

**STONINGTON BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
DECEMBER 14, 2006
7:00 PM AT THE STONINGTON POLICE HEADQUARTERS**

MEETING MINUTES

Present: Chairman Edward McCabe; Clerk James O'Boyle; Commissioners John Holstein, Dennis Curran & Dr. Stephen Coan; Chief David Erskine and Captain Jerry Desmond

1) Call to Order

Chairman McCabe called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

2) Election of Officers

- Chairman

A motion was made by Commissioner Dennis Curran and seconded by Commissioner Stephen Coan to elect Edward McCabe as Chairman of the Police Commission and it was voted.

- Clerk

A motion was made by Commissioner Dennis Curran and seconded by Commissioner John Holstein to elect James O'Boyle as Clerk of the Police Commission and it was voted.

Discussion:

Chairman McCabe requested that members of the Commission consider changing the current title of Clerk to Vice-Chair, as that title more fittingly describes the roles of the position now held by James O'Boyle. Chairman McCabe would like to make a motion to vote on this request at the next meeting, as well as any other changes to procedure that may be requested by the Commission. Chairman McCabe brought to the attention of the Commission that any changes in procedure must be acted upon & submitted within 48 hours. Commissioner Curran asked if it is required that the Police Commission has someone fulfilling the role of Clerk and Chairman McCabe responded that it is not.

Chairman McCabe requested that the changing of titles from Clerk to Vice-Chair for James O'Boyle be added to the agenda of the January 2007 meeting.

- **Setting of Meeting Dates for Fiscal 2007**
A motion was made by Clerk James O'Boyle and seconded by Commissioner Dennis Curran to set the following meeting dates for 2007:

January 11, 2007	Special Meeting
February 8, 2007	Regular Meeting
March 8, 2007	Regular Meeting
April 12, 2007	Regular Meeting
May 10, 2007	Regular Meeting
June 14, 2007	Regular Meeting
July 12, 2007	Regular Meeting
August 9, 2007	Regular Meeting
September 13, 2007	Regular Meeting
October 11, 2007	Regular Meeting
November 8, 2007	Regular Meeting
December 13, 2007	Regular Meeting

3) Remarks of the Visitors

None

4) Approval of November 9th, 2006 Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Commissioner John Holstein and seconded by Commissioner Dennis Curran to approve the November minutes and it was voted.

5) Report of the Chief of Police

- Currently four officers down, one since September 22, 2006 who will return in January. One officer currently attending the Police Academy, two vacancies.
- Transportation Project Upgrade
 - Reconstruction of Railroad Bridge and improvements of Route 234 completed.
- Cruiser radios: all police cruisers can now communicate.
- Seniority roster corrected
- Traffic – Route One / Old Stonington Road issue posted in Town Hall under “Traffic”.
- Warrants – First Selectman now notified regarding any Failures to Appear.
- Preconstruction Meeting for Coogan Blvd being held December 19, 2007 at Town Hall.
- Statistics Report page of Criminal Activity is missing, will be sent in mail.

A motion was made by Clerk James O'Boyle and seconded by Commissioner John Holstein to approve the Report of the Chief and it was voted.

6) Correspondence

- a. Letter Re: Old Mystic General Store Alarm Ordinance
 - Fini McGlinchy paid \$100.00
- b. Letter Re: Police Vehicle Bid
- c. Letter Re: Criminal Justice Comm. Re: Warrants
- d. Letters Re: Enhance 911 Subsidy
 - Captain Desmond detailed that subsidized 911 centers that serviced more than one town (as Stonington does with Stonington Borough) qualifies as a second town, therefore Stonington has retroactive monies coming in the amount of \$33K, and two more quarterly payments totaling \$55K. Monies will be used for updating cars, and as of July 1, 2007 for adding dispatchers (\$40K), security system upgrades for computers (\$5K), and dispatcher overtime (\$10K). Captain Desmond will be presenting to the Board of Finance with more detailed numbers.
- e. Memo Re: Dispatcher Manual Change.
 - A motion was made by Clerk James O'Boyle and seconded by Commissioner Stephen Coan to change the Dispatcher Manual by removing both "Section 125 Plan (FSA) Cafeteria Plan" and Workers Compensation Insurance and it was voted.

7) Consent Agenda

- a. Letters Re: Santa's Arrival – 11/24/06
- b. Letter Re: Tarzan Brown Race
- c. Letter Re: Job Well Done – Officers Coco & Brummund
- d. Memo Re: Job Well Done – Officer Burge
 - Discussion – all involved should receive awards: officer, dispatchers and resident that placed 911 calls.
- e. Memo Re: 2006 Click It or Ticket Campaign
- f. Letter Re: Thank You – Halloween Parade
- g. Letter Re: Thank You – Veteran's Parade
- h. Memo Re: Job Well Done – Officer Kristy Rebello
- i. Memo Re: Snow Ordinance Press Release
- j. Letter Re: Pawcatuck Landing
- k. Letter Re: Thank You – Village Improvement Association
- l. Memo's Re: Supervisor Assignments, Seniority Roster & Badge Numbers

A motion was made by Commissioner John Holstein and seconded by Clerk James O'Boyle to approve the Consent Agenda and it was voted.

8) Traffic

- a. Letter Re: Approval Handicapped Parking Sign – Willow Street
- b. Letter Re: Approval of Speed Limit Sign – Pequot Court
- c. Letter Re: Honor Guard on Wheels
- d. Memo Re: Yellow Curb – Liberty Street
- e. Letter Re: Award Bid – Traffic Light – Coogan Boulevard
- f. Letter Re: Sign – North Stonington Road
- g. Letters Re: Pre-Emption Traffic Lights – Route 1 & Denison Ave, Routes 1 & 234
- h. Letter Re: Saint Patrick Day Parade
- i. Memo Re: No Parking Signs – Robinson Street, Pawcatuck
 - A motion was made by Commissioner Dennis Curran and seconded by Clerk James O’Boyle to place “No Parking” signs on the south side of Robinson Street in front of the playground area.
- j. Intersection of Old Stonington Road & Route One
 - Joe Bragaw, Bill Stewart, Chairman Edward McCabe & Clerk James O’Boyle met with a representative from CT regarding the aforementioned intersection. It was agreed that eventually this intersection will be closed. In order to prepare for closure there will need to be an initial installment of a Do Not Enter sign.
 - A motion was made by Clerk James O’Boyle and seconded by Commissioner Dennis Curran to remove the stop sign and street sign, obliterate the stop line and the yellow street line and erect a Do Not Enter sign.
 - The Commission will then work with the State to complete the closure of this intersection. Chief Erskine will compose letters to local residents and businesses notifying them of changes taking place.

9) New Business

- a. 2007-2008 Police Department Budget
 - See attached spreadsheet

10) Old Business

None

11) Executive Session to Interview Candidates for Patrol Officer Position

A motion was made by Commissioner John Holstein and seconded by Commissioner Dennis Curran to enter into Executive Session at 8:55 pm. The Commission then invited Chief David Erskine and Captain Jerry Desmond to join in the Executive Session.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michelle Morosini
Secretary