

**STONINGTON BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING  
AUGUST 12, 2010  
5:00 PM AT THE STONINGTON POLICE HEADQUARTERS**

**MEETING MINUTES**

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

Bharat Banga, Owner, Taste of India, Mystic

In attendance to address the amount owed for alarm fees associated with his business, Taste of India. Chair Tibus ensured he understands that there is an alarm ordinance, and it is imperative that it is complied with. He stated that he does understand, and that he came to see Chief Stewart to address the issue, which is the result of a problem with the alarm that has since been corrected.

Chief Stewart stated he understands there may have been a problem with the alarm itself, and appreciated Mr. Banga coming to see him personally, however 28 alarms is excessive; responding to them created an unnecessary burden upon the department and it should have been addressed before it reached that amount.

Mr. Banga requested the \$325 fine get reduced to \$100.00, as business is slow and this creates a hardship, although he understands it is his fault.

Commissioner Holstein willing to approve reducing the fee to \$100.00. Commissioner Pucci recommended reducing to half of the \$325 owed. Commissioner Holstein agreed, and fine was reduced to \$162.50.

### 3) Traffic

- a. Letters Re: Mystic Streetscape Project
- b. Memo Re: Crossing Sticks
- c. Memo Re: Info from D.O.T.
- d. Incident Report Re: Request For "Hidden Driveway" Sign
  - Motion made by Commissioner Holstein to approve "Hidden Driveway" sign at 116 Farmholme Road. Motion seconded by Commissioner Pucci and approved.
- e. E-Mail Re: Mason's Island Road
- f. E-Mail Re: Cutler Street
  - A motion was made by Commissioner Pucci to approve following the recommendations of Director of Public Works, Joe Bragaw, regarding signage on Cutler Street in Stonington. Motion seconded by Commissioner Holstein and approved.

### 4) Approval of Minutes for the July 8, 2010 Regular Meeting

A motion was made by Commissioner Holstein to approve the minutes from the July 8, 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. Roof Leak At Police Department
- d. Taste of India Alarm Bill – Commission To Conduct Brief Hearing On Violations As Alarm Board
- e. State DOT will review placing "Stop" signs on Route 1 in Stonington by the viaduct; State will review; Chief recommended the Town follow State's decision when voting on "Stop" signs on Town road at this location.
- f. Commissioner Pucci attended graduation of Mark Giorno with Chief Stewart and Lt. Beebe.
- g. Interviewed 30 candidates that passed physical agility exam.
- h. Article Re: Regionalization; meeting requested by Diana Urban regarding North Stonington.
- i. Bank Robbery in Mystic under investigation.
- j. Charles Buck case going to trial in October.
- k. Tragic drowning of 16 month old child in Pawcatuck.
- l. Robbery at Fast Track convenience store; Groton Town Officer identified car; both suspects apprehended by Ledyard Police.
- m. Burglary at Cove Ledge package store; Fritz found 2 out of 3 suspects.
- n. Hosted CIRMA meeting last week.

## 7) Report of the Chief of Police (cont'd)

- o. Funding of \$120K requested for regional radio study passed subcommittee, waiting for full committee review.
- p. IMC training occurring. Reporting structure has changed; Chief requested patience regarding reporting capabilities for the next few months.
- q. Quaimbaug meeting next month regarding updating their technology to work more efficiently with Department.
- r. Dispatch Supervisor position discussed; subcommittee proposed to determine requirements of position. Commissioner Pucci volunteered for subcommittee position.
- s. Police Commission Association clam bake on August 25<sup>th</sup>.
- t. Third Annual FBI regatta occurring August 28<sup>th</sup>.
- u. Sergio Frankie concert, concert at the light house and the Stonington Village Fair occurred without any major incidents.
- v. Art Fest & River Glow occurred this past weekend; Maria Assunta procession will be held on Sunday.
- w. New badges are in; coats should be in next week.
- x. Negotiations with union occurring.
- y. Meeting at Mystic Middle School regarding snow ordinance & cleaning of sidewalks.
- z. ACO Facility Costs/Update: estimate of \$202K to complete work, however no air conditioning included. Highway has offered to contract to do the work in winter months at a lower cost.
- aa. Audio/Video Policy
  - A motion was made by Commissioner Pucci to approve the Audio/Video Policy as presented. Motion seconded by Commissioner Holstein and approved.
- bb. Over \$20K in revenue resulting from officers working at construction sites, primarily on Route 1, which all flows back to the Town general fund. Expenses to the department for items such as gas and maintenance are not offset with this revenue, however the Town Charter allows for requests of additional appropriations for such expenses. Chief also requested the Commission keep these costs in mind when reviewing expenditures.
  - A motion was made by Commissioner Holstein to request to the Board of Finance that funds over \$27K go back into the Police Department budget. Motion seconded by Commissioner Pucci and approved.
- cc. Information Re: Swimming Pool Safety.
- dd. Photos: Honor Guard At Fenway Park.
- ee. getcrashresports.com
- ff. Promotional Process
- gg. Article Re: "Good To Great" Policing
- hh. Family Violence and Immigration
  - A motion was made by Commissioner Holstein to accept the Family Violence and Immigration Policy as presented. Motion seconded by Commissioner Pucci and approved.

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. Memo Re: Family Violence and Immigration
- b. Report on Arrest Warrants
- c. Memo Re: New Handguns
- d. Letters Re: Pamet Systems
- e. Memo Re: Officer Main – Good Job
- f. Letter Re: Sergio Franchi Concert
- g. Memo Re: Registration Stickers
- h. E-Mail Re: Meeting – Slow No-Wake Harbor
- i. Information Re: IMC Implementation
- j. Memo Re: Officers Cullen & Holt – Good Job
- k. Memo Re: CT Alert Emergency Notification System Report
- l. Memo Re: Sgt. Smith – Good Job
- m. Memo Re: Officer Paige – Good Job
- n. Letter Re: Thank You – Connecticut State Police
- o. Letter Re: Thank You – Westerly Police Department
- p. Radio License Renewal
- q. Survey Re: Motor Vehicle Crash Reporting

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

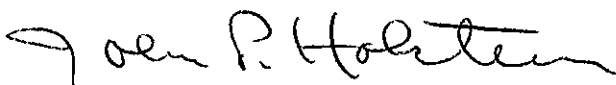
**10) Executive Session**

At 5:55 a motion was made by Commissioner Pucci to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel matters. Motion seconded by Commissioner Holstein and approved.

The Commission came out of executive session at 5:59. A motion was made by Commissioner Holstein to take Dispatcher Hogan off of probation. Motion seconded by Commissioner Pucci, and all in favor.

A Motion made by Commissioner Holstein to adjourn. Motion seconded by Commissioner Pucci and approved. Meeting adjourned at 6:00pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



John Holstein  
Secretary