

**STONINGTON BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS  
SPECIAL MEETING  
NOVEMBER 12, 2009  
5:00 PM AT THE STONINGTON POLICE HEADQUARTERS**

**MEETING MINUTES**

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

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

Chairwoman Tibus called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM.

**2) Remarks of Visitors**

**Stillman Avenue Extension**

Dominic DiGangi, 89 Stillman Avenue, Pawcatuck

Owner of property at 89 Stillman Avenue. Mr. DiGangi stated that he is aware of the problem created by his current tenants when they park on both sides of the street, and apologized to his neighbors in attendance. He further stated that he is currently in process of evicting the tenants, and understands that in addition to the nuisance created by parking on both sides of the street, he shares his neighbors concern regarding emergency vehicle access.

Louise DiGangi; 95 Stillman Avenue

Mrs. DiGangi stated she is very concerned that in addition to the fire hydrant getting blocked by parked cars, emergency vehicles would not have access when cars are parked on both sides of the street.

Jim Chapman, 11 River Street, Pawcatuck

Mr. Chapman resides on the corner of River Street and Stillman Avenue Extension, and stated that cars park on each side of the corner, right up to the corner, ignoring no parking signs. Mr. Chapman expressed his concern regarding emergency vehicle access, as well as their ability to turn the corner, as he has already witnessed a school bus driver having to ask people to move.

Robert Gradilone, 87 Stillman Avenue, Pawatuck

Mr. Gradilone stated his concern with the current parking issues he and his neighbors are facing, as well as his frustration, as someone had actually damaged his fence by parking on it.

Chief Stewart recommended making the east side of Stillman Avenue Extension "no parking" from the top of Stillman Avenue Extension to Saint Michael's Cemetery.

A motion was made by Commissioner Holstein to make Stillman Avenue Extension "no parking" on the east side from the top of Stillman Avenue Extension to Saint Michael's Cemetery. Motion seconded by Vice-Chair Coan and approved.

## 2) Remarks of Visitors (cont'd)

Justine Williams

Approached the Commission to discuss the possibility of offering horse and carriage rides in Mystic. After discussion regarding past attempts by other individuals to provide this service, Chief Stewart and Captain Desmond offered assistance with providing State contacts in order to determine State requirements. The Commission recommended Ms. Williams work with Chief Stewart, the State and the Mystic Chamber of Commerce and return to the Commission with a formal proposal. Commissioner Bates also suggested exploring the possibility of offering this service in the Stonington Borough, and Vice-Chair Coan recommended doing the same in the Olde Mistick Village.

## 3) Traffic

- a. Letter Re: Stillman Avenue Extension
  - See "Remarks of Visitors"
- b. Wilford Court – No Parking
  - Chief Stewart provided the Commission with a request from the Pawcatuck Fire Department for this location, as well as others, in an effort to make the turning of fire trucks easier at intersections.
  - A motion was made by Commissioner Bates to make Wilford Court "no parking" 25 feet from the corner of Cedar Street. Motion seconded by Commissioner Holstein and approved.
- c. Letters Re: Farmholme Road
- d. Letter Re: Four Way Stop – Route 1A @ Viaduct Stonington Borough Entrance
- e. E-Mail Re: Pawcatuck Farms Bond Release
- f. Mystic Streetscape Plans

## 4) Approval of Minutes for the October 20, 2009 Special Meeting

Revisions to May 15, 2007 Minutes:

### 9) Executive Session

At 5:42pm a motion was made by Vice-Chair Tibus to enter into executive session to discuss personnel matters. Motion seconded by Commissioner Holstein and approved. Invited into executive session were Chief Darren Stewart, Captain Jerry Desmond, Patrol Officer William Morrison, Patrol Officer Mariluz Lopez, and Attorney Michael Ciarcello.

The Commission came out of executive session at 6:35pm. A motion was made by Commissioner Coan to extend Officer Lopez's full probation and Departmental residency requirement to February 11, 2010. Motion seconded by Vice-Chair Tibus and approved.

Upon the above revisions, a motion was made by Commissioner Holstein to approve the minutes from the October 20, 2009 Special Meeting. Motion seconded by Vice-Chair Coan and approved.

**5) Report of the Chief of Police**

- a. Monthly Report.
- b. Alarm Report.
- c. Update to Commission Page on Website.
- d. CSPERN radios working.
- e. Starting work on dispatching manual.
- f. Rifle training today.
- g. Hiring process update (Captain Desmond).
- h. Animal Care and Control Facility repairs update.

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

**6) Correspondence**

None

**7) Consent Agenda**

- a. Report on Re-Arrest Warrants
- b. Memo Re: Job Well Done - Stonington Historical Society House Tours
- c. Letters Re: CSO Program – Carmack & Fazzino
- d. Letters Re: YMCA Halloween Parade
- e. Highway Use Permit: YMCA Halloween Parade
- f. Memo Re: Job Well Done - Brummund
- g. Memo Re: Officer Lopez
- h. Letter Re: Thank You – Captain Desmond
- i. Letter Re: Quiambaug Fire Department
- j. E-Mail Re: Rx Safe Disposal
- k. Survey Re: Law Enforcement Employee & Population Data
- l. Report Re: DUI Test Results

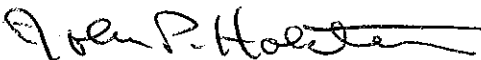
A motion was made by Commissioner Holstein to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion seconded by Vice-Chair Coan and approved.

**8) Executive Session**

At 6:02 a motion was made by Commissioner Holstein to enter into executive session for the purpose of interviewing a Reserve Officer. Motion seconded by Vice-Chair Coan and approved

The board came out of executive session at 6:32 p.m. After interviewing a candidate for Reserve Police Officer and discovering through background and interview that the candidate has planned to work for the DEP part time as well, there was a motion by Commissioner Holstein and a seconded by Vice-Chair Coan to table the decision on appointment to a future date, so that the Chief could research any certification or other conflicts, as well as self consideration, as far as allowing someone to work for the department and another enforcement agency.

Respectfully Submitted,



John Holstein  
Secretary