

**STONINGTON BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
SPECIAL MEETING
JUNE 12, 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.

3) Remarks of Visitors

Blessing of the Fleet

Mr. Arthur Medeiros

In attendance to answer any questions. No questions posed by
Commission, Chief Stewart stated that the VFW needs to sign papers.

No Parking, James Street, Lord's Point

Chairman O'Boyle recused himself and requested Vice-Chair Curran preside
over this matter.

Carolyn Galligan, Langworthy Avenue, Lord's Point

Requesting Commission approve installation, or reinstall, "no parking" sign
on James Street in Lord's Point. The "no parking" sign was taken down
when sewer lines were put in several years ago, but it was never reinstalled.
James Street is narrow and Ms. Galligan has concerns regarding emergency
vehicle and school bus access, driver visibility due to "blind spots" and
pedestrian safety due to the "blind spots" drivers encounter.

Ms. Reynolds, James Street

Stated she can only turn on James Street if no cars are parked there, the
road is too narrow; would like parking limited to one side.

Dixie Lufbury

Cannot negotiate curve if cars are parked on road; it's impossible to get
through.

Megan Donnaruma

Would like "no parking" signs installed for safety's sake as visibility is limited
when cars are parked on road.

3) Remarks of Visitors (cont'd)

No Parking, James Street, Lord's Point (cont'd)

Chief Stewart

Chief Stewart stated he did go out to James Street once before but would like to meet Ms. Galligan at the site again, review, and bring back to the Commission. Other residents in the area will need to be notified if this issue is brought back as agenda item at a future meeting.

The Commission also requested the Chief investigate the issue with the existing sign.

With the conclusion of the James Street discussion Vice-Chair Curran turned the meeting back over to Chairman O'Boyle.

Old Stonington Road

Mr. & Mrs. Charles White

Believed parking allowed on the road was temporary and that it was up to the owner of the boat yard to get a special use permit for permanent parking. Stated for the most part he has not seen cars in front of the no parking signs. Mr. White would like the Commission to review two items: parking on Sunday's, and what he believed to be the temporary parking issue and whether it will be approved again for this year (Mr. White reviewed for the Commission prior Commission Chairman Ed McCabe's e-mail stating that parking on the North & South sides of the road will be allowed temporarily, and will be reviewed May 2008).

Ms. White stated the situation was 75% better than it was, although she still believes the volume of traffic is a problem. She would also like the police to review the area on Sunday's.

Manager, Stonington Motel

Stated that none of the residents of her Motel park in the "no parking" areas.

Kevin McCarthy, Owner, King Cove Marina

Stated there were never specific requirements related to the parking issue and that after speaking to his attorney he was advised to do nothing. Should the Town to decide to take parking away then he can pursue other action. He now has a parking attendant on staff and has taken a very close look at the issues. Mr. McCarthy does have an issue with the "no parking on grass" signs in front of the Marina and requested the Commission consider removing them, noting he is only requesting removal of the signs in front of his property.

After consideration the Commission decided it was appropriate to leave the signs as they are, but also commented that Mr. McCarthy has done a very good job overseeing and rectifying parking issues that were brought before the Commission last year. Chairman O'Boyle requested the Chief ensure enforcement is kept up in this area.

3) Remarks of Visitors (cont'd)

Grandview Farms Subdivision

Attorney Theodore Ladwig

Attorney Ladwig appeared before the Commission to discuss the Grandview Farms Subdivision, referred by Planning and Zoning to review ingress and egress. In attendance with Attorney Ladwig was Norm Tibeau, engineer. Traffic study presented to Commission. When Attorney Ladwig spoke with the traffic engineer that performed the study he was informed it was done in a "worse case scenario", bringing all traffic out through Timber Ridge Drive. The area received a "level of service A" before construction, and after completion will still have "level of service A", meaning a motor vehicle operator will not have to wait more than 10 seconds to make right or left turn. Plan to be presented to Planning and Zoning on Tuesday.

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

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

6) Report of the Chief of Police

- a. Statistic Report presented
 - o Motorcycle accidents: 3 killed, 3 seriously injured, 2 minor injuries. No common threads linking accidents.
- b. Board of Finance made cuts after 3rd referendum; next Town Meeting June 19th
- c. MaryLuz Lopes will be sworn in on the 30th. Chief would like to hold a special meeting and present one or two more candidates before next week as there may be two available spots in September.
- d. Branford holding reserve police academy totaling 798 hours for the course, which includes 18 months of training with the candidate being hired at the end as a reserve officer. Chief Stewart will be meeting with the Town attorney to discuss the option of sending candidates.
- e. Fritz will be finished with training in two weeks, graduation ceremony planned.

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

7) Correspondence

- a. Letters Re: Mr. Emilio – Handicap Parking Space
- b. Article Re: Future Technology in Law Enforcement
- c. Letter Re: LoPresto Funeral – Job Well Done
- d. Letter Re: Job Well Done – Officer Main
- e. Letter Re: Job Well Done – Officer Wholean, ACO Davis
- f. Letter Re: Job Well Done – Officer Carr
- g. Memo Re: Detective John Fiore Completion of Courses

8) Consent Agenda

- a. Letter Re: 9th Annual Battle of Stonington 5K Run
- b. Letter Re: Salve Regina University – Chief Stewart
- c. Letter Re: Re-Arrest Warrants
- d. Letters Re: Our Lady of Fatima Procession
- e. Letter Re: Temporary No Parking
- f. Article Re: CIRMA Police Dog Coverage
- g. Letter Re: POST Training
- h. Article: “Can The Average Cop Thrive In The Age Of Specialization”

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

9) Traffic

- a. Letter Re: I95 @ Route 2
- b. Letters Re: No Parking Signs – James Street, Lord’s Point
- c. Memo Re: Grandview Farms Subdivision
- d. Letter Re: Speed Limit – Flanders Road
- e. Highway Use Permit – “Time Trials”
- f. Highway Use Permit – “Maria Assunta Procession”
- g. Letter Re: Handicap Parking – East Main St., Mystic
- h. Letter Re: I-95 Safety Improvements
- i. Memo Re: Chase Street/Neighborhood Center NO PARKING/YIELD Signs
 - o A motion was made by Vice-Chair Curran to approve “no parking / yield” signs on Chase Street / Neighborhood Center. Motion seconded by Commissioner Tibus and approved.
- j. Letter Re: Pequotsepos Road Crosswalk Sign
- k. Memo Re: Old Stonington Road – No Parking

10) Executive Session

At 5:59PM a motion was made by Vice-Chair Curran to enter into executive session for the purpose of interviewing Dispatcher candidates. Motion seconded by Commissioner Tibus and approved.

The commission came out of Executive Session at 7:10PM. A motion was made by Vice-Chairman Curran seconded by John Holstein to extend a conditional offer of employment to John Fiore for the dispatcher’s position pending satisfactory completion of psychological and physical testing, as well as a complete background check. Motion approved.

A motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Holstein and seconded by Commissioner Tibus. Meeting adjourned at 7:12PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michelle Larese-Casanova
Secretary