

**STONINGTON BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 10, 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

Speeding on Mason's Island

Jim Stanton, 46 Masons Island Road, Mystic

Concerned with traffic on Mason's Island Road, and would like Commission to review area. Mr. Stanton stated that speeding is not specific to any particular set of individuals, nor is it seasonal; it is an ongoing problem.

Chief Stewart stated he has spoken with Mr. Stanton and recognizes his concerns. Chief Stewart recommended increased enforcement in the area as the best option to deter speeders.

Asa Pollard, 11 Rogers Drive, Mystic

Mr. Pollard stated he shares Mr. Stanton's concerns with speeding on Mason's Island, as well as dangers faced by pedestrians.

Captain Desmond stated he will put speed trailers and officers' onsite to observe and enforce.

Commissioner Bates relayed a similar problem that occurred in Stonington Borough and supported the enforcement option suggested by Chief Stewart and Captain Desmond.

Director of Public Works Joe Bragaw stated he also believes enforcement is the best available option to deter speeders.

Chief Stewart will report back to Commission at next meeting.

3) Traffic

- a. Letter Re: Culvert Replacement – Route 1
 - Mary Baker and Mark Levesque, DOT office in Newington in attendance to discuss timeline of culvert replacement on Route 1. Planning to start after Labor Day 2011 and to complete by Memorial Day 2012. Chair Tibus strongly requested that an open dialogue is maintained.
- b. Memo Re: Jersey Barrier Installation – Route 2
- c. Letter Re: I95 NB Exits 91 & 92 Signage
- d. Letter Re: State Bridge Program – Notice of Public Information Meeting
- e. E-Mails Re: “No Outlet” Sign
 - Motion made by Vice-Chair Coan to approve a “No Outlet” sign on Mystic Hill cul-de-sac. Motion seconded by Commissioner Bates and approved.
- f. Memo Re: Turn Signal – Route 1 @ Spellman Drive
- g. E-Mail Re: Borough July 4th Parade
- h. River Glow
 - Heather Donnellan, of The Greater Westerly-Pawcatuck Chamber of Commerce in attendance requesting to move River Glow date to August 14th. Chief Stewart recommended approval, however requested that in the future requests event approval are submitted one to two months before event occurrence.
 - A motion was made by Vice-Chair Coan to approve The Greater Westerly-Pawcatuck Chamber of Commerce’s River Glow, provided all necessary paperwork and insurance is in place. Motion seconded by Commissioner Bates and approved.
- i. MS Bike Event
 - Safety plan approved by Captain Desmond.
 - A motion was made by Vice-Chair Coan to approve the MS Bike Event, provided all necessary paperwork and insurance is in place. Motion seconded by Commissioner Pucci and approved.
- j. Cutler Street Area Sign Changes
 - Director Bragaw would like to replace existing signage with retroreflective signs. Chair Tibus stated the Police Commissioner of Stonington Borough needs to be consulted. Issue tabled until proper individuals are notified and can review. Action will be taken at next months meeting.
- k. Golden Road sign change.
- l. Lower section of Flanders will be paved and will need to be closed at that time.
- m. Duck Boat Information
 - Chair Tibus recommended comprehensive plan needs to be prepared and presented.
- n. “Pets In Vehicles” Signs will be installed in Pawcatuck Park and Washington Street area in Mystic.

4) Approval of Minutes for the May13, 2010 Regular Meeting

A motion was made by Commissioner Pucci to approve the minutes from the May 13, 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. Alarm Report
- c. Review of Animal Control Facility Plans – Captain Desmond
 - First step is to improve infrastructure.
 - Laundry area will be added & cages will be replaced.
 - Larry Hirsch & Cynthia Pistolese in attendance to review and listen to ACCF plans. Chief Stewart stated that at this time, the mission for the Stonington Animal Care and Control Facility is different than the Westerly facility. Mr. Hirsch congratulated Chief Stewart and the Department on obtaining \$200K grant, and suggested purchasing a generator.
 - Captain Desmond commented and thanked Mr. Hirsch for his support.
 - A motion was made by Commissioner Bates to authorize the additional expenditures for an architect in order to create plans and move forward with repairs to the Animal Care and Control Facility. Motion seconded by Commissioner Pucci and approved.
- d. Budget passed; firearms upgrade will happen quickly.
- e. Badges for supervisors ordered.
- f. Jackets ordered, cruisers are in & supervisors' vehicle will be in within next couple of weeks. Camera's installed in two cruisers.
- g. Vests ordered.
- h. Mark Giorno expected to graduate July 28th.
- i. CSO Brian bishop working with Lt. Beebe. Three CSO's working this summer.
- j. Town Engineer Larry Sullivan working to improve the Hewitt Road curve via a local road accident prevention program, which provides funding to improve road conditions in areas that have a high number of accidents.
- k. Chief appointed to Police Chiefs Board of Directors.
- l. Line painting occurring this month.
- m. IMC computer system up and running; streets being added to transition from RMS. IMC meeting currently in negotiations with fire depts. Chair Tibus commended Chief Stewart, Captain Desmond, Lieutenant Beebe and the Department for all their hard work put in preparing this new system.
- n. Seat Belt wave resulted in 312 seat belt and 70 cell phone violations.
- o. New IMC system will look closer at "hot spots" in Town, identify areas with high accident rates, and determine cause.

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

8) Correspondence

- a. Letter Re: Stop Sign – Intersection of Somerset Drive & Fairview Avenue, Pawcatuck

9) Consent Agenda

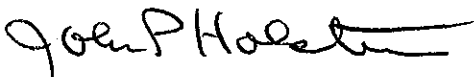
- a. Letter Re: Pawcatuck Valley Coin Club – Thank You
- b. Report on Arrest Warrants
- c. Memo Re: Lt. Curioso
- d. E-Mail Re: Lt. Curioso
- e. Memo Re: Job Well Done – May 10th
- f. Letter Re: Thank You – Flood
- g. Letters Re: St. Michael's Church Maria Assunta Procession
- h. Memo Re: CT Alert ENS
- i. Memo Re: Officer Howard & Fritz
- j. Thank You Note – Angel Ride
- k. Letter Re: Mystic Point Marina - Lt. Curioso Working With Zoning
- l. Memo Re: Officer Howard & Officer Marley – Thank You,

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

10) Adjourn

A motion was made by Commissioner Bates to adjourn. Motion seconded by Commissioner Holstein and approved. Meeting adjourned at 6:15pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



John Holstein
Secretary