

**STONINGTON BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING  
April 8, 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**

Mr. James Bierylo, President, Pequot Cyclists

In attendance to request approval and answer any questions regarding the Pequot Cyclists Time Trial series.

**3) Traffic**

a. State DOT Request To Detour Traffic Off Route 184 Onto Local Roads (Lantern Hill Road, North Stonington Road, and Main Street – Old Mystic)

- A motion was made by Commissioner Bates to approve the State DOT request to detour traffic off of Route 184 onto local roads with the caveat that "no parking" will be permitted around the area of the Old Mystic General Store in the event of an incident causing traffic to be diverted off of Interstate 95. Motion seconded by Commissioner Holstein and approved.

b. Letter Re: Pequot Cyclists Time Trial Series

- A motion was made by Commissioner Bates to approve the Pequot Cyclists time trials series provided all necessary paperwork and insurance is in place. Motion seconded by Vice-Chair Coan and approved.

c. Correspondence Re: Mystic Art Festival & Taste of Mystic  
Chair Tibus recused herself at this time

- A motion was made by Commissioner Bates to approve the Mystic Outdoor Art Festival on August 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>, 2010 provided all necessary paperwork and insurance is in place. Motion seconded by Commissioner Holstein and approved.
- A motion was made by Commissioner Bates to approve the Taste of Mystic on September 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>, 2010 provided all necessary paperwork and insurance is in place. Motion seconded by Commissioner Holstein and approved.

Meeting returned to Chair Tibus at this time

d. E-Mail Re: Culvert Replacements on Route 1, Stonington

- Chief Stewart will recommend to the State that a temporary portable light is used in addition to proper signage.

**3) Traffic (cont'd)**

e. Letter Re: Parking – 11 Cottrell Street

- Chair Tibus stated she visited the site and the signage dictating two hour parking is not clearly marked.
- A motion was made by Commissioner Holstein to approve the installation of a sign mandating two hour parking from Route 1 to Haley Street. Motion seconded by Vice-Chair Coan and approved.

**4) Approval of Minutes for the March 11, 2010 Regular Meeting**

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

**5) New Business**

None

**6) Old Business**

None

**7) Report of the Chief of Police**

a. Monthly Report.

b. Officer recognition:

- March 26<sup>th</sup>: Officers Ritacco, Schnider & Marley formed a “human chain” to rescue a man in the Pawcatuck River. Chief Stewart has submitted their names, as well as that of the resident that called 911, for recognition.
- March 20<sup>th</sup>: Fatal tractor trailer accident scene on Interstate 95 managed by Sergeant Smith; traffic diverted miles away.
- March 31<sup>st</sup>: Despondent individual rescued by Officers Descordia, Main & Peckham.

c. Chief Stewart part of committee convening to discuss highway diversion plans.

d. March 25<sup>th</sup> accident caused by wrong way driver resulted in two fatalities.

e. Alarm Report.

f. Memo Re: Request For Bid Waiver – Records Management System

- System kick off meeting April 23, 2010

g. Signed contract for the design work on the Animal Care and Control Facility; LoCIP funding used.

h. Public Hearing for FY2010-2011 budget scheduled for April 19, 2010 at Stonington High School.

i. Storm Update

- Dispatchers did an outstanding job handling the 261 calls that came in.
- Waiting for divers to be able to access the bridge to assess damage/safety.
- Year to date over-time costs \$28K.

j. Irish Parade discussion.

k. Duck race moved to the Westerly Yacht Club.

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

**8) Correspondence**

- a. Letter Re: LoCIP Grant – Animal Control Facility

**9) Consent Agenda**

- a. Letters Re: Mystic YMCA Triathlon
- b. Highway Use Permit: Mystic YMCA Triathlon
- c. Letter Re: Mystic YMCA Turkey Trot
- d. Letters Re: Mystic YMCA Tarzan Brown Race
- e. Highway Use Permit: Mystic YMCA Tarzan Brown Race
- f. Letter Re: Joyce Birkbeck Resignation
- g. Letter Re: Mason's Island Road Traffic Plan
- h. Memo Re: Mystic River Marina
- i. Memo Re: Vehicle Bid Award
- j. Memo Re: Body Armor Bid
- k. Letters Re: Good Friday Hunger Walk
- l. Highway Use Permit: Good Friday Hunger Walk
- m. Report on Arrest Warrants
- n. Memo Re: Telecommunications Service Credit
- o. Letters Re: Leslie Buck Family Fun Walk
- p. Letter Re: Sandy Point
- q. Report Re: 2010 DUI Test Results
- r. E-Mail Re: Cruiser Costs
- s. Letter Re: Angel Ride
- t. Letter Re: Donahue Road Race
- u. Memo Re: Dispatcher Palmer – Good Job
- v. Memo Re: Sgt. Smith – Good Job
- w. Memo Re: Sgt. Diamanti – Thank You
- x. Memo Re: Dispatcher Desillier – Thank You
- y. E-Mail Re: DOT Extension
- z. Highway Use Permit: Time Trials
- aa. Letters Re: Stonington Public Schools – Chief Stewart
- bb. Memo Re: Officer Morrison – Job Well Done
- cc. Memo Re: Officer Howard – Job Well Done
- dd. Letter Re: Officer Howard
- ee. Memo Re: Officer Wholean – Job Well Done

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

**10) Adjourn**

A motion was made by Commissioner Bates to adjourn. Motion seconded by Commissioner Holstein and approved. Meeting adjourned at 5:31pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

John Holstein  
Secretary

