

**STONINGTON BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING  
NOVEMBER 8, 2007  
7:00 PM AT THE STONINGTON POLICE HEADQUARTERS**

**MEETING MINUTES**

Present: Chairman Edward McCabe; Vice-Chair James O'Boyle  
Commissioners Dennis Curran, John Holstein and Susette Tibus;  
Chief David Erskine, Acting Deputy Chief Darren Stewart, and  
Captain Jerry Desmond

Absent: Commissioner Stephen Coan

**1) Call to Order**

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

**2) Election of Officers**

Chairman McCabe requested a motion for the election of Chairman.

- A motion was made by Commissioner Curran to elect Vice-Chair James O'Boyle to Chairman. Motion approved.
  - Chairman O'Boyle thanked Mr. McCabe for his 5 years of dedicated service.
- Chairman O'Boyle requested a motion for the election of Vice-Chair.
  - A motion was made by Commissioner Holstein to elect Commissioner Dennis Curran Vice-Chair. Motion approved.

**2) Remarks of Visitors**

Ron Burnell, 64 Palmer Street.

- Mr. Burnell is concerned about the speed of vehicles on Lathrop Avenue and Palmer Street, specifically large trucks. He is looking for the creation of 3 way stop sign on Lathrop & Palmer. Chief Erskine suggested an additional stop sign may help the situation. Chairman O'Boyle requested that this matter be looked into and revisited at next meeting.

**3) Approval of Minutes for the October 11, 2007 Regular Meeting**

A motion was made by Commissioner Holstein seconded by Commissioner Curran to approve the minutes from the October 11, 2007 Regular Meeting and it was voted.

**4) Report of the Chief of Police**

- a. Personnel up to full capacity. Officers Manley and Hersch in FTO Training, new part-time custodian has started. All positions currently filled.
- b. Received call from Mike Malone of the Department of Transportation. Mr. Malone was requesting input regarding the intersection of Route 27 & Coogan Boulevard as well as Coogan Boulevard and Interstate 95. Chief Erskine believes things are running well, no back up on 95. Chief Erskine requested input of Police commission, if issues are noticed please let Chief know & he will notify Mr. Malone.
- c. Held informal discussion with Steve Field of Waterford Police Department, as well as representatives from New London and Groton Town Departments regarding traffic safety after accident in East Lyme Friday November 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- d. Officers Descordia and Fauquette on their own and doing well.
- e. Budget process starting. Chief Erskine has started gathering information and will have figures for next commission meeting. Please bring any requests to the attention of the Chief.
- f. Mary Shulda has retired. Chief Erskine suggested Acting Deputy Chief Stewart research if there is a test that can be administered to qualified group of applicants for the vacant position.
- g. Acting Deputy Chief Stewart and Captain Desmond will meet with Labor Attorney Dugan to discuss strategies for union negotiation to start process of hiring for the K-9 Program.
- h. Alarms paid to date. 689 registered 503 residential, 186 businesses.
- i. October Statistics
- j. Acting Deputy Chief Stewart briefly discussed the traffic plan & budget for Liberty Crossing project and the effect of the full impact upon the Police Department. He will be speaking with Captain Desmond regarding future planning. Information is now available for review. Requests for a Police Department satellite office, parking spaces, ip address cameras & radios were sent to the Director of Planning for the project. Deputy Chief Stewart also met with Town Planner Bill Hasse and will meet with him again next week for time lines.

A motion was made by Commissioner Curran to accept the Report of the Chief. Motion seconded by Commissioner Holstein and approved.

**5) Correspondence**

- a. Letter Re: Susette Tibus – Board of Police Commissioners
- b. Memo Re: Bids of Police Cruisers
- c. Letter Re: Street Lights – Route 95
- d. Letter Re: Cavendish Lane, Pawcatuck

**6) Consent Agenda**

- a. Memo Re: Job Well Done – Officer Wholean
- b. Letter Re: Santa’s Arrival
- c. Letter Re: Pawcatuck Farms
- d. Letter Re: State Re-arrest Warrants
- e. Memo Re: Speed Limits on Town Roads
- f. Letter Re: Dr. Wilner – K-9 Program
- g. Letter Re: No Parking Signs – Prospect Street
- h. Letter Re: Thank You from Sainsbury Family
- i. Letter Re: MADD and DWI
- j. Memo Re: Job Well Done – Officer Brummund

A motion was made by Commissioner Holstein and seconded by Commissioner Curran to approve the Consent Agenda and it was voted.

**7) Traffic**

- a. Letter Re: Tarzan Brown Road Race
- b. Memo Re: Pawcatuck Streetscape Project
- c. Letter Re: Cavendish Lane

**8) Old Business**

None

**9) New Business**

None

**10) Executive Session**

- Executive Discussion of internal investigation which would result in the disclosure of a draft document and/or the information contained therein protected by the attorney-client privilege described in General Statutes Section 1-200 (b) (10).

Cancelled as issue was resolved to everyone's satisfaction prior to the meeting.

**11) Adjourn**

A motion was made by Commissioner Curran to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Holstein and approved. Meeting adjourned at 7:33PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Michelle Morosini  
Secretary