

**STONINGTON BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
JULY 12, 2007
7:00 PM AT THE STONINGTON POLICE HEADQUARTERS**

MEETING MINUTES

Present: Chairman Edward McCabe; Commissioners Dennis Curran, John Holstein and Stephen Coan, Chief David Erskine

Absent: Vice-Chair James O'Boyle

1) Call to Order

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

2) Swearing in of Lt. Darren Stewart to the Rank of Acting Deputy Chief

Chief Erskine introduced Lt. Darren Stewart and those present for this special occasion, including his wife and children, parents and mother-in-law. Chief Erskine also made special mention of Lt. Stewart's late father-in-law, an incredible man who would have been extremely proud, and who is sadly missed. Lt. Darren Stewart was then sworn in to the rank of Acting Deputy Chief by Chief Erskine.

3) Remarks of Visitors

Comments regarding parking problem on Old Stonington Road near King Cove Marina:

Kevin McCarthy, Owner, King Cove Marina:

After the site visit to his property, he realized many more people are coming to his business. He is concerned about safety, how to move people through safely with out the town having to police the road. Mr. McCarthy proposed making the road one way from west to east, right turn only on other way, and leave curb cuts as they are. Comment regarding number of slips: increased in 2003 from 16 to 32, added 8 more in 2004, up to DEP permit level of 48 in 2005. In 2002 kayakers were offered open access.

Joe Rendiro:

Has never has seen problem with parking or reasons that emergency vehicles could not get through. He agrees with Mr. McCarthy.

Rich Constantine, 928 Stonington Road (property abuts marina):

Has never had a problem on road.

Co-owner of Stonington Motel:

Stonington Motel / Motel guests with boats are not causing a problem with parking.

3) Remarks of Visitors (cont'd)

Harry Winslow:

Has boat at marina: concerned with speeding on road.

Charles Way, 902 Stonington Road:

Zoning does not allow parking on street. King Cove's business is expanding, rules need to be made as to where customers can or cannot park. Business is growing beyond Mr. McCarthy's property and starting to spill onto residents' property.

Lynda Way, 902 Stonington Road:

Issue with speed and parking, particularly parking on island between roads. Requests rules are made for parking.

Tyann Nordness:

Would like to see parking issue resolved.

Planning & Zoning Commission rep:

Clarification of zoning issue – businesses cannot use on street parking to determine parking requirement for given use.

Other comments:

Joe Rendiro, on behalf on Groton Sportsman's club:

Concerned about sharp curve on Al Harvey Road by Groton Sportsman's Club. Requested Commission approve signage on Al Harvey road some distance before curve to warn motorists that curve is there.

Chief Erskine and Chairman McCabe will meet Mr. Rendiro at site to discuss and make recommendation to board at next meeting August 9th.

4) Approval of Minutes for June 14, 2007 Regular Meeting

A motion was made by Commissioner Curran and seconded by Commissioner Holstein to approve the minutes from the June 14, 2007 Regular meeting and it was voted.

Approval of Minutes for June 28, 2007 Special Meeting and Executive Session

A motion was made by Commissioner Curran and seconded by Commissioner Holstein to approve the minutes from the June 28, 2007 Special Meeting and Executive Session and it was voted.

5) Report of the Chief of Police

- Memo from Bruce Smith to dispose of vehicle.
- Arthur Medeiros signed necessary paperwork for the Blessing of the Fleet. VFW serving alcohol, servers have necessary certifications. Planning set for event, Chief will send letter to all area restaurants and bars regarding closing at 10pm.

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

- Five eligible candidates to take Lieutenant Exam; written part August 14th, oral August 28th. Chief requested that interviews are held in September.
Motion made by Commissioner Holstein to cancel Regular Meeting on September 13th and hold the monthly meeting as a Special Meeting September 4th. Motion seconded by Commissioner Curran and approved.
 - An Executive Session will be held on September 4th for the purpose of interviewing the candidates for the position of Lieutenant.
 - Additionally, during its Executive Session, the Board will select a new Sergeant from the current Sergeants' list.
 - The Chief will send all eligible Sergeant Candidates a memo.
 - Award & swearing in ceremony at MMS the week of October 2nd. Plaques for perfect attendance will be given out this night as well.
- Officer Peckam back from assignment with Groton / Stonington Task Force.
- Officer's Hirsch and Faquet out of Academy, require FTO Training.
- Captain Desmond at Quantico until September 14th.

A motion was made by Commissioner Holstein and seconded by Commissioner Coan to approve the Report of the Chief and it was voted.

6) Correspondence

- a. Letter Re: Dismissal of Milner Law Suit
- b. Memo Re: Announcement of Examination for position of Lieutenant
- c. Memo Re: Stonington Planning & Zoning Liquor at Blue Door Restaurant.
Will send back comment to recommend.
- d. Letter Re: FBI National Academy
- e. Letter Re: Art Medeiros – Blessing of the Fleet
- f. Letter Re: Roger Kemper – Blessing of the Fleet
- g. Letter Re: Suitability of Premises

7) Consent Agenda

- a. Letter Re: Site Line – Lane Way
- b. Letter Re: Lt. Stewart – Resignation from Union
- c. Memo Re: Alarm Registrations
- d. Memo Re: Special Olympics Torch Run
- e. Memo Re: Re-Arrest Warrants
- f. Letter Re: Traffic Sign
- g. Letter Re: Traffic Light Route 27 & Greenmanville Avenue
- h. Letter Re: Dream Ride 2007
- i. Letter Re: Thank You – VFW Memorial Day Parade
- j. Letter Re: Angel Ride – Thank You
- k. Letter Re: Parking Issue – Holmes Street
- l. Letter Re: Road Race 10/13/07
- m. Letter Re: Reverse 911

7) Consent Agenda (cont'd)

- n. Letter Re: Family Violence Preliminary Data
- o. Letter Re: Obstruction of Site Line Route 201

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

8) Traffic

- a. Letter Re: STC Pawcatuck Landing 06/07/07
- b. Letter Re: STC Liberty Crossing 06/07/07
- c. Letter Re: STC Liberty Crossing 06/15/07
- d. Letter Re: STC Liberty Crossing 06/21/07
- e. Letter Re: STC Pawcatuck Landing 06/21/07
- f. Letter Re: Stop Sign and Stop Bar Relocation – Intersection Jerry Browne Road & Mistuxet Avenue

A motion was made by Chairman McCabe to approve the relocation of the stop sign on Mistuxet Avenue approaching from Cove Road back 30 feet and approaching Pelligrino Road forward 12 feet per map submitted; also that changing of stop bars be performed by the Town of Stonington as opposed to Aquarion Water Company. Motion seconded by Commissioner Curran and approved.

- g. Letter Re: Parking Problem on Old Stonington Road near King Cove Marina

A motion was made by Chairman McCabe to post the street as follows:

The east end of the street no parking 25 feet back from stop line on south east side, no parking on northeast side 25 feet back from where Old Route 1 meets new Route 1.

No parking both sides from western end of King Cove Marina property westward to where Old Stonington Road and new Route 1 meet.

No parking on town owned section of island to coincide with state no parking decision. This will allow Mr. McCarthy to use both sides of street to park vehicles temporarily.

The Commission will review the temporary parking situation by May 1, 2008.

Motion seconded by Commissioner Curran and approved.

8) Traffic (cont'd)

Commissioner Curran questioned whether emergency vehicles would have sufficient room for vehicle access, Chairman McCabe replied that he believed they would. He then asked Chief Erskine to confirm this with the Wequetequock Fire Department.

Chairman McCabe also encouraged Mr. McCarthy to work with Planning and Zoning and apply for a Special Use Permit.

A motion was made by Chairman McCabe to amend the previous motion to include that the Chief will work with property owner Tyann Nordness to find an equitable solution regarding the stop bar and stop sign on the easterly end of the road so she will have the ability to park in front of her property, seconded by Commissioner Coan and approved.

- h. Letter Re: Parking Issue – Same as Above
- i. Memo Re: Old Stonington Road Parking Issue and Date of Commission Meeting
- j. Letter Re: John Mitchell – Old Stonington Road
- k. Letter Re: Lynda & Charles Way – Old Stonington Road
- l. Letter Re: Gloria Russell – Old Stonington Road
- m. Letter Re: Old Stonington Road Parking Issue

9) New Business

A motion was made by Commissioner Holstein to dispense with the evaluation of the Chief for this year. Motion seconded by Commissioner Curran and approved.

10) Old Business

A motion by Commissioner Curran and seconded by Commissioner Holstein to approve the request for records disposal and it was voted.

11) Adjourn

A motion was made by Commissioner Curran to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Holstein and approved. Meeting adjourned at 8:24PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Michelle Morosini
Secretary