result of some money not being used. Fiscal year 13/14 final figures should be out in about a month.
- b. **Monthly Report**
- c. **Pawcatuck Statistics**
- d. **Alarm Report**
- e. **Special Event Schedule** – Captain Desmond informed the Commission that there will be two additional events that our police boat will be assisting with: the first is on July 12, 2014 – the boat will assist with fireworks in New London. The second event is on July 19, 2014 assisting Groton Long Point for fireworks.
- f. **Memorandum of Understanding Re: License Plate Reader Project**
- g. **Letter Re: Highway Safety Grant Application**
- h. **Memo Re: Chapter 37 Rules & Regs *INFORMATION ONLY***

Captain Desmond reported to the Commission that both police officer candidates are doing very well at the Police Academy. Ryan Armstrong is 2nd in the class. New Animal Control Officer Keri Bush is doing well and will be attending advanced training. New Dispatcher Susan Purcell is going great.

The Blue Force Tracker was installed in the boat. All equipment needed for the boat has been installed. The grant will be closed out by the end of August.

Letter of resignation received just prior to meeting from Records Clerk Therese Clarke-Alexander. Commissioner Rotella made a motion to accept her letter of resignation. Commissioner Pucci seconded the motion, all in favor, motion approved. Commissioner Olsson noted that she was a wonderful employee and that all of her efforts over the years is appreciated.

Commissioner Moukawsher made a motion to accept the Report of the Chief of Police. Motion seconded by Commissioner Pucci, all in favor, motion approved.

10) Consent Agenda

- a. **Letter Re: Donation to Animal Control**
- b. **Memorandum of Agreement: Transfer of Ownership – K-9**
- c. **Oath of Office: K-9 Officer Earl Palmer & K-9 Odin**
- d. **Resident Article Re: Sandy Hook Memorial Playground Sign**
- e. **E-Mail Re: Thank You – Officer Howard**
- f. **Letter Re: River Glow Event**
- g. **Letter Re: Thank You – Our Lady of Fatima Processions**

Consent Agenda – Cont'd:

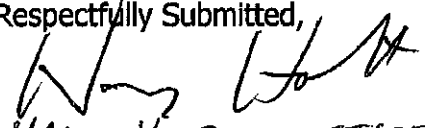
- h. Letter Re: Thank You – Safe Futures**
- i. Memo Re: Good Job – Gardens By The Sea Event**
- j. Memo Re: Good Job – Sandy Hook Memorial Playground Sign**
- k. Memo Re: Good Job – Officer Murray**
- l. Payment of PCAC Dues for FY14/15**
- m. Letter Re: E-911 Inventory**
- n. Accident Report Involving Police Cruiser**
- o. Thank You Note: Woodworth Family**

Commissioner Moukawsher made a motion to accept the Consent Agenda. Motion seconded by Commissioner Pucci, all in favor, motion approved.

11) Adjourn

Commissioner Pucci made a motion to adjourn. Motion seconded by Commissioner Moukawsher, all in favor, motion approved. Meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,


~~Natalie R. Mitchell~~ *HARRY HOLT*, SECRETARY
~~Administrative Assistant~~
Stonington Police Department