

**STONINGTON BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
JULY 8, 2010
5:00 PM AT THE STONINGTON POLICE HEADQUARTERS**

MEETING MINUTES

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

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

Requesting permission for another Saint Michael's School 5K road race in October. All plans will be the same as race in April, only change is that racers will run with traffic flow.

Chair Tibus concerned about setting precedent that two races per year per organization is acceptable. Recommended waiting until 2011 to begin annual October 5K road race.

Chief Stewart stated concern with saturating local residents with road races. Agrees with Chair Tibus regarding waiting until next October.

Chris Kerfus, 31 Mason's Island Road

Unable to attend last month's meeting regarding speeding issue on Mason's Island Road. Mr. Kerfus stated he is in agreement with neighbors that presented issues last month, and has noticed an increased police presence in the area, which he believes has helped.

Captain Desmond stated that he assigned officers to run radar & evaluate situation. An Officer went on to the site on three separate occasions, and did not note any speeding issues on those occasions. Captain Desmond commended the officer for preparing a detailed report, which noted only 1 accident related to speed in 2009, as well as made suggestions as to how to rectify the situation, which entailed posting a speed limit sign before Harry Austin Drive, and intermittently placing the speed trailer at this location. Captain Desmond also stated he discussed the situation with other officers that have been at the Mason's Island location, and all are of the opinion that the road is not conducive for walking or running

2) Remarks of Visitors (cont'd)

Mr. Dannenhauer, Duck Boat

Mr. Dannenhauer discussed his plans to operate a duck boat in Mystic.

Chair Tibus stated an entire plan is needed for presentation to the Commission, which addresses all specifics of his planned operation, including stopping points, turning radius entering and exiting roads, as well as plan for addressing noise issues.

3) Traffic

- a. Letter & Information Re: Federal FY 2010 Local Road Accident Reduction Program
- b. E-Mail Re: North Stonington Bridge
- c. E-Mail Re: Pawcatuck Paving
- d. Speeding on Mason's Island
- e. Cutler Street Area Sign Changes
- f. Letter Re: St. Michael Road Race

4) Approval of Minutes for the June 10, 2010 Regular Meeting

A motion was made by Commissioner Holstein to approve the minutes from the June 10, 2010 Regular Meeting. Motion seconded by Commissioner Pucci and approved.

5) New Business

- a. Letter & Information Re: Sergio Franchi Concert

A motion was made by Vice-Chair Coan to approve the Sergio Franchi Concert on August 7th provided all necessary insurance and paperwork is in place.

Motion seconded by Commissioner Holstein and approved.

6) Old Business

None

7) Report of the Chief of Police

- a. Monthly Report
- b. Alarm Report
- b. Information Re: Emergency Notification System
- c. Promotions discussion. Currently promotions entail a written test, oral board, and interview. Chief proposing to narrow focus by letting officers know what needs to be studied, as well as provide reading materials/list to prepare them for testing process. Will begin around 1st of the year as lieutenant and sergeant positions become available.
- d. Highway closures update. State will work more closely with Department regarding highway diversions.
- e. Downtown Pawcatuck loitering issue. Article appeared regarding increased efforts to deter loitering downtown; took "hot spot" approach; added CSO presence in day time (in addition to night); officers proactive in downtime and go to location to show presence. Chief Stewart also met with local businesses regarding a balance of police presence, and in process of planning a meeting in July or August to discuss environmental changes. Vice-Chair Coan stated that downtown loitering is not a new issue, it has been addressed before but Commission recommendations were not heeded.
- f. Officer Giorno scheduled to graduate from Police Academy July 28th.
- g. Sandy Point closed for the most part; requesting help from Department with enforcement, and are providing transportation for officers. Stonington boat will be available arrests occur.
- h. LINKS/IMC training occurring. Dispatchers doing great job with data transfer. IT manager for the Town resigned, currently working with Roger Kizer with an anticipated "go live" date of mid August. NCIS links program will follow going live with IMC.
- i. New vests in.
- j. George Brennan addressing antenna issues, hoping to complete next month.
- k. All new cars in.
- l. New handguns in this year's budget.
- m. Will be looking for Audio/Video Policy approval next month.
- n. Accident reports available on line at getcrashreports.com
- o. Union negotiations start Monday.

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

8) Correspondence

None

9) Consent Agenda

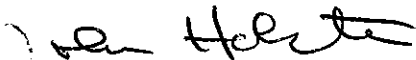
- a. Letter Re: Lt. Curioso One Year Extension
- b. Letter Re: Thank You – Mystic VFW Memorial Day Parade
- c. Memo Re: Job Well Done – Special Olympics Torch Run
- d. Letter Re: Duck Boats
- e. Letters Re: River Glow
- f. Highway Use Permit: River Glow
- g. Highway Use Permit: Maria Assunta Procession
- h. Letter Re: Thank You – DOT Child Passenger Safety
- i. Report On Arrest Warrants
- j. POSTC Law Enforcement Training Needs/Assessment Survey
- k. Memo Re: Fuel FY 2010-2011

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

10) Adjourn

A motion was made by Commissioner Coan to adjourn. Motion seconded by Commissioner Holstein and approved. Meeting adjourned at 5:59pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



John Holstein
Secretary