

**STONINGTON BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS  
SPECIAL MEETING  
AUGUST 14, 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) Remarks of Visitors**

No Parking, James Street, Lord's Point

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

Ray Thompson, 25 Langworthy Avenue

Sent e-mail to Chief regarding stop signs at intersection of James Street and Langworthy Avenue. He has witnessed numerous occasions where vehicles do not see children on bikes, concerned accident will occur and believes stop signs will help.

Richard Drake, 32 James Street

In favor of stop signs but believes enforcement is a major concern as people always go thru signs.

Vice-Chair Curran requested the Commission address agenda item 9a at this time.

**9) Traffic**

a. Memo Re: Stop Sign Request - James Street & Langworthy Ave.

Chief recommends at least two if not four stop signs at this intersection.

Commissioner Tibus agrees with Chief Stewart.

A motion was made by Commissioner Holstein to add three stop signs at the intersection of James Street and Langworthy Avenue. Motion seconded by Commissioner Tibus and approved.

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

**3) Westerly-Pawcatuck Chamber of Commerce – AED Donation**

Chief requested Lt Beebe present and demonstrated how to use unit.

**4) First Selectman Ed Haberek – Denison Homestead Traffic Issue**

Joe Bragaw forwarded letter to First Selectman Haberek regarding traffic issues by the Denison Homestead. Issues with speeding; (limit is 25 miles per hour and there is a very sharp corner) there have been two accidents this year so far; poses danger for pedestrians trying to cross road to access Nature Center. Chief Stewart will check with Joe Bragaw regarding larger or retroreflective signs. Commissioner O'Boyle requested the cross walk is made larger. Chief will visit site & review.

First Selectman Haberek requested the Commission add the Pawcatuck parking program to next month's agenda, and thanked Chief Stewart and the Commission for allowing him to participate in a ride along.

**5) Approval of Minutes for the July 10, 2008 Special Meeting**

A motion was made by Vice-Chair Curran seconded by Commissioner Holstein to approve the minutes from the July 10, 2008 Special Meeting and it was voted.

**6) Report of the Chief of Police**

- a. Statistics report presented
- b. Chief Stewart congratulated Captain Desmond on completing his Master's Degree requirements.
- c. Chief Stewart requested the Commission approve applying \$10-12K of the overtime budget to the DWI grant, which will fund DWI shifts from 7:00pm – 3:00am. Permission granted.
- d. Chief sent e-mail to Commission regarding his appearance in a public service announcement regarding motorcycle safety.
- e. FOI complaint dropped.
- f. Interviews for remaining Officer Candidate position need to be scheduled, 3 candidates to bring before Commission. A special meeting will be scheduled toward the end of the month.
- g. Two CSO's resigned, one remaining.
- h. Waiting on insurance settlement for crashed cruiser; once dollar figure is given Chief Stewart can request the Board of Finance apply funds to new cruiser.
- i. Police Department will take on R911 program, Captain will oversee.
- j. Pawcatuck Streetscape project scheduled to start in September, Mystic planned to begin March 2009.
- k. Chief Stewart requested the Commission make Officers Hersch & Faquette regular full time officers as of their one year anniversary dates.
  - o A motion was made by Commissioner Coan and seconded by Commissioner Tibus to make Officers Hersch and Faquette regular full time officers as of their one year anniversary dates.

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

**5) Correspondence**

- a. Letter Re: Fire Lane – Stonington Arms
- b. Memo Re: Officer Ritacco – Mothers Against Drunk Driving
- c. Memo Re: Officer Howard – Mothers Against Drunk Driving
- d. Memo Re: Officer Discordia – Mothers Against Drunk Driving
- e. Memo Re: Officer Cullen – Mothers Against Drunk Driving
- f. Memo Re: Letter From Groton City Police Department
- g. Memo Re: Officer Palmer – Job Well Done
- h. Memo Re: Officer Discordia – Job Well Done
- i. Letter Re: Use of Command Trailer – Thank You
- j. Letter Re: Ward – Letter to Board of Police Commissioners
- k. Letter Re: Village Fair

**6) Consent Agenda**

- a. Memo Re: Reverse 911
- b. Article Re: Reducing Motorcycle Fatalities
- c. Memo Re: Dog License Survey
- d. Letter Re: Replacement of Wrecked Cruiser
- e. Letter Re: Re-Arrest Warrants
- f. Memo Re: JAGGLE Grant Reimbursement Check
- g. Memo Re: Electronic Fund Transfer – D.E.A.
- h. E-Mail Re: Coogan Boulevard Traffic Flow
- i. Letters Re: Columbus Day Parade
- j. Letter Re: Sergio Franchi Concert
- k. Letter Re: 3M “Looking Beyond the License Plate”
- l. Memo Re: Strategic Planning/Special Projects Vetting Process

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

**7) Traffic**

- a. Memo Re: Stop Sign Request – James Street & Langworthy Avenue
- b. Letter Re: Borough Speed Limits
- c. Memo Re: Updated Town Road Speed Limit Report
- d. E-Mail Re: Street Sign Request – S. Anguilla Road
- e. Letter Re: No Parking Request – Richmond Street, Pawcatuck

**8) Adjourn**

A motion was made by Commissioner Holstein to adjourn. Motion seconded by Commissioner Tibus and approved. Meeting adjourned at 5:44PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michelle Larese-Casanova  
Secretary