

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

MEETING MINUTES

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

1) Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance

Chairwoman Tibus called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM.

2) Remarks of Visitors

Proposed stop sign at intersection of Hewitt Road & Richmond Lane, Mystic

Dan O'Neill, Mystic, CT

Resides at corner where stop sign installation is being proposed, wondering why placement recommended at that location.

Steve Lake, Richmond Lane, Mystic

Questioned why stop sign was proposed for this location.

Joe Bragaw, Director of Public Works, Town of Stonington

Referred to the Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices, particularly the recommendation that "yield" or "stop" signs should not be used for speed control, and that these signs should not be installed on the higher volume roadway. Director Bragaw stated he will work with the Chief to find additional ways to deter speeding, and is looking into the sight line of the curve at this location.

Chief Stewart stated that although he understands the request for a stop sign at this location, he will follow recommendation of Director Bragaw. The sharp curve is his currently his greatest concern, and there has been a request made for additional retroreflective signage at this area.

Request for Clearer Markings at Jackson Avenue, Mystic CT

Chief recommends yellow curbing on Jackson Avenue to better inform drivers that parking is restricted within 25 feet of an intersection.

Joe Bragaw will ensure Jackson Avenue is priority on list for road painting. He also stated that a group of civil engineering students from UCONN will be conducting an audit of traffic signs for a course project, and will report back to him with a list of non-compliant signage.

2) Remarks of Visitors (cont'd)

Mystic YMCA Events

Tim Babcock & Molly Landreth, Ocean Community YMCA, Mystic, CT
Present at meeting to request approval and answer any questions pertaining to three Mystic YMCA events.

Chief Stewart stated that due to the number of participants at the Turkey Trot, it should be ensured that all points of coverage are clear, and recommended hiring an Officer and reaching out to fire personnel. The Chief also stated that YMCA should check back closer to that date to ensure no Town projects are occurring at that time.

3) Traffic

- a. Intersection of Hewitt Road & Richmond Lane, Mystic
 - Commission discussion determined the recommendation of Joe Bragaw, Director of Public Works would be followed; no motion made at this time.
- b. E-Mail Re: Parking Violation Modification Request – Jackson Ave., Mystic
- c. E-Mail Re: Telephone Pole – Cove Road
 - Joe Bragaw will have signage installed. Chief Stewart commended Director Bragaw and Town Engineer Larry Sullivan for their hard work and quick response to any Commission requests.
- d. Letter Re: Mystic YMCA Events
 - Mystic River Valley Triathlon – Sunday, June 6, 2010
 - Tarzan Brown Race – Sunday, November 7, 2010
 - Turkey Trot – Thursday, November 25, 2010

A motion was made by Commissioner Bates to approve the request by the Mystic YMCA for the Mystic River Valley Triathlon, Tarzan Brown Race and Turkey Trot, provided all necessary paperwork and insurance is in place, and the YMCA hire an Officer for the Turkey Trot due to the large number of participants. Motion seconded by Commissioner Holstein and approved.
- e. E-Mail Re: Correspondence From First Selectman
 - Mason's Island Light
 - Mason's Island Road Speed

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Holstein to approve the minutes from the February 11, 2010 Regular Meeting. Motion seconded by Commissioner Pucci and approved.

5) New Business

None

6) Old Business

None

7) Report of the Chief of Police

- a. Monthly Report.
- b. Alarm Report.
- c. Flood at Department; claim will be filed, Service Master called to clean up. Three cell ceilings were wet & had to be replaced; damage has been taken care of. Chair Tibus thanked Captain Desmond for coming in the early morning hours that it occurred, as well as the officers on duty for assisting in the clean up.
- d. Hawk relocated from Stonington neighborhood.
- e. Request submitted to Congressman Courtney's Office (as well as Senators Lieberman and Dodd) for the Eastern Connecticut Radio Study in the amount of 120K.
- f. Case Updates: 12 major cases resolved in the Connecticut system, in all totaling 118 years to be served. Twenty two cases going to trail/awaiting sentencing. Chief Stewart commended the Officers for doing a terrific job, and the Commission asked the Chief to commend them on their behalf as well.
- g. Meeting with records system sales reps, and the technology part of the dispatch plan has begun. Vendors will be narrowed down in next couple weeks; a plan will be in place before July 1st.
- h. Donohue Road Race not on agenda, as it is on the Chief's list of approved races.
- i. Crossing Guard Joyce Birkbeck resigned after 22 years of service.
- j. Chapter 12A "Low Staffing Sobriety Checkpoint Procedures"
 - A motion was made by Commissioner Bates to approve the Chapter 12A Low Staffing Sobriety Checkpoint Procedures, as provided last month. Motion seconded by Commissioner Holstein and approved.

A motion was made by Commissioner Bates to approve the Report of the Chief. Motion seconded by Commissioner Holstein and approved.

8) Correspondence

- a. Memo Re: Enders Island – From Father Tom
- b. Special Use Permit Application – Mystic River Marina
- c. Letter Re: Traffic Management Plan – Mason's Island Road & Harry Austin Drive
 - A motion was made by Commissioner Bates to approve the traffic management plan for Masons Island Road and Harry Austin Drive during installation of forced sewer main during April & May, 2010 as presented by R. H. White Construction Co., Inc. Motion seconded by Commissioner Holstein and approved.

9) Consent Agenda

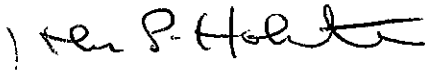
- a. Letter Re: St. Michael School 5K Road Race
- b. Letter Re: Fire Lane – PNC
- c. Memo Re: Pistol Permit Applications
- d. Report Re: OSHA
- e. Letter Re: “Walk With Me” Event
- f. Memo Re: Memorial Day Parade
- g. Zoning Certificate: Animal Control Shed
- h. Memo Re: Vehicle Bid Award
- i. E-Mail Re: Capt. Desmond E-Mail System
- j. Report on Arrest Warrants
- k. Highway Use Permit: Memorial Day Parade – Pawcatuck
- l. Memo Re: Budget Transfer
- m. Memo Re: Sgt. McCaffery – 20 Year Anniversary
- n. Memo Re: State Traffic Commission Form
- o. Memo Re: Disposal of Property
- p. Memo Re: Job Well Done – Officers Rebello & Main
- q. Memo Re: Job Well Done – Dispatcher Gomes

A motion was made by Commissioner Holstein to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion seconded by Commissioner Pucci and approved.

10) Adjourn

A motion was made by Commissioner Bates to adjourn. Motion seconded by Commissioner Holstein and approved.

Respectfully Submitted,



John Holstein
Secretary