

**STONINGTON BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
SPECIAL MEETING
MAY 8, 2008
5:00 PM AT THE STONINGTON POLICE HEADQUARTERS**

MEETING MINUTES

Present: Chairman James O'Boyle, Vice-Chair Dennis Curran
Commissioners Susette Tibus, John Holstein and Dr. Stephen Coan
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) Swearing In of K-9 "Fritz"

Chief Stewart made several comments, thanking the many professional associates and private citizens that have made it possible to institute the K-9 program in Stonington. Father Tom bestowed a special blessing on Fritz and presented him with the St. Francis medal for his collar. Fritz was then sworn in with his handler Greg Howard by Chief Darren Stewart.

3) Remarks of Visitors

Jim Bierylo, Pequot Cyclists

In attendance to answer any questions regarding the time trials.

Commission had no questions, Chief will send letter.

4) Approval of Minutes for the April 8, 2008 Special Meeting

A motion was made by Commissioner Curran seconded by Commissioner Coan to approve the minutes from the April 8, 2008 Special Meeting and it was voted.

5) Approval of Minutes for April 11, 2008 Special Meeting

A motion was made by Vice-Chair Curran and seconded by Commissioner Coan to approve the minutes from the April 11, 2008 Special Meeting and it was voted.

6) Report of the Chief of Police

a. Statistic Report presented

b. Letter re: Our Lady of Fatima June 7 & 8th

c. E-mail from Joan Balestracci regarding no parking zone in front of St. Patrick's Church in Mystic, requesting handicap spots instead. No parking zone established by State Traffic Commission, Chair O'Boyle requested to refer issue back to them. Chief will send letter to State.

d. Letter re: No parking area on Langworthy Avenue on Lord's Point

e. Letter re: Battle of Stonington 5K in August

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

- f. Mr. Melio, 85 Stillman Ave – requesting handicap sign is placed in front of his home on 85 Stillman Avenue.
 - o A Motion made by Vice-Chair Curran seconded by Commissioner Tibus to approve placement of a handicap sign in front of the property located at 85 Stillman Avenue, Pawcatuck. Motion approved.
- g. Status regarding ACO part time position. Process followed with eight candidates; conducted interviews and background checks. Selected candidate Victor Wise to go in front of Commission for approval.
 - o Motion was made by Vice-Chair Curran to hire Victor Wise for the position of part time ACO. Motion seconded by Commissioner Holstein and approved.
- h. Mule, 4 wheel drive vehicle, should be in next week.
- i. Chief Stewart requested the Commission take Officer Brian Discordia off probation and make him a permanent regular full time officer.
 - o A motion was made by Commissioner Coan to remove Officer Brian Discordia from probation and make him a permanent regular full time officer effective on his first year anniversary date. Motion seconded by Commissioner Holstein and approved.
- j. Flanders Road speed limit – DOT reviewed Flanders Road speed limit; agreed it should be 30 miles per hour.
- k. Request from Groton and New London Police Departments for assistance with manpower during the fireworks (in addition to the marine patrol).
- l. Process of hiring CSO's was authorized by Chairman O'Boyle.
- m. Special Meeting will take place in the future regarding officers and dispatchers that will need to come before Commission.

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

7) Correspondence

- a. K-9 Policy
 - o A motion was made by Commissioner Tibus and seconded by Commissioner Holstein to accept the K-9 Policy and it was voted.
- b. Memo Re: Job Well Done Officer Marley
- c. Memo Re: Job Well Done Sgt. Diamanti & Officer Manley
- d. Letter Re: Quaimbaug Fire Department
- e. Letter Re: Thank You – Mrs. Riley
- f. Memo Re: Job Well Done Officer Brummund
- g. Letter Re: Mystic Seaport
- h. Letter Re: Dispatcher Dorwart Resignation
- i. Article Re: "A Love Hate Relationship"
- j. Letter Re: Whewell Parking Ticket
- k. Letter Re: Branford Police Department
- l. Memo Re: Thank You – St. Michael School
- m. Letter Re: Pequot Cyclists
- n. Letter Re: Donation of Books

8) Consent Agenda

- a. Letter Re: 4th of July Parade
- b. Memo Re: Mutual Aid Agreement – Westerly P.D.
- c. Letter Re: Re-Arrest Warrants
- d. Letter Re: Donation of Concrete
- e. Memo Re: Police Budget
- f. Letter Re: Maria Assunta Procession
- g. Memo Re: Jameson Court
- h. Letter Re: Liberty Crossing

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

9) Traffic

- a. Memo Re: D.O.T. Paving Program Route 234
- b. Letter Re: Donahue Road Race
- c. Letter Re: Pequotsepos Road Temporary Closure
- d. Highway Use Permit: Memorial Day Parade – Pawcatuck
- e. Letter Re: Jameson Court
- f. Memo Re: Cove Road
- g. Highway Use Permit: Donahue Road Race
- h. Highway Use Permit: Angel Ride
- i. Letter Re: Maria Assunta Procession
- j. Letter Re: Seaport Metric Century

10) Adjourn

A motion was made by Vice-Chair Curran to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Tibus and approved. Meeting adjourned at 5:37PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Michelle Larese-Casanova
Secretary