

**STONINGTON BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 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; Chief David Erskine and Captain Jerry Desmond

Absent: Commissioner Stephen Bickford

1) Call to Order

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

2) Remarks of the Visitors

Melanie Degler, Stonington Resident

Ms Degler attended the 9/14 Police Commissioners meeting to discuss her concerns regarding the traffic issues at the intersection of Wilcox Road, Route One and Old Stonington Road. She stated there has been increased traffic due to the new Lamb's Way development, and that the current signage stating "no outlet" and "no left turn" are not being obeyed by motorists. Ms Degler also gave various accounts of serious accidents that have occurred at the intersection due to motorists illegally exiting Old Stonington Road going east onto Route One. There was a discussion and agreement that this is an area of concern. Options were discussed to increase signage or to make the Old Stonington Road one way. Chairman McCabe stated that no matter what motions were made the State of CT must be involved, as Route One is a state road. Chairman McCabe then suggested proposing the idea of making Old Stonington Road one way heading westbound to the State Traffic Commission. Captain Desmond stated a letter must also be written by the Commission to local residents and businesses addressing the situation and proposed solution. Clerk O'Boyle made a motion to write a letter to residents and businesses, the motion was seconded by Commissioner Holstein and it was voted. Discussion to follow at next meeting.

3) Approval of Minutes for August 10th, 2006 Meeting

A motion was made by Chairman McCabe and seconded by John Holstein to approve the August minutes and it was voted.

4) Report of the Chief of Police

- Of the two candidates that were going through testing, only Brian Discordia satisfactorily completed testing and will be continuing on. A search process for an additional candidate will begin and will include all surrounding towns.

4) Report of the Chief of Police (cont'd)

- Sergeants written examinations will take place next week with 9 candidates. Successful officers will continue on to oral boards on 9/28. From there successful candidates will be presented to the commission on October 12th.
- Groton City / Groton Town signed Mutual Aid Agreement for Regional Drug Task Force
- All special events went well. One area of concern was the traffic congestion that occurred at the Sergio Franchi Estate during the annual concert. More officers may be needed, as well as an adjusted start time to allow cars in earlier.
- Negotiations are continuing.
- New vehicles will be in very soon.
- Review training with officers

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

5) Correspondence

Letter re: Attorney Londregan letter re: Drug Task Force

Letter re: Old Mystic General Store Alarm

- A motion was made by James O'Boyle and seconded by John Holstein to reduce the alarm bill from \$175 to \$125 and it was voted.

Letter re: Westerly Ambulance

Letter re: Training in Searching Prisoners

Letter re: Commendations & Awards

Letter re: Pay Raises – Non-Union Personnel

6) Consent Agenda

Letter re: Human Services Egg Hunt 10/22

Letter re: Job Well Done – Officer Johnson

Letter re: Damage to Stonington Cemetery

Letter re: Job Well Done – Sgt. Smith & Officer McDermott

Letter re: Job Well Done – Officer Olson

Letter re: Job Well Done – Officer Cullen

Letter re: Job Well Done – Four Officers

Letter re: Mystic Chamber 09/27 Vehicle Tour

Letter re: State Traffic Commission

Letter re: Columbus Day Parade

Letter re: Hidden Drive Sign

Letter re: School Bus Sign

Letter re: Site Line – Routes 1 & 1A

Copy of Indemnitor – Taste of Mystic

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

7) **Traffic**

Casino Signing – signs back up

Letter re: Intersection of Chase Street & Route 1

Letter re: Liberty Crossing – not approving traffic flow

Letter re: Mystic Halloween Parade

Letter re: Traffic Signs – Pequot Court

A motion was made by James O'Boyle and seconded by Dennis Curran to put up a "Children Playing" sign.

Letter re: Route 184

A motion was made by John Holstein and seconded by James O'Boyle to send a request to reduce the passing zone to the State Traffic Commission.

8) **New Business**

- Dispatcher Employment Manual
 - A motion was made by Dennis Curran and seconded by James O'Boyle to approve

- Capitol Improvement Budget – 2007 – 2012

- 2007 – 2008

- 4 marked cruisers - \$100K, 1 unmarked cruiser - \$25K
- Technology upgrade - \$20K

A motion was made by James O'Boyle and seconded by Dennis Curran to approve

- 2008 – 2009

- 4 marked cruisers - \$103K, 1 unmarked cruiser - \$25K
- Technology upgrade - \$20K
- 2 new radar units - \$8K
- Automatic Vehicle Locator System - \$15K

A motion was made by James O'Boyle and seconded by Dennis Curran to approve

- 2009 – 2010

- 4 marked cruisers - \$104K, 1 unmarked cruiser - \$26K
- Technology upgrade - \$20K
- Replacement of Bulletproof vests - \$30K
- Handgun replacement - \$25K

A motion was made by James O'Boyle and seconded by Dennis Curran to approve

- 2010 – 2011

- 4 marked cruisers - \$105K, 1 unmarked cruiser - \$27K
- Technology upgrade - \$20K
- K-9 Program - \$16K

A motion was made by James O'Boyle and seconded by Dennis Curran to approve

- 2011 – 2012

- 4 marked cruisers - \$105K, 1 unmarked cruiser - \$27K
- Technology upgrade - \$20K
- New Police Boat - \$65K

A motion was made by James O'Boyle and seconded by Dennis Curran to approve

9) Old Business

None

10) Adjourn

There being no further business to come before the Commissioners, a motion was made by James O'Boyle and seconded by John Holstein to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michelle Morosini
Secretary