

**STONINGTON BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING  
OCTOBER 11, 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, Acting Deputy Chief Darren Stewart, and Captain Jerry Desmond  
Absent: Vice-Chair James O'Boyle

**1) Call to Order**

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

**2) Remarks of Visitors**

Mr. Russell Burgess spoke briefly and thanked Mr. O'Boyle and Chief Erskine.

Don Sodowski: Installing "No Parking" signs on Cavendish Lane would cause severe hardship.

Barbara & Dean Mercer: There is not enough parking as is; installing "No Parking" signs on Cavendish Lane would create additional hardship.

Sally Shore: When she has guests there is not enough parking, installing "No Parking" signs on Cavendish Lane would create additional hardship.

Mr. Bernardi, 41 Elmridge Rd: House faces Cavendish Lane. Installing "No Parking" signs on Cavendish Lane would create hardship.

Martha & Ray Johnson: Against "No Parking" signs on Cavendish Lane.

A motion was made by Commissioner Curran to move Agenda Item # 7D to the top of the Agenda. Motion seconded by Commissioner Holstein and approved.

**7) Traffic**

- d. Letter Re: No Parking Signs – Cavendish Lane  
Commissioner Curran visited site, does not believe installation of "No Parking" signs on Cavendish Lane would be beneficial. Chief Erskine recommends leaving Cavendish Lane as is. No motion made, "No Parking" signs will not be installed on Cavendish Lane.

**3) Approval of Minutes for the September 4, 2007 Special Meeting**

A motion was made by Commissioner Holstein seconded by Chairman McCabe with Commissioner Curran abstaining, to approve the minutes from the September 4, 2007 Special Meeting and it was voted.

A motion was made by Commissioner Holstein seconded by Chairman McCabe with Commissioner Curran abstaining, to approve the Executive Session minutes from the September 4, 2007 Special Meeting and it was voted.

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

- a. Letter to Board of Finance regarding DWI grant. Chief Erskine and Deputy Chief Stewart attended the 10/10 meeting of the Board to explain the use of \$10K from the overtime account. The Board of Finance endorsed applying for the DWI Grant.
- b. Letter regarding COPS Secure Our Schools program. Grant application was denied.
- c. New Supervisor assignments handed out.
- d. Letter from Bill Stewart regarding Arlington Acres Trailer Park sight line issues. Chief Erskine, Acting Deputy Chief Stewart, Vice-Chair O'Boyle, Carl Hewitt and Bill Stewart met with two State DOT representatives at the site. State representatives recommended removal of street sign & bushes, but tree can remain. Final decision to follow State's recommendation, tree will remain.
- e. Memo regarding Stonington Human Service's Halloween Egg Hunt on Sunday October 28<sup>th</sup>. Permission granted to offer hayrides on Spellman Drive from 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM as long as appropriate insurance is in place.
- f. Letter regarding Pawcatuck Farm's progress.
- g. Letter from Town Clerk regarding Meeting Dates, form needs to be filed with Town Clerk by 11/1.
  - o A motion was made by Commissioner Holstein and seconded by Commissioner Curran to hold 2008 Police Commission Meetings the second Thursday of every month as follows: January 10<sup>th</sup>, February 14<sup>th</sup>, March 13<sup>th</sup>, April 10<sup>th</sup>, May 8<sup>th</sup>, June 12<sup>th</sup>, July 10<sup>th</sup>, August 14<sup>th</sup>, September 11<sup>th</sup>, October 9<sup>th</sup>, November 13<sup>th</sup>, and December 11<sup>th</sup>. Motion approved.
- h. Meeting with various officials regarding proposed Pawcatuck Street Scape. Chief suggested all property owners are contacted and informational meeting be held before anything is approved.
- i. Awards night held October 4<sup>th</sup> went well.
- j. New hire status: Discordia doing well, is out on his own. Faquette will be ready to go out approximately October 21<sup>st</sup>. Hersch still out, possibly back Oct 18<sup>th</sup>.
- k. 18 applications for the Part-Time Custodian position, interviewed 5, offer extended to individual chosen unanimously by panel.

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

- l. Presented Chairman McCabe plaque thanking him for years of service as Chairman of the Police Commission.
- m. Bids for vehicles
  - o A motion was made by Commission Curran and seconded by Commissioner Holstein to recommend to the Board of Finance the purchase of one unmarked administrative sedan from MHQ and 4 marked sedans, all Fords, from Herb Chambers. Motion approved.

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

**5) Correspondence**

- a. Certificate of Operation For First Responder
- b. Letter Re: K-9 Department Program
- c. Memo Re: K-9 Department Program - Brown
- d. Letter Re: K-9 Program Ledyard PD
- e. Memo Re: Mutual Aid Westerly PD
- f. Letter Re: Connecticut National Guard - Weapons

**6) Consent Agenda**

- a. Memo Re: No Parking Signs – Smith Street
  - o A motion was made by Commissioner Holstein and seconded by Commissioner Coan to install “No Parking” signs on Smith Street.
- b. Memo Re: Sgt. Diamanti – Job Well Done
- c. Letter Re: Holiday Stroll in Boro
- d. Letter Re: K-9 Program Ledyard PD
- e. Letter Re: Thank You – Donated Items for Animal Care & Control Facility
- f. Letter Re: Westerly Fire Department Barricades
- g. Letter Re: Crosswalk – Route 1, Mystic
- h. Letter Re: Veteran’s Day Parade 11/10/07
- i. New London Day Article – Maderia Case
- j. Letter Re: Tarzan Brown Run
- k. Letter Re: Crosswalk – Route 27, Mystic
- l. Letter Re: Halloween Parade, Mystic
- m. Letter Re: Crop Walk 10/14/07 Mystic

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

**7) Traffic**

- a. Memo Re: Route 234 & Quoketaug Hill Area
- b. Letter Re: Handicapped Parking Sign Request – Stillman Avenue
  - o A motion was made by Commissioner Curran to install a Handicapped Parking space at 37 Stillman Avenue, Pawcatuck. Motion seconded by Commissioner Holstein and approved.
- c. Memo Re: Handicapped Sign Removal
- d. Letter Re: No Parking Signs – Cavendish Lane
  - o See Item #2, Remarks of Visitors
- e. Memo Re: Parking Cavendish Lane
- f. Letter Re: No Parking Signs – Prospect Street
  - o A motion was made by Commissioner Curran to place “No Parking” signs on the east side of Prospect Street from Mechanic Street to Mitchell Street. Motion seconded by Commissioner Holstein and approved.
- g. Letter Re: Johnson Street & Burdick Lane
  - o A motion was made by Commissioner Coan and seconded by Commissioner Holstein to table discussion of possible stop signs until plans are presented.
- h. Memo Re: Pawcatuck Streetscape Meeting 10/02/07
- i. Letter Re: Safety Concerns – Route 201 & Arlington Acres
- j. Letter Re: Speeding on Greenhaven Road

**8) Old Business**

None

**9) New Business**

Capital Improvement Items:

**2008 - 2009**

- 1) A motion was made by Commissioner Curran to approve the purchase of 1 unmarked and 4 marked vehicles for \$128,000. Motion seconded by Commissioner Coan and approved.
- 2) A motion was made by Commissioner Curran to approve the technology upgrade to the radio system for \$20,000. Motion seconded by Commissioner Coan and approved.
- 3) A motion was made by Commissioner Curran to approve the purchase of a K-9 and related equipment for \$16,000. Motion seconded by Commissioner Holstein and approved.
- 4) A motion was made by Commissioner Curran to approve the upgrade to the Police Station door lock security system for \$11,000. Motion seconded by Commissioner Coan and approved.
- 5) A motion was made by Commissioner Curran to approve the upgrade to the Police Station video security system for \$17,000. Motion seconded by Commissioner Holstein and approved.

**9) New Business (cont'd)**

Capital Improvement Items (cont'):

**2009 – 2010**

- 1) A motion was made by Commissioner Curran to approve the purchase of 1 unmarked and 4 marked vehicles for \$130,000. Motion seconded by Commissioner Holstein and approved.
- 2) A motion was made by Commissioner Curran to approve the technology upgrade to the radio system for \$20,000. Motion seconded by Commissioner Coan and approved.
- 3) A motion was made by Commissioner Curran to approve handgun replacement for \$25,000. Motion seconded by Commissioner Holstein and approved.
- 4) A motion was made by Commissioner Curran to approve bulletproof vest replacement for \$30,000. Motion seconded by Commissioner Holstein and approved.

**2010-2011**

- 1) A motion was made by Commissioner Curran to approve the purchase of 1 unmarked and 4 marked vehicles for \$132,000. Motion seconded by Commissioner Coan and approved.
- 2) A motion was made by Commissioner Curran to approve the technology upgrade to the radio system for \$20,000. Motion seconded by Commissioner Holstein and approved.
- 3) A motion was made by Commissioner Curran to approve the purchase of 2 new radar units for \$7,000. Motion seconded by Commissioner Holstein and approved.

**2011-2012**

- 1) A motion was made by Commissioner Curran to approve the purchase of 1 unmarked and 4 marked vehicles for \$134,000. Motion seconded by Commissioner Holstein and approved.
- 2) A motion was made by Commissioner Curran to approve the technology upgrade to the radio system for \$20,000. Motion seconded by Commissioner Coan and approved.

**2012-2013**

- 1) A motion was made by Commissioner Curran to approve the purchase of 1 unmarked and 4 marked vehicles for \$135,000. Motion seconded by Commissioner Coan and approved.
- 2) A motion was made by Commissioner Curran to approve the technology upgrade to the radio system for \$20,000. Motion seconded by Commissioner Holstein and approved.

**10) Adjourn**

A motion was made by Commissioner Curran to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Holstein and approved. Meeting adjourned at 8:11PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Michelle Morosini  
Secretary