

**STONINGTON BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS  
SPECIAL MEETING  
OCTOBER 09, 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**

Dan Burns, rents at Seaport Marine  
Grateful for the manner in which Stonington Police Department handled Seaport Marine tragedy. Brought to the attention of the Commission his concern regarding groups of teens & young adults that have a tendency to "hang out" at marina later at night, especially in the summer. Stated he often finds discarded drug paraphernalia the next day. Believes it will be helpful if more attention was paid to all of downtown Mystic, not just marinas.

Teen stated there is not much to do in Stonington, and it is nicer to hang out in Mystic. Because of this she feels she has been stereotyped just because she was in a group.

Chief Stewart recommended posting "no trespassing, boat owners only" signs, that way officers can take immediate action when trespassing occurs. In addition, downtown merchants, as a whole, need to come together and agree as to what is allowed & what is not.

Captain Desmond acknowledged site is on "hot spot" list for officers.

**3) Approval of Minutes for the September 11, 2008 Special Meeting**

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

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

- a. Monthly Statistics Report presented.
- b. Alarm Report presented.
- c. Uniform Policy – Fatal Accident Notification
  - o A motion was made Commissioner Tibus to approve the Uniform Policy of Fatal Accident Notification. Motion seconded by Commissioner Holstein and approved.
- d. Pawcatuck Parking Overlay District – Safety & Impact Statement
  - o A motion was made by Commissioner Holstein to approve the Safety & Impact Statement as presented by Chief Stewart. Motion seconded by Commissioner Coan and approved.
- e. Officer Kerry Manley – End of Probation
  - o A motion was made by Commissioner Tibus to make Officer Kerry Manley a Permanent Regular Full Time Officer, effective 10/23/08. Motion seconded by Commissioner Holstein and approved.
- f. CIP Program (must be submitted by November 1<sup>st</sup>).

#### **2009 - 2010**

- 1) A motion was made by Vice-Chair Curran to approve the Fleet Upgrade for \$130,000. Motion seconded by Commissioner Tibus and approved.
- 2) A motion was made by Vice-Chair Curran to approve the Bulletproof Vest Replacement Program for \$35,000. Motion seconded by Commissioner Tibus and approved.
- 3) A motion was made by Vice-Chair Curran to approve the Handgun Replacement Program for \$25,000. Motion seconded by Commissioner Tibus and approved.
- 4) A motion was made by Vice-Chair Curran to approve the Radar Unit Upgrade, as amended to include 3 radar units, for \$13,500. Motion seconded by Commissioner Tibus and approved.
- 5) A motion was made by Vice-Chair Curran to approve the Technology Upgrade for \$20,000. Motion seconded by Commissioner Tibus and approved.

#### **2010 - 2011**

- 1) A motion was made by Vice-Chair Curran to approve the Fleet Upgrade for \$132,000. Motion seconded by Commissioner Coan and approved.
- 2) A motion was made by Vice-Chair Curran to approve the Technology Upgrade for \$20,000. Motion seconded by Commissioner Coan and approved.
- 3) A motion was made by Vice-Chair Curran to approve the Accident / Crime Scene Reconstruction Program, as amended, for \$10,000. Motion seconded by Commissioner Coan and approved.

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

##### **f. CIP Program (Cont'd)**

###### **2011 - 2012**

- 1) A motion was made by Vice-Chair Curran to approve the Fleet Upgrade for \$134,000. Motion seconded by Commissioner Coan and approved.
- 2) A motion was made by Vice-Chair Curran to approve the Technology Upgrade for \$20,000. Motion seconded by Commissioner Coan and approved.

###### **2012 - 2013**

- 1) A motion was made by Vice-Chair Curran to approve the Fleet Upgrade for \$135,000. Motion seconded by Commissioner Coan and approved.

###### **2013 - 2014**

- 1) A motion was made by Vice-Chair Curran to approve the Fleet Upgrade for \$137,000. Motion seconded by Commissioner Coan and approved.

- g. New FOI requirements require posting of minutes and agendas on Town websites within 7 days of meeting.
- h. Liberty Crossing project passed Inland & Wetlands Commission as well as Planning & Zoning.
- i. Lester Avenue traffic issue raised at September meeting is no longer being pursued by property owner.
- j. Evacuation of 1,000+ people during battery fire at Yardney. Review of event determined using the Reverse 911 System worked, however return calls to the station essentially shut down Department phone system; dispatchers were dealing with approximately 10 calls per minute. It was determined when using this system in future a caveat will need to be added at end of message regarding instructions for further follow-up. The two schools involved were evacuated quickly, and Police Department now has emergency line to Board of Education. Officers were assigned to physically go to schools to ensure communication. Officer Marley was located at Stonington High School. It has also been determined that in the event of a future occurrence messages will be broadcast to all schools, regardless of whether or not they are being evacuated.
- k. Murder in Mystic at Seaport Marine; investigation ongoing.
- l. Cruiser accident; Officer hit by another vehicle without headlights on, cruiser totaled. Insurance company coming to review next week, expecting to go to Board of Finance for another vehicle.
- m. Hotel fire in Mystic.
- n. Scooter accident on Route 234.
- o. New cruiser came in this week, replaced one hit during robbery in July.

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

**5) Correspondence**

- a. Letter Re: Officer Paige – Job Well Done
- b. Letter Re: Officer Brummund – Job Well Done

**6) Consent Agenda**

- a. Highway Use Permit – YMCA Halloween Parade
- b. Letters Re: Veteran’s Day Parade
- c. Letter Re: Saunders – Police Academy
- d. Letter Re: First Responder Status
- e. Letter Re: Dream Ride
- f. Letter Re: Re-Arrest Warrants
- g. Letter Re: Run or Walk for the Penguins
- h. Letters Re: Yardney Fire
- i. E-mail Re: Motorized Scooter Accident
  - a. Will forward to state for review.
- j. Letter Re: CSO Cannata
- k. Letter Re: FBI National Academy
- l. Survey Re: “Recommendations to Siting Incentive Committee”

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

**7) Traffic**

- a. Letter Re: Highway Use Permit – Veteran’s Day Parade
- b. Letter Re: Road Work – Mason’s Island Road
- c. Memo Re: Road Work – Mason’s Island Road
- d. Letter Re: Parking Problem – Holmes & Church Streets, Mystic
- e. Letter Re: Human Services Halloween Parade
- f. Letter Re: WPCA – Mason’s Island Landing
- g. Memo Re: Pawcatuck Farms – For Possible Comment by Commission
- h. Letters Re: Pawcatuck Farms
- i. E-mail Re: No Parking Request – Connecticut Avenue
  - a. Chairman O’Boyle requested Chief review area.

**8) Adjourn**

A motion was made by Vice-Chair Curran to adjourn. Motion seconded by Commissioner Holstein and approved. Meeting adjourned at 6:19PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michelle Larese-Casanova  
Secretary