

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

MEETING MINUTES

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

1) Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance

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

2) Remarks of Visitors

Ted & Judy Stanton, 677 Pequot Trail

Reside at property located at the intersection Pequot Trail & Farmholme Road. Recently they have noticed many more large trucks using Farmholme Road, and when turning onto Farmholme the trucks roll over the corner of their property, which is breaking down their stonewall as the trucks cannot make the tight corner. They are also concerned that this will cause an emergency vehicle to get stuck or delayed. In addition, as the corner of the property wears away, cars are turning at a faster rate of speed.

Chief Stewart spoke to Larry Sullivan, Town Engineer, and he will review the area. The Chief will also research additional information and/or solutions and report back to the Commission in April.

Alexa Shelton, Events Director, Greater Mystic Chamber of Commerce

Chairman Curran requested the Commission address agenda item 5 at this time.

5) New Business

a. Mystic Outdoor Art Festival

Taking place August 8 & 9th, same conditions as last year.

- A motion was made by Commissioner Coan to approve the Mystic Outdoor Art festival provided proper paperwork and insurance is in place. Motion approved by Commissioner Holstein and approved.

2) Remarks of Visitors (cont'd)

Alexa Shelton, Events Director, Greater Mystic Chamber of Commerce (cont'd)

5) New Business (cont'd)

b. Taste of Mystic

Taking place September 11th, 12th & 13th. Possible conflict with location of music & alcohol. Ms. Shelton will get information from the Mystic River Park Commission and come before the Police Commission for approval in April. No motion made at this time.

c. May Day Parade

Taking place May 2nd. Insurance will list the Town of Stonington, as well as the Stonington Police Department. There will be no animals in the parade, and there will be no "Bed Race".

- o A motion was made by Vice-Chair Tibus to approve the May Day Parade provided proper paperwork and insurance is in place. Motion seconded by Commissioner Bates and approved.

3) Approval of Minutes for the February 12, 2009 Regular Meeting

A motion was made by Vice-Chair Tibus to approve the minutes from the February 12, 2009 Regular Meeting. Motion seconded by Commissioner Holstein and approved.

4) Report of the Chief of Police

- d. Monthly Statistics Report presented.
- e. Alarm Report presented.
- f. K-9 Activity Report presented.
- g. Personnel update.
- h. Mystic Substation update.
- i. Detective car out to bid.
- j. Police Commission Association Dinner will be held March 25, 2009.
- k. Budget hearing last night, 1.8M reduction required for zero mill rate. Deliberations will be held next Wednesday, March 18th.
- l. "Positive Ticket" meeting next Thursday.
- m. Discussion regarding Route 2 / Liberty Crossings pedestrian crossings.
- n. Discussion regarding preemptive devices in traffic signals.

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

5) New Business

Addressed under "Remarks of Visitors"

6) Correspondence

None

7) Consent Agenda

- a. Memo Re: Police Cruiser Bids
- b. Letter Re: PCAC Distinguished Public Safety Awards Dinner
- c. Letters Re: John Carr Resignation
- d. Letter Re: Mystic Irish Parade
- e. Letters Re: Thank You – Retired Chief Hedge’s Funeral Services
- f. Letter Re: Thank You – Rose Raffo
- g. Memo Re: Sub-Station
- h. Memo Re: Chemical Suits/Masks & Storage
- i. Article Re: “Rising Crime Could Be The Recession’s Next Effect”
- j. Letter Re: Re-Arrest Warrants
- k. Letter Re: Donation to K-9 Program
- l. Letter Re: Thank You – Chief Stewart
- m. Letter Re: Pawcatuck Lion’s Club Road Race
- n. Letter Re: YMCA Turkey Trot
- o. Letters Re: YMCA Tarzan Brown Race
- p. Letters Re: YMCA Triathlon
- q. Highway Use Permit: Triathlon
- r. Highway Use Permit: Tarzan Brown Race
- s. Letter Re: SHS Memorial Day “Bearathon” Race
- t. Letter Re: Memorial Day Parade – Mystic
- u. Letters Re: Memorial Day Parade – Westerly/Pawcatuck
- v. Memos Re: Perfect Attendance Year 2008
- w. Memo Re: Budget Update
- x. Letter Re: Thank You – Dr. Richard Lain
- y. Memo Re: Outstanding Job – Officer Howard
- z. Memo Re: Radio Tower Information on Tower
- aa. Memo Re: Job Well Done – Officer Howard & Fritz
- bb. Memo Re: Job Well Done – Citizens Bank Robbery
- cc. Memo Re: Job Well Done – Chucky’s Robbery
- dd. Letter Re: Budget - Fuel Line
- ee. Highway Use Permit: Memorial Day Parade – Westerly/Pawcatuck

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

8) Traffic

- a. Letter Re: Donahue Road Race
 - o A motion was made by Commissioner Bates to approve the Donahue Road Race provided all required paperwork and insurance is in place. Motion seconded by Vice-Chair Tibus and approved.
- b. Memo Re: Pawcatuck Farms Control Signal
- c. E-Mail Re: Petition for Crosswalk in Mystic
- d. Letter Re: Parking Issue – Holmes & Church Streets
- e. Memo Re: Pawcatuck Streetscape

9) Adjourn

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Michelle Larese-Casanova
Secretary