

**STONINGTON BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 9, 2006
7:00 PM AT THE STONINGTON POLICE HEADQUARTERS**

MEETING MINUTES

Present: Chairman Edward McCabe; Clerk James O'Boyle; Commissioner Dennis Curran; Captain Jerry Desmond and Lieutenant Raymond Curioso

Absent: Commissioners Stephen Bickford and John Holstein; Chief David Erskine

1) Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairman McCabe at 7:00 PM.

2) Remarks of Visitors

None

3) Approval of Minutes for February 9, 2006 Meeting

A motion was made by James O'Boyle and seconded by Dennis Curran to approve the minutes from the February 9, 2006 meeting and it was voted (3-0).

4) Report of the Chief of Police

Captain Desmond reported in the Chief's absence.

- A robbery took place at Chelsea Groton Bank in Pawcatuck today; no one was hurt, no weapons were displayed
- Regional Narcotics Task Force paperwork is awaiting signatures in Groton and will then be returned to Stonington
- Recent sewer problems at the Dog Pound - Joe Bragaw, Town Engineer, had it pumped out, but issues still remain
- A Budget Meeting will be held on April 15th at the Wequetequock Fire House;
- Police Commission Dinner is coming up
- MRT, Shooting and Dive Team training take place this month

Chairman McCabe stated the "Miscellaneous" category on the monthly stat report is very large and maybe new categories should be added to the report.

A motion was made by James O'Boyle and seconded by Dennis Curran to accept the Report of the Chief and it was voted.

5) Correspondence

a. Letter re: Stonington Ambulance Radio

Joe Cassata was present to represent the Stonington Ambulance Corps. Captain Desmond spoke to First Selectman, Bill Brown. A motion was made by James O'Boyle and seconded by Dennis Curran to support this in conjunction with the stipulations Chief Erskine noted in his letter to First Selectman, Bill Brown, and if any unforeseen

problems come about Stonington Ambulance will make the changes to rectify and it was voted (3-0).

- b. Letter re: Mr. Burgess – Dog Pound
- c. Letter re: Mystic Outdoor Art Festival

6) Consent Agenda

- a. Memo re: Police Vehicles
- b. Letter re: \$2,500 grant
- c. Letter re: Mr. Law – Thank You
- d. Letter re: Ammunition – Groton Sportsmen's Club
- e. Letter re: Signs – Robinson Street (P)
- f. Letter re: May Day Parade
- g. Letter re: Job Well Done – DARE
- h. Memo re: Salary Schedule
- i. Letter re: Mystic Art Festival

A motion was made by James O'Boyle and seconded by Dennis Curran to approve the Consent Agenda and it was voted (3-0).

7) Traffic

- a. Letter re: State Permit – Saint Patrick's Day Parade
- b. 75 Stillman Avenue – Pawcatuck
The PZC approved the plan under the stipulation that Joe Bragaw, Town Engineer approved the plan. Chairman McCabe stated that Joe Bragaw had concerns with the plan and a meeting took place on March 9th to discuss the issue. A verbal agreement was made and is detailed in the attached memo *Stillman Ave Mill Project* dated March 9, 2006. A motion was made by James O'Boyle and seconded by Dennis Curran to approve this once the stipulations are met by Investar Development as outlined in the attached memo and it was voted (3-0).
- c. Letter re: July 4th Parade
- d. Letter re: Ride for Silence Bike Ride
- e. Letter re: Fire Lane – Pawcatuck VFW
- f. Letter re: Mystic Arts Festival
- g. Letter re: Pawcatuck Veteran's Parade
- h. Letter re: Hare Hop Race – March 5th
- i. Letter re: Milan Terrace

A motion was made by Dennis Curran and seconded by James O'Boyle to deny the request for No Parking signs and it was voted (3-0).

- j. Mystic YMCA Upcoming Special Events
 - Mystic River Triathlon - June 11th – A motion was made by Dennis Curran and seconded by James O'Boyle to approve this event under the stipulation that the route be identical to the 2005 amendment and it was voted (3-0).
 - Tarzan Brown Race – November 5th – A motion was made by James O'Boyle and seconded by Dennis Curran to approve this event and it was voted (3-0).
 - Turkey Trot – November 23rd – A motion was made by James O'Boyle and seconded by Dennis Curran to approve this event and it was voted (3-0).

8) New Business

- a. Chapter 4 – Department Rules & Regulations updated – A motion was made by Dennis Curran and seconded by James O’Boyle to approve the updated Chapter 4 and it was voted (3-0).
- b. Chapter 6 – Department Rules & Regulations updated – Dennis Curran questioned whether or not the policy coincided with schools’ policy. A motion was made by James O’Boyle and seconded by Dennis Curran to table this issue until the April meeting.
- c. Outstanding Alarm Violators for 2005 as of March 2nd, 2006
- d. Police Vehicle Bids
Captain Desmond discussed the bid options. A motion was made by James O’Boyle and seconded by Dennis Curran to award the contract to Branford Motors for new cruisers and it was voted (3-0).

9) Old Business

10) Adjourn

There being no further business to come before the Commissioners, Chairman McCabe adjourned the regular meeting at 7:44 pm and invited Captain Desmond and Lieutenant Curioso to join the Commission during an Executive Session.

11) Executive Session

The Board came out of Executive Session at 9:45 PM and voted to select Paula Singer for the open position of Dispatcher and offer her a conditional offer of employment. In addition, the Board voted to place John Fiore and Alexia Nasatka into a file that would allow them to be placed back into the process for any near future openings for the position of Dispatcher. The Board then voted to adjourn at 9:50 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Leanne DiGangi
Secretary