

**STONINGTON BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 14, 2010
5:00 PM AT THE STONINGTON POLICE HEADQUARTERS**

MEETING MINUTES

Present: Chair Susette Tibus and 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

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

2) Remarks of Visitors

William Gash, 107 Wilcox Road, Stonington

In attendance to propose installation of a traffic light on Route 1 at the intersection of Wilcox and Cove Roads. Mr. Gash has concerns regarding the safe entrance and exit of traffic from Wilcox & Cove Roads and believes a traffic light at this location will provide a solution.

Chief Stewart clarified that installation of a traffic light at this location is a State issue, as Route 1 is a state road, and that the State bases installation of traffic lights on issues with the sight line. Chief Stewart stated that since the sight line at this location is very large, there are no issues with traffic congestion at this site, as well as the fact that traffic lights are not the solution to deter speeders, that a light will most likely not get approved, however he will request that the State look into this matter. Chief Stewart will contact Mr. Gash once he has a response from the State.

3) Traffic

a. Letters & E-Mail Re: No Parking, Frazier Street in Mystic

- A Motion was made by Commissioner Bates to make existing regulations on Frazier Street more visible. Motion seconded by Commissioner Pucci and approved.

b. Photos: Frazier Street, Mystic

3) Traffic (cont'd)

- c. E-Mails Re: No Left Turn Signs At Seaport Mobil – Route 27 and Coogan Blvd
 - A Motion was made by Commissioner Pucci to approve “no left turn” signs at Seaport Mobil – Route 27 and Coogan Boulevard. Motion seconded by Commissioner Holstein and approved.
- d. Pawcatuck Avenue & Mechanic Street Speeding, Stop Sign Request
- e. E-Mail Re: Radar Speed Signs
- f. E-Mail Re: Elmridge Road
- g. Letter Re: Route 1 Flooding
- h. Traffic Investigation Report: Route 1A (Trumbull Ave. and Alpha Ave.)
- i. Highway Use Permit: YMCA Halloween Parade
- j. Letter Re: Traffic Light, Route 1 at Intersection of Wilcox Road and Cove Road
- k. E-Mail Re: Mystic Streetscape Update
 - A motion was made by Commission Bates to authorize Chief Stewart to authorize closure and redirection of traffic in downtown Mystic during the streetscape project. Motion seconded by Commissioner Holstein and approved.
- l. Brochure Re: CTI Course
- m. Highway Use Permit – Columbus Day Parade
- n. Parking Issue, Pleasant St., Mystic
- o. Letter Re: Human Services Halloween Egg Hunt
 - A motion was made by Vice-Chair Coan to approve the closure of Spellman Drive on Sunday, October 24, 2010 from 5:00 – 6:30pm for the purpose of offering hayrides during Stonington Human Services' Great Halloween Egg Hunt. Motion seconded by Commissioner Holstein and approved.

4) Approval of Minutes for the September 9, 2010 Regular Meeting

A motion was made by Commissioner Pucci to approve the minutes from the September 9, 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. Memo Re: Highway Safety Project Application – DUI Enforcement Program
 - Requested and received Commission approval to use \$5K of the overtime budget for the DWI program; the state will match with \$15K, which will allow for approximately 42 extra patrols.
- d. ACO Facility Update
- e. Received quote from IMC of \$12.5K for data extraction from old records management system and importation into new system.
- f. Memo Re: Cruiser Bids
 - A motion was made by Vice-Chair Coan to approve recommending to the Board of Selectman acceptance of the MHQ bid for 3 marked cruisers. Motion seconded by Commissioner Bates and approved.
- g. Police Vehicle Use at Road Jobs
 - Chief Stewart requested the Board of Finance redirect a portion of revenue generated from the police presence at road jobs back to the Department and discussed with the Commission the purchase of a smaller, more gas efficient vehicle for this purpose.
- h. Ride-Along Program
 - Chief Stewart presented a proposed Ride-Along Policy, as well as rules of conduct and liability forms for the rider. Discussion tabled until next meeting in order to allow Commissioner's time to review. Until policy is approved no ride-alongs will be permitted.
- i. Strategic Planning Document
- j. Capital Improvement Program Information 2011 – 2016
 - A motion was made by Vice-Chair Coan to approve the CIP budget as presented, with an additional \$25K per year for boat. Motion seconded by Commissioner Holstein and approved.
- k. Received grant funding for bullet proof vests.
- l. Visit to Ledyard Police Department to review radio system.
- m. Chief Stewart will be out of the office next week for an IEC conference.
- n. Clyde's Cider Mill parking issues.
- o. Equipment Update

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

8) Correspondence

None

9) Consent Agenda

- a. Letters Re: Columbus Day Parade
- b. Letter Re: Thank You – Portuguese Holy Ghost Society
- c. Flyer Re: Stonington Human Services
- d. Letter Re: Groton Elks Law Enforcement Celebration
- e. Letters Re: YMCA Halloween Parade
- f. Memo Re: Thank You – Cove Ledge Burglary
- g. Letter Re: Thank You – Westerly Yacht Club
- h. Report on Arrest Warrants
- i. Memo Re: Job Well Done – Officer Barrell
- j. Thank You Notes: Nava Family
- k. Letter Re: Sloan Danenhower
- l. Memo Re: Good Job – Sgt. Diamanti
- m. 2010 DUI Test Results
- n. E-Mail Re: Animal Control Facility Renovation
- o. Letter Re: FBI National Academy Slots

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

10) Adjourn

A motion was made by Vice-Chair Coan to adjourn. Motion seconded by Commissioner Bates and approved. Meeting adjourned at 6:08pm.

Respectfully Submitted,


John Holstein
Secretary Frank Pucci