

**STONINGTON BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 14, 2010
5:00 PM AT THE STONINGTON POLICE HEADQUARTERS**

MEETING MINUTES

Present: Chairwoman Susette Tibus, Vice-Chair Dr. Stephen Coan
Commissioner Frank Pucci
Chief Darren Stewart
Absent: Commissioners Scott Bates and John Holstein
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

Request for 15 minute parking on Coggswell Street, Pawcatuck

Fred Bougue, Owner, Bougue's Alley

Will accept one 15 minute parking spot. Originally requested two due to other businesses, however believes one will suffice.

A representative of Riverwalk Condos stated he is in favor of one 15 minute spot, and believes the property in front of Tim Horton's should be used for deliveries, or delivery trucks should be allowed to double park next to cars on the bridge.

Local business owner stated many businesses on the bridge have longer shop times and believes a sign noting additional parking is available behind the condos would be helpful.

Chief Stewart recommended one 15 minute parking spot, as additional 15 minute spots will misrepresent the purpose of parking in downtown Pawcatuck. In addition, he stated trucks cannot be allowed to double park on bridge as it will impede traffic flow.

3) Traffic

a. Letter Re: Request for "15 Minute Parking" – Coggswell Street, Pawcatuck

- A motion was made by Commissioner Pucci to approve one 15 minute parking spot during the hours of 6am to 4pm on Coggswell Street. Motion seconded by Vice-Chair Coan and approved.

b. Letter Re: SHS 5K Road Race

- A motion was made by Vice-Chair Coan to approve the SHS 5K Road Race. Motion seconded by Commissioner Pucci and approved.
- The Commission gave the Chief permission to include the SHS 5K Road Race on his list of annually approved road races.

3) Traffic (cont'd)

- c. Letters Re: Duck Race
- d. E-Mail Re: Safety Concerns – Downtown Pawcatuck
 - E-mail sent to State DOT
- e. Letter Re: Parking Problems – Lincoln Avenue, Mystic
 - Captain Desmond spoke to residents & businesses
- f. Memo Re: Mystic Streetscape Plans
- g. E-Mail Re: Motion on Pawcatuck Farms
- h. Report Re: Lane Use Control - Intersection of Route 1 (West Broad St.) & Route 2 (Liberty St.), Pawcatuck
- i. Report Re: Parking Restriction – Route 2 (Liberty St.), Pawcatuck
- j. Letter Re: Fire Zone – Pawcatuck Neighborhood Center
 - Tabled to next month
- k. Memo Re: Pawcatuck Farms
- l. Letters Re: Memorial Day Parade, Westerly/Pawcatuck

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

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

5) Approval of Minutes for the December 17, 2009 Special Meeting

A motion was made by Commissioner Pucci to approve the minutes from the December 17, 2009 Special Meeting. Motion seconded by Vice-Chair Coan and approved.

6) New Business

None

7) Old Business

None

8) Report of the Chief of Police

- a. Monthly Report.
- b. Yearly Statistic Report
- c. Alarm Report.
- d. 2009 Holiday Season Statistics.
- e. Letter from Stonington High School
 - Chief Stewart stated two search warrants have been executed within town, and heroin use is on the rise in our area, which is a great concern to the Department. The Chief will be meeting with Stonington Schools Superintendent Leanne Masterjoseph and Human Services regarding holding a forum with parents discussing the dangers of drug use and reckless driving, as well as educating parents as to signs to look for.
 - Vice-Chair Coan stated that he understands it is very important to maintain a dialogue with parents, and made a motion to commend Chief Stewart and the Department for working so closely with the schools. Motion seconded by Chair Tibus.
 - Lt Beebe discussed "Alive @ 25", a program sponsored by the NTSC which the Department will be hosting in partnership with Stonington Human Services. This program encourages and assists parents in creating "contracts" with their teen drivers that both the parents and the teen will sign and commit to.
- f. Meeting with First Selectman tomorrow to review budget
 - Requesting the Secretaries' line is reviewed, as they are currently at "Office Assistant 1" although description of duties reflects "Office Assistant 2". Chief Stewart is recommending stepping them up to level 2 due to actual job description.
- g. Letter from Brian Humes; proposal for ACCF.
- h. Memo Re: Transports to Shelters.

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

9) Correspondence

- a. Memo Re: Workshop: Freedom of Information Act

10) Consent Agenda

- a. Letter Re: FBI NA Tier Rotation List
- b. Letter Re: Mystic Aquarium "Run or Walk for the Penguins"
- c. Letter Re: Fiber Optic Cable Installation
- d. Report on Arrest Warrants
- e. Letter Re: Stonington Ambulance Corps
- f. Letter Re: Procedures for Posting Agendas and Minutes
- g. Letter Re: Liquor Related Issues
- h. Memo Re: Officer Hersh – Job Well Done
- i. Letters Re: Animal Control Building Project
- j. E-Mail Re: RX Safe Disposal Take Back Program
- k. Letter Re: Thank You – Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Trebisacci
- l. E-Mail & Article Re: Social Networking Sites
- m. Letter Re: Board of Firearms Permit Examiners
- n. Letter Re: New Year's Eve Bonfire
- o. Report Re: CL&P "Unmetered Account Annual Summary Report"
- p. Letter Re: Mystic River Park
- q. Memo Re: Auto Attendant System
- r. Memo Re: Motor Vehicle Accident Involving Cruiser
- s. Memo Re: Bid Waiver – Video/Audio Recording System and 2 In-Car Video Systems
- t. Letter Re: Overtime Budget
- u. Memo Re: Officer Saunders – Good Job
- v. Memo Re: Sgt. Knowles – Ex Parte Orders
- w. Letter to Mr. Holland
- x. Memo Re: Officer Howard – Job Well Done

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

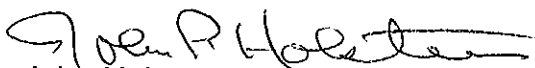
11) Executive Session

A motion was made by Commissioner Pucci to enter into executive session at 5:40pm for the purpose of interviewing Police Officer Candidates. Motion seconded by Vice-Chair Coan and approved.

The Commission came out of executive session at 6:23pm. A motion was made by Vice-Chair Coan to make a conditional offer of employment to Mark Giorno. Motion seconded by Frank Pucci and approved.

A motion was made to adjourn by Vice-Chair Coan, seconded by Commissioner Pucci and approved. Meeting adjourned at 6:25pm.

Respectfully Submitted,


John Holstein
Secretary