

**STONINGTON BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
SPECIAL MEETING
APRIL 10, 2008
5:00 PM AT THE STONINGTON POLICE HEADQUARTERS**

MEETING MINUTES

Present: Chairman James O'Boyle, Vice-Chair Dennis Curran,
Commissioners Dr. Stephen Coan, John Holstein and Susette Tibus
Chief Darren Stewart and Captain Jerry Desmond

1) Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman O'Boyle called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM.

2) Remarks of Visitors

Cove Road Stop Sign:

Marjorie & Don Kimball:

Do not see need for stop signs on Cove Road.

Joe Rendeiro:

Would like to think stop signs would help but does not believe they will.
Believes the only way to stop the problem is to issue tickets to speeders.

Tom Ludlow, 132 Cove Road:

Believes stop signs are a good idea.

Franklin & Doris Rich, 146 Cove Road:

Believe stop signs are worth trying.

3) Traffic

a. Gary Winalski Re: Palmer Street

i. Mr. Winalski, professional engineer registered with the State of Connecticut, presented a plan regarding the Jameson Ct subdivision off Palmer Street, and the resulting closure of Palmer Street for approximately one week that will occur in approximately one month. Emergency personnel should be able to access Palmer Street if plates are put over opening in road. Residents and two area businesses will be notified. Chairman O'Boyle emphasized the need to contact the school bus company as well. Commission will make a decision & contact Mr. Winalski.

1. Vice-Chair Curran made a motion to approve the closure of Palmer Street for approximately one week with the stipulations that plates are placed down after the end of each work day to allow access by all vehicles, and that the residents, two area businesses and the school department are notified. Motion seconded by Commissioner Holstein and approved with Commissioner Coan abstaining.

3) Traffic (Cont'd)

- b. Cove Road Stop Sign
 - i. Chairman O'Boyle asked if there were any motions, none were taken, area will remain as is.
 - ii. Vice-Chair Curran requested the Chief notify residents that their comments were noted for the record, and that a decision has been made.
- c. Bill Hasse Re: Mystic Streetscape & Mystic Transportation Plan
Bill Hasse presented detailed maps outlining the Mystic Streetscape and Mystic Transportation Plan for the Commission's review.
- d. I-95 Governor's Initiative Re: Repairs to Exit/Entrance Ramps
- e. Highway Use Permit: Pawcatuck River Duck Race
- f. Highway Use Permit: Triathlon
- g. Highway Use Permit: Mystic Outdoor Art Festival
- h. Highway Use Permit: Tarzan Brown Race
- i. Letter Re: Highway Use Permits
- j. Letter Re: Pawcatuck Farms
- k. Holmes Street Centerline

4) Approval of Minutes for the March 13, 2008 Special Meeting

Revision to March 13, 2008 Minutes

Item #6e should read:

- Board of Finance approved 5 marked and 1 unmarked cruisers.

Upon the above revision, a motion was made by Commissioner Tibus and seconded by Commissioner Coan to approve the minutes from the March 13, 2008 Special Meeting and it was voted.

5) Report of the Chief of Police

- a. Monthly Statistics Report presented.
- b. Alarm Report presented.
- c. K-9 Policy: two changes; will bring for review next month.
- d. Insurance Issues for special events:
Met with George Sylvester, Director of Administrative Services, yesterday to ensure procedure is in place for obtaining proper insurance for all special events. Worked with CIRMA to develop guidelines, minimum insurance of \$1 million per person, \$2 million aggregate, Town must be listed as additional insured, and endorsed copy of policy must be received at least ten days prior to the event.
- e. Received a phone call and letter from Young American Heroes, a film company that will be filming the first week of May (6th – 9th), first at Mystic Seaport and then on Pequotsepos Road. The company is requesting to close the road for 10 minute increments while filming takes place, as well as hire two officers to control traffic.
 - i. A motion was made by Commissioner Coan to allow the closure of Pequotsepos Road in ten minute increments during the first week of May (6th – 9th) to allow filming by Young American Heroes to take place, with the understanding that two officers will be hired to control traffic. Motion seconded by Commissioner Tibus and approved.

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

- f. Donohue Road Race: Received letter from Mary Donahue regarding route change for the Donohue Road Race. Notice sent to State Traffic Commission. New route approved as long as proper insurance is in place.
- g. New cars at outfitter, onboard by 21st of this month.
- h. Conditional offer of full time employment made current part time ACO.
- i. One dispatcher has given notice and will be leaving, waiting for letter confirming new employment. Advertising for open position has begun.
- j. Spoke with First Selectman Haberek and fire chiefs in Town regarding future town wide drill before July 1st.
- k. Testing update: 8 out of 12 candidates passed agility.

A motion was made by Vice-Chair Curran to accept the Report of the Chief. Motion seconded by Commissioner Tibus and approved.

6) Correspondence

- a. Letter Re: Special Events
- b. Letter Re: Donation to Animal Control
- c. Letter Re: Donation of Gym Equipment
- d. Letter Re: AngelRide
- e. Letter Re: K-9 Program
- f. Letter Re: Narragansett Bay Wheelmen NBW Ride
- g. Letter Re: May Day Parade
- h. Memos Re: March 12th Missing Person's Incident – Paige & Beebe
- i. Letters Re: March 12th Missing Person's Incident
- j. Letter Re: Ledyard PD Assistance with K-9 Program
- k. Memo Re: Mystic Irish Parade
- l. Letters Re: Angel Ride – River Light Wellness Center
- m. Memo Re: Thank You – Detective Sergeant Knowles

7) Consent Agenda

- a. Letter Re: Police Officer Certification – Officer Hersh
- b. Letter Re: Police Officer Certification – Officer Manley
- c. Letter Re: Appointment of ACO Davis
- d. Letter Re: Re-Arrest Warrants
- e. E-mail Re: Car v Deer Stats
- f. Letter Re: Thank You – First Selectman Haberek
- g. Letter Re: Shop & Warehouse Expansion
- h. Article Re: Home Invasions – New York Times
- i. Article Re: Police Chaplain – Westerly Sun
- j. Memo Re: Jaglle Grant

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

8) Adjourn

A motion was made by Commissioner Holstein to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Tibus and approved. Meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michelle Larese-Casanova
Secretary