

**STONINGTON BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS  
SPECIAL MEETING  
OCTOBER 20, 2009  
5:00 PM AT THE STONINGTON POLICE HEADQUARTERS**

**MEETING MINUTES**

Present: Chairman Dennis Curran, Vice-Chair Susette Tibus  
Commissioners John Holstein and Dr. Stephen Coan  
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) Remarks of Visitors**

John Frayne, 140 Hewitt Road, Mystic  
Concerned with speeding and accidents that have occurred in front of his property on Hewitt Road. Requested speed trailer be relocated to the other side of the road (onto his property), as well as additional, brighter signs warning of the sharp curve.

Joe Bragaw, Director of Public Works, Town of Stonington  
Public Works Department currently in process of obtaining and installing newer retroreflective signage in this area.

**3) Traffic**

- a. Letter Re: Request For 4-Way Stop At Intersection On North End of Viaduct
  - o Chief will send letter to State, as State approval required for stop sign on Rt. 1A.
- b. Memo/E-Mail Re: Bus Stop Signs on Lantern Hill Road
  - o Signs relocated.
- c. Letter Re: Crosswalk Sign – St. Michael Church
  - o Verbal approval from Mr. Chapman; sign will be put out & removed by crossing guard.
- d. Letter Re: Flooding Route 1
- e. E-Mail Re: Hewitt Road
- f. Memo Re: Line Painting
  - o A motion was made by Commissioner Coan to approve not striping Stewart Road and Riverside Drive. Motion seconded by Vice-Chair Tibus and approved.
- g. Letter Re: BL Companies – McDonald's
- h. Letter Re: Parking Issue on Stillman Avenue
  - o Issue will be tabled until next Commission meeting allowing time for Commissioners to conduct site review. Chief Stewart will send letter to area residents.
- i. Letter Re: Request From Westerly Chamber of Commerce – Santa's Arrival
- j. Pawcatuck Streetscape
- k. Letter Re: Pawcatuck Farms

**4) Approval of Minutes for the September 10, 2009 Regular Meeting**

A motion was made by Vice-Chair Tibus to approve the minutes from the September 10, 2009 Regular Meeting. Motion seconded by Commissioner Holstein and approved.

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

- a. Monthly Report.
- b. Alarm Report.
- c. BOPC Elections will be addressed in executive session
- d. September 2009 Training Report
- e. CIP Budget Approval (see agenda item 8)
- f. Letter Re: Stonington Ambulance Corps Letters
- g. E-mail Re: New CSPERN Radios

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

**6) Correspondence**

None

**7) Consent Agenda**

- a. Letter Re: Federally Forfeited Property
- b. Letters Re: Veteran's Day Parade
- c. Highway Use Permit: Veteran's Day Parade
- d. Letter Re: Positive Tickets
- e. Letter Re: Mystic Aquarium Run Or Walk For The Penguins
- f. Letters Re: Emergency Dispatch
- g. Memo Re: Building Permit/Shed
- h. Memo Re: Officer Howard Performance
- i. Memo Re: Animal Care & Control Facility
- j. Memo Re: Dispatcher Fiore – Job Well Done
- k. Memo Re: Officers Capalbo & Peckham, Sgt. Schneider – Job Well Done
- l. Memo Re: Gun Call – Job Well Done
- m. Memo Re: Officers Capalbo & Cullen – 5 Year Anniversary
- n. Memo Re: Officer Peckham – 10 Year Anniversary
- o. Memo Re: Detective Floyd & Officer Barrell – 20 Year Anniversary
- p. Memo Re: Special Olympics Tip A Cop – Job Well Done
- q. First Responder Certificate
- r. Report on Re-Arrest Warrants
- s. Letter/Memo Re: Mystic Seaport – Officer Howard & K-9 Fritz
- t. Letter Re: Stonington Historical Society
- u. Letter Re: UCONN Evaluation Process
- v. Memo Re: Animal Control Donation

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

## **8) CIP Agenda**

2010-2011

A motion was made by Commissioner Holstein to approve the Fiscal Year 2010-2011 CIP budget proposal in the amount of \$289,000 for vehicles, technology upgrades, handgun replacements, radar units and upgrades to the Animal Care and Control Facility. Motion seconded by Vice-Chair Tibus and approved.

2011-2012

A motion was made by Vice-Chair Tibus to approve the Fiscal Year 2011-2012 CIP budget proposal in the amount of \$168,500 for vehicles, technology upgrades, and the Interview Room Recording System & Accident Reconstruction Program. Motion seconded by Commissioner Holstein and approved.

2012-2013

A motion was made by Vice-Chair Tibus to approve the Fiscal Year 2012-2013 CIP budget proposal in the amount of \$156,000 for vehicles and technology upgrades. Motion seconded by Commissioner Coan and approved.

2013-2014

A motion was made by Commissioner Coan to approve the Fiscal Year 2013-2014 CIP budget proposal in the amount of \$140,000 for vehicles. Motion seconded by Vice-Chair Tibus and approved.

2014-2015

A motion was made by Vice-Chair Tibus to approve the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 CIP budget proposal in the amount of \$140,000 for vehicles. Motion seconded by Commissioner Holstein and approved.

## 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 Ciarciello.

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.

At 6:40pm a motion was made to enter into executive session for the purpose of Commission Elections.

The Commission came out of executive session at 7:00pm. A motion was made by Commissioner Holstein to elect Vice-Chair Tibus to Commission Chairwoman. Motion seconded by Commissioner Coan and approved. A motion was made by Commissioner Holstein to elect Commissioner Coan to Commission Vice-Chair. Motion seconded by Chairman Curran and approved.

Respectfully Submitted,

John Holstein  
Secretary