

**STONINGTON BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING  
DECEMBER 11, 2008  
5:00 PM AT THE STONINGTON POLICE HEADQUARTERS**

**MEETING MINUTES**

Present: Chairman Dennis Curran, Vice-Chair Susette Tibus and  
Commissioner Scott Bates  
Chief Darren Stewart and Captain Jerry Desmond  
Absent: Commissioners Dr. Stephen Coan and John Holstein

**1) Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance**

Chairman Curran called the meeting to order at 5:09 PM.

**2) Remarks of Visitors**

Representative from DiCesare-Bentley Engineers regarding revised Thread Mill Site Plans

Presented site plan and drawings modified based on Police Commission recommendations. Eleven perpendicular parking spaces were removed & replaced with 4 parallel parking spaces on Clark Street.

Chairman Curran requested the Commission address agenda item 7a at this time.

**7a. Thread Mill Project, 12 River Rd. Pawcatuck – Site Plan Revisions**

A motion was made by Commissioner Bates to approve 4 parking spots on Clark Street. Motion seconded by Vice-Chair Tibus and approved.

Francis & Lucy Eldridge, 10 Stillman Avenue, Pawcatuck

Cannot view passing traffic when attempting to exit driveway at 10 Stillman Avenue when cars are parked on either side of the driveway. In addition, hedges of next door neighbor impede sight line. Chief will write letter to property owner & request hedges are trimmed. Commission will review site and put parking issue on next month's agenda.

**3) Approval of Minutes for the November 5, 2008 Special Meeting**

A motion was made by Commissioner Bates to approve the minutes from the November 5, 2008 Special Meeting. Motion seconded by Vice-Chair Tibus and approved.

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

- a. Monthly Statistics Report presented
- b. Alarm Report presented
- c. Mystic Substation – Chief Stewart requested the Commission’s approval to enter into talks with First Selectman Haberek regarding use of the old Fourth District Voting Hall on Broadway Avenue in Mystic as a sub-station. Use of this facility would allow officers to meet with citizens that reside in this area (as opposed to them having to travel further to the Department), storage of bicycles for bike officers assigned to Mystic, and, if equipped with a PC terminal & camera, it would allow officers to complete and print reports in the field. Commission approves.
- d. Positive Tickets – Chief attended seminar presented by Dr. Stephen Covey regarding “Positive Tickets”; a way of building partnerships with businesses and interacting with citizens in a positive way. This program is targeted towards youth and involves giving citizens a “ticket” when caught doing something “right”. “Ticket” may be coupon for free item at local store, etc. Chief Stewart requested a Commissioner work with the Department to determine if this is a viable program, as well as set parameters if implemented. Commission approves and would like to review.
- e. Crisis Intervention Team – Three officers received Crisis Intervention training.

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

#### **5) Correspondence**

None

#### **6) Consent Agenda**

- a. Letter Re: TRIAD Conference
- b. Letter Re: Thank You – YMCA Halloween Parade
- c. Letter Re: Colonel Davoren – CSP Assistance in Murder Investigation
- d. Memo Re: Thank You – Officer Howard & Fritz
- e. Memo Re: Job Well Done – Officer Hersh
- f. Memo Re: Thank You – Officer Brummund
- g. Letter Re: Thank You – YMCA Tarzan Brown Mystic River Run
- h. Letter Re: Thank You – Terry Jordan
- i. Letters Re: Mystic Irish Parade
- j. Letter Re: Wreaths Across America
- k. Letter Re: Thank You – Human Services Halloween Egg Hunt
- l. Letter Re: Vehicle Replacement
- m. Letter Re: Video Recording Committee
- n. Memo Re: Re-Arrest Warrants
- o. Memo Re: Click It Or Ticket Campaign
- p. Letter Re: Connecticut Avenue Parking
- q. Memo Re: Pawcatuck Farms
- r. Letter Re: Thank You – Lion’s Club

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

**7) Traffic**

- a. Thread Mill Project, 12 River Rd. Pawcatuck – Site Plan Revisions
  - o See “Remarks of Visitors”
- b. Highway Use Permit – St. Patrick’s Day Parade
- c. E-Mail Re: Sight Line Issues – 10 Stillman Avenue, Pawcatuck
  - o See “Remarks of Visitors”
- d. E-Mail Re: Right Turn Lane – Route 1 in Front of Stonington High School
  - o State will need to visit site & prepare analysis. Chief will stay in contact.
- e. E-Mail Re: New Parking Rules – Downtown Pawcatuck
  - o A motion was made by Commissioner Bates to rescind last month’s vote approving 10 parking spaces in the municipal lot for business use. Motion seconded by Vice-Chair Tibus and approved.

**8) Budget Approval**

**Contracted Salaries**

A motion was made by Commissioner Bates to increase salaries of unionized personnel 3.5% in accordance with union contract. Motion seconded by Vice-Chair Tibus and approved.

**Salary of Chief**

A motion was made by Commissioner Bates to increase the salary of the Chief 3.5%. Motion seconded by Vice-Chair Tibus and approved.

**Salary of Captain**

A motion was made by Commissioner Bates to increase the salary of the Captain 3.5%, as well as provide salary adjustment to reflect receipt of Master’s Degree. Motion seconded by Vice-Chair Tibus and approved.

**Salary of Janitorial / Maintenance**

A motion was made by Commissioner Bates to increase the Janitorial / Maintenance salary line 3.5%, which will include .41 increase plus COLA for the Full Time Janitor position. Motion seconded by Vice-Chair Tibus and approved.

**Salary of Communication Specialist**

A motion was made by Commissioner Bates to increase the Communication Specialist salary line 3.5%. Motion seconded by Vice-Chair Tibus and approved.

**Salary of Clerical**

A motion was made by Commissioner Bates to increase the Clerical salary line 3.5%. Motion seconded by Vice-Chair Tibus and approved.

**Salary of Community Service Officers**

A motion was made by Commissioner Bates to leave the Community Service Officers salary line level funded, but increase the rate from \$11.13 to \$12.50. Motion seconded by Vice-Chair Tibus and approved.

**Salary of Special Officers**

A motion was made by Commissioner Bates to leave the Special Officers salary line level funded, but increase the rate 3.5%. Motion seconded by Vice-Chair Tibus and approved.

**8) Budget Approval (cont'd)**

Salary of School Crossing Guards

A motion was made by Commissioner Bates to increase the School Crossing Guards salary line 3.5%. Motion seconded by Vice-Chair Tibus and approved.

Salary of Animal Control

A motion was made by Commissioner Bates to increase the Animal Control salary line 3.5%. Motion seconded by Vice-Chair Tibus and approved.

Salary of Police Commission Clerical

A motion was made by Commissioner Bates to leave the Police Commission Clerical salary line level funded, but increase the rate from \$100 to \$125 per meeting. Motion seconded by Vice-Chair Tibus and approved.

Law Enforcement council

A motion was made by Commissioner Bates to increase the Law Enforcement Council Expense 8%, to \$10,414. Motion seconded by Vice-Chair Tibus and approved.

Unleaded Gasoline

A motion was made by Commissioner Bates decrease the Unleaded Gasoline line item from \$90K to \$65K. Motion seconded by Vice-Chair Tibus and approved.

Cruiser Purchase

A motion was made by Vice-Chair Tibus to purchase an unmarked car out of the CIP fund for police vehicles. Motion seconded by Commissioner Bates and approved.

A motion was made by Commissioner Bates to approve remaining line items as presented. Motion seconded by Vice-Chair Tibus and approved.

**9) Adjourn**

A motion was made to adjourn by Vice-Chair Tibus, seconded by Commissioner Bates and approved. Meeting adjourned at 5:40PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michelle Larese-Casanova  
Secretary