

**STONINGTON BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
SPECIAL MEETING
JANUARY 11, 2007
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 and Chief David Erskine.

Absent: Captain Jerry Desmond

1) Call to Order

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

2) Remarks of Visitors

- Residents of Old Stonington Road area, Members of Quaimbaug Volunteer Fire Department
 - Discussion: opposed to full closure of east end section of Old Stonington Road. Concern regarding extra time that would need to be taken if emergency personnel required emergency access, as well as in instances of extreme weather emergencies such as flooding. Fire department members also noted that closure would take out of service an existing fire hydrant necessary for Wilcox Road residents.
 - Wilcox Road resident Melanie Degler suggested making the eastern end of Old Stonington Road one way and adding a no left turn sign. Resident David Collins requested lowering the speed limit. Chief David Erskine responded that he will request that the State Traffic Commission review both these suggestions.
 - Director of Public Works Joe Bragaw presented an aerial photograph detailing the intersection of Route One and Old Stonington Road. He stated the area is properly signed Do Not Enter, it seems to be an issue of drivers not obeying the signage. His recommendations include leaving as is, increased enforcement by police personnel, or narrowing the road and putting in a mountable curb so automobiles would be deterred but emergency vehicles would still have access.

A motion was made by Clerk James O'Boyle and seconded by Commissioner Dennis Curran to narrow the end of the road with curbing and paving blocks to a width of no less than 20 feet and officially designate Old Stonington Road one way from Route One north to driveway.

3) Approval of Minutes for December 14, 2006 Meeting

- In all areas mentioned, "Commissioner Scott Coan" shall be corrected to "Commissioner Stephen Coan".
- #8, Traffic, Item j should note Chairman Edward McCabe was present at meeting at Old Stonington Road and Route One.
- #11, Executive Session, should read: A motion was made by Commissioner John Holstein and seconded by Commissioner Dennis Curran to enter into Executive Session at 8:55 pm.
- #12, Adjourn, shall be deleted

Upon the above revisions, a motion was made by Commissioner Curran and seconded by Clerk O'Boyle to approve the minutes and it was voted.

A motion was made by Commissioner Holstein and seconded by Commissioner Curran to approve the Executive Session Minutes from December 14, 2006 and it was voted.

4) Report of the Chief of Police

- Meeting room reservations will need to be made through Natalie Mitchell
- Received letter from Larry Sullivan regarding Coogan Blvd Construction Schedule
- Captain Jerry Desmond went before the Board of Finance regarding monies related to the subsidized 911 centers
- Milner lawsuit dismissed
- Outstanding year for attendance of Officers
- Budget meeting with Board of Finance set for February 7th at 7:30
- Marge Tourville is retiring after 31 years. Her replacement starts January 16th.
- Police contract going to mediation on January 18th. Meeting with union regarding insurance.
- 2 candidates took polygraph. One came back very good, awaiting results on other.
- 2006 Stats submitted, as well as "2006 Year in Review"

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.

5) Correspondence

- a. Memo Re: Police Department Sick Leave 2006
- b. Memo Re: Family Violence Offense Report
- c. Letter Re: Town Attorney – Regarding e-mails and voicemails
- d. 2007 – 2008 Police Department Proposed Budget

6) Consent Agenda

- a. Memo Re: Traffic Signs – Old Stonington Road & Robinson Street
- b. Letter Re: Patriot Guard Riders
- c. Letter Re: Chase Street & Route One
- d. Letter Re: Passing Zone – Rout 84
- e. Memo Re: Job Well Done – Officer Wholean
- f. Memo Re: Job Well Done – Officer Paige & ACO Rae-Jean Davis
- g. Memo Re: Police Department Vehicles
- h. Letter Re: Pawcatuck Landing
- i. Memo Re: Traffic Light – Clara Drive
- j. Memo Re: Job Well Done – Officer Brummund & Records Clerk
Jeanne Silva
- k. Letter Re: Agreement SBA Tower

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

7) Traffic

- a. Letter Re: Route One & Old Stonington Road Intersection – David Collins
- b. Letter Re: Route One & Old Stonington Road Intersection – Chief McPherson
- c. Letter Re: Route One & Old Stonington Road Intersection – Chief Erskine
- d. Letter Re: Parking Route One – Mystic Market – Chief Erskine
- e. Letter Re: Parking Mystic Market – Edward McCreary

8) Old Business

- a. Copy of Police Commission Manual of Procedures – To Change (1) Article III, Paragraph C at Sub-Paragraph (2) Shall Be Modified As Follows: (2) Vice Chair

A motion was made by Commissioner John Holstein and seconded by Commissioner Stephen Coan to make the aforementioned change and it was voted.

9) Adjourn

A motion was made by Commissioner Curran to adjourn, seconded by Vice Chair O'Boyle and approved. Meeting adjourned at 7:51PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Michelle Morosini
Secretary