

**STONINGTON BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING  
JANUARY 8, 2009  
5:00 PM AT THE STONINGTON POLICE HEADQUARTERS**

**MEETING MINUTES**

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

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

Chairman Curran called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM.

**2) Swearing in of Officer Joseph Saunders**

Officer Joseph Saunders was sworn in by Chief Stewart.

**3) Remarks of Visitors**

Francis Eldridge, 10 Stillman Avenue, Pawcatuck  
Has problem with people parking on either side of his driveway at 10 Stillman Avenue. Mr. Eldridge stated he cannot see any oncoming traffic when cars park on either side of his driveway, and is concerned he will get into an accident when exiting. He estimates that if approximately 12 feet of curb were to be painted yellow he could safely exit.

Billie & John Durgin, 12 Stillman Avenue, Pawcatuck  
Received letter from Chief Stewart regarding parking issue in front of 10 Stillman Avenue. They do not have an issue with yellow curbing, but do not feel trimming back their hedges (as requested in the Chief's letter) is the solution.

Chairman Curran requested the Commission address agenda item 8a at this time.

**8) Traffic**

a. 10 Stillman Avenue

Commission members have visited site. Commission members believe precedence will be set if curbing is painted yellow on sides of a driveway and did not want to present motion. No motion made.

Chief Stewart stated he will assign an officer to visit the Eldridge's, as well as the neighbors that park on either side of their driveway to request that they park elsewhere.

**4) Approval of Minutes for the December 11, 2008 Regular Meeting**

A motion was made by Vice-Chair Tibus to approve the minutes from the December 11, 2008 Regular Meeting. Motion seconded by Chairman Curran and approved.

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

- a. Monthly Statistics Report presented.
- b. Alarm Report presented.
- c. K-9 Activity Report presented.
- d. Mystic Sub-Station: Chief spoke with First Selectman & he gave his support. Board of Selectman will vote on issue.
- e. Chief spoke to Commissioner Coan regarding "positive tickets"; he has offered to represent the Commission on this project.
- f. Draft policy presented for Crisis Intervention Team, requested Commission review, will vote on next month.
- g. Reverse 911 System: Received memo from Captain; computer upgrade stalled installation & training, but issue resolved. Will continue to work on system, as well as train dispatchers & supervisors to use it. Chief will update Commission again in July.
- h. Officers requested winter hats; Chief will work to develop for officers.

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

**6) Correspondence**

None

**7) Consent Agenda**

- a. Letter Re: Thank you – Mystic Aquarium
- b. Letter Re: Tobacco Prevention and Enforcement Program
- c. Letter Re: Educational Allowance – Captain Desmond
- d. Letter Re: Thank you – Dispatcher Singer
- e. Letter Re: Thank you – Tripp Cottrell – Donation K-9
- f. Letter Re: Thank you – YMCA
- g. Letter Re: Thank you – Greater Westerly-Pawcatuck Chamber
- h. Letter Re: Re-Arrest Warrants
- i. Letter Re: Thank you to Pfizer Inc.
- j. Letter Re: Maryanna Stevens – Budget

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

**8) Traffic**

- a. 10 Stillman Avenue
  - o Addressed under “Remarks of Visitors”

**9) Bid Approval – New Cars**

A motion was made by Commissioner Coan to accept the bid from MHQ. Motion seconded by Vice-Chair Tibus and approved.

**10) Adjourn**

A motion was made to adjourn by Commissioner Holstein, seconded by Vice-Chair Tibus and approved. Meeting adjourned at 5:37PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michelle Larese-Casanova  
Secretary