

**STONINGTON BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 11, 2010
5:00 PM AT THE STONINGTON POLICE HEADQUARTERS**

MEETING MINUTES

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

Molly Kunka, Saint Michael's School representative

Requesting permission on behalf of Saint Michael's School to hold 5K road race and one mile fun walk on April 17th. Proposed race route is same as Donohue and Lion's Club road races. No other races are scheduled on this date, and requested approval is for an annual race.

Captain Desmond cited concerns regarding repeated use of race routes in regards to impact on traffic, as well as area residents. Both he and Chief Stewart believe this is something that needs to be monitored.

3) Traffic

a. Letter Re: Fire Zone, Pawcatuck Neighborhood Center

- Chair Tibus recused herself at this time. A motion was made by Commissioner Pucci to approve the fire zone at the Pawcatuck Neighborhood Center as requested by the Pawcatuck Fire District. Motion seconded by Commissioner Holstein and approved.

b. Letter Re: St. Michael School 5K Road Race

- A motion was made Commissioner Bates to approve the St. Michael School 5K Road Race pending further review by Chief Stewart. Motion seconded by Commissioner Holstein and approved.

c. E-Mail Re: 15 Minute Parking Coggswell Street, Pawcatuck

d. E-Mail Re: Speed Limit, North Main Street

e. Memo Re: Removal of Handicap Space – 50 Moss St., Pawcatuck

- A motion was made Vice-Chair Coan to remove the handicap parking space located at 50 Moss Street, Pawcatuck. Motion seconded by Commissioner Holstein and approved.

f. E-Mail Re: Parking Violation Modification Request – Jackson Ave., Mystic

- A motion was made Commissioner Bates to table discussion until next month, allowing time for Commission review of site. Motion seconded by Vice-Chair Coan and approved.

3) Traffic (cont'd)

g. Memo Re: Highway Use Permits

- A motion was made by Vice-Chair Coan to grant Chief Stewart the authority to approve and implement special events traffic plans for the Town's special use permits. Motion seconded by Commissioner Holstein and approved.

h. Traffic Report Re: Route 1, Pawcatuck

i. Memo Re: Route 1 Paving Project

j. Letter Re: Exit Ramps Route 95 North

k. Kelley's Pace Hare Hop Race March 7, 2010

l. E-Mail Re: Hewitt Road

- A motion was made by Vice-Chair Coan to table discussion until next month to allow Chief Stewart time to notify area residents. Motion seconded by Commissioner Bates and approved.

m. Traffic Light – Turn Lane at Spellman Drive and Route 1

9) Executive Session

At 5:24pm a motion was made by Commissioner Bates to enter into executive session for the purpose of reviewing Officer Lopez's residency requirement and probation. Motion seconded by Commissioner Holstein and approved. Invited into executive session were Chief Darren Stewart, Captain Jerry Desmond and Attorney Michael Satti.

The Commission came out of executive session at 5:40pm. Based upon Officer Lopez's continued non-compliance with the residency requirement contained in Chapter 11, Section B of the Stonington Police Department Policies, and Police Commission Chairman Dennis Curran's warning to her on October 20, 2009, at a Special Meeting convened to consider her efforts to comply with said Policy, the Commission moves to separate Officer Lopez from her employment with the Town of Stonington.

The Commission hereby also moves, consistent with prior circumstances where an officer fails to complete her/his probationary period of employment, that it will not seek reimbursement of \$10,000.00 due it pursuant to Sections 16.3 and 16.4 of the current Collective Bargaining Agreement.

9) Approval of Minutes for the January 14, 2010 Regular Meeting

A motion was made by Vice-Chair Coan to approve the minutes from the January 14, 2010 Regular Meeting. Motion seconded by Commissioner Pucci and approved.

9) New Business

None

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None

8) Report of the Chief of Police

- a. Monthly Report.
- b. Alarm Report.
- c. EOC Grant
 - Chief Stewart received an e-mail from Chief Hayes of Putnam regarding the EOC Grant. NCIS will link databases within police departments in order to share information, and the fiber optic cable required has a cost of \$40 to \$45K, however with the EOC Grant the State will pay 75%. Chief Stewart noted that Captain Desmond worked all day Saturday on the grant application, and Vice Chair Tibus and the Commission thanked Captain Desmond for his work.
- d. Super Bowl Weekend Statistics.
- e. Swearing-In Ceremony at 5pm on February 18th for Officers Mark Giorno and Greg Webster, as well as the Part Time Animal Control Officer.
- f. Police coverage at Events
 - High School is requesting to set an attendance number at which point an Officer is required. Fire Department stating Police Department has to do more than usual, including handling exit and lighting issues. Discussion with Superintendent, maintenance personnel and the Pawcatuck Fire Marshal is planned.
- g. Small grant will fund four mini roadblocks for sobriety checkpoints.
- h. February 24th at 7pm CIP budget review, Chief requesting subcommittee with Commission and Board of Finance.
- i. On March 9th at 6:45pm a forum will be held at Stonington High School to discuss drug issues within the schools. In conjunction with Stonington Human Services, Stonington Police, Stonington Prevention Council and school officials, the forum will include a presentation by SERAC and review of their survey findings.
- j. Fatal accident on Route One in Mystic last month.
- k. Acceptance of Bids
 - Cars
 - A motion was made by Vice-Chair Coan to recommend to the Board of Selectmen accepting the vehicle bid by MHQ. Motion seconded by Commissioner Bates and approved.
 - Body Armor
 - A motion was made by Vice-Chair Coan to recommend to the Board of Selectmen accepting the body armor bid by Stillman Uniforms of Westerly, RI. Motion seconded by Commissioner Holstein and approved.

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

9) Correspondence

- a. Letter Re: Quiambaug & Mystic Fire Department – Enders Island
Waiting on response from Town Hall

10) Consent Agenda

- a. Memo Re: High School Brownie Incident
- b. Memo Re: Job Well Done – Youth Officer Marley
- c. Letter Re: MADD
- d. Report on Arrest Warrants
- e. Letter Re: Donation to Animal Control Facility
- f. Letter Re: Thank You – Desillier Family
- g. Memo Re: Job Well Done – Officer Rebello
- h. Letter Re: Officer Rebello
- i. Memo Re: Officer Discordia – Completion of Bachelor's Degree
- j. Letter Re: SHS Road Race
- k. Controlled Substance Registration Certificate
- l. Memo Re: Pawcatuck Farms Land Use Change
- m. Letter Re: Rifle Compliance Certification
- n. Memo Re: Job Well Done – Officer Morrison
- o. Letter Re: Job Well Done – Chief Fritz Hilbert
- p. Letter Re: Thank You – Mike Spellman
- q. Memo Re: Disposal of Items
- r. Memo Re: Thank You – Officer Wholean
- s. Letter Re: Contribution to AED's
- t. Memos Re: Perfect Attendance 2009
- u. Letters Re: Mystic Memorial Day Parade

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

11) Executive Session

A motion was made by Commissioner Bates at 6:05pm to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel matters. Motion seconded by Vice-Chair Coan and approved. Invited into executive session were Chief Darren Stewart and Captain Jerry Desmond.

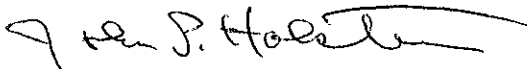
At 6:10pm the Commission came out of executive session.

A motion was made by Commissioner Bates to approve ending the probationary period of Officer Joseph Saunders and making him a Regular Full Time Officer. Motion seconded by Commissioner Holstein and approved.

A motion was made by Vice-Chair Coan to extend the probationary period of Dispatcher Donna Hogan for six months. Motion seconded by Commissioner Holstein and approved.

A motion was made by Vice-Chair Coan to adjourn. Motion seconded by Commissioner Holstein and approved. Meeting adjourned at 6:13pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



John Holstein
Secretary