

**STONINGTON BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
SPECIAL MEETING
DECEMBER 15, 2010
4:00 PM AT THE STONINGTON POLICE HEADQUARTERS**

MEETING MINUTES

Present: Chair Susette Tibus and Vice-Chair Scott Bates
Commissioners Dr. Stephen Coan, Mel Olsson 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 4:00 PM, and welcomed Commissioner Mel Olsson.

2) Remarks of Visitors

Joyce McElhaney, Connecticut Community Credit Union

Concerned for employees, customers and pedestrians that cross in the crosswalk in front of the credit union. Stated that drivers pass by well above the speed limit, and there have been several instances in which pedestrians crossing were almost hit. Ms. McElhaney questioned whether anything can be done to improve safety, and suggested signage at the site of the crosswalk.

Chief Stewart clarified that private agencies cannot request signage for roads, and unfortunately there is not personnel available to manage daily placement of a sign.

Chair Tibus suggested Ms. McElhaney send a letter to the Chief requesting signage that can be located at the crosswalk, so that he can then forward on.

Ms. McElhaney stated the credit union will commit to daily placement, at opening and closing, Monday through Friday, for a trial period of 90 days.

Richard Froh, Vice President, Mystic Community Bikes

Organizing Mystic bike tour, and would like to approach various merchants & request they provide an incentive, utilizing tickets that will be shown at businesses for a discount. Would like to use Mystic YMCA as an initial meeting place. Registration will start early in the morning, approximately 6:30am. Requesting approval.

Chief Stewart noted that the use of Mystic YMCA involves crossing US Route One, therefore a Highway Use Permit will be required, as well as a permit from the local traffic authority. A safety plan will also be required. Chief Stewart stated that too much information is missing at this time; Commission agreed.

Chair Tibus suggested Mr. Froh work out safety issues with his group, and come back to the Commission once he is able to provide more information; Chief Stewart will provide a list of necessary requirements.

2) Remarks of Visitors (cont'd)

K-9 Demo - Officer Howard & Fritz

Chief Stewart commended Officer Howard & Fritz for their incredible hard work, and stated they are considered one of the best K-9 teams in the state.

Officer Howard thanked Chief Stewart, Captain Desmond & the Commission for always providing the support necessary to be successful.

Officer Howard & Fritz demonstrated narcotics search.

3) Traffic

a. E-Mails Re: Mystic Bike Tour

b. E-Mail Re: Mystic Draw Bridge Project

c. E-Mail Re: Farmholme Road

d. E-Mail: Attorney Londregan Convex Mirror Policy

- A motion was made by Commissioner Coan to approve the Convex Mirror Policy, which allows convex mirrors on Town property, provided the mirror is installed on a utility pole once it is approved by the utility company and the Police Commission. Motion seconded by Commissioner Pucci and approved.

e. Plan for Jerry Browne Road Sub-Division

- Attorney Ted Ladwig presented plans.
- Ruth Waller represented residents of StoneRidge concerned about excess traffic.
- Commissioner Coan stated all sight lines are clear and he does not see a safety issue. Commissioner Pucci & Commission agreed.
- The Commission agreed to support the new updated plan in which the entrance to the sub division was moved further west than originally planned in order to comply with a 500 ft regulation between intersections.

f. Information Re: Perkins Farm Development

4) Approval of Minutes for the November 15, 2010 Special Meeting

A motion was made by Commissioner Coan to approve the minutes from the November 15, 2010 Special Meeting. Motion seconded by Vice-Chair Bates and approved.

5) New Business

6) Old Business

None

7) Report of the Chief of Police

- a. Monthly Report
- b. Alarm Report
- c. Information Re: propertyroom.com
 - A motion was made by Vice-Chair Bates to approve use of PropertyRoom.com to auction items. Motion seconded by Commissioner Pucci and approved.
- d. 2010 Thanksgiving Holiday Weekend Statistics
- e. Promotional Process
 - A motion was made by Commissioner Olsson to approve the promotional process. Motion seconded by Commissioner Pucci and approved.
- f. K-9 Demo – Officer Howard & Fritz (see Remarks of Visitors)
- g. Used vests donations
 - A motion was made by Vice-Chair Bates to donate used vests to the State of Virginia. Motion seconded by Commissioner Pucci and approved.
- h. 2011-2012 Operational Budget
 - A motion was made by Commissioner Olsson to approve all line items, with the following changes:
 - All civilian non-union personnel will receive 2.8% COLA beginning July 1, 2011
 - Salary of Chief & Captain will receive COLA & Step raise equivalent to unionMotion seconded by Vice-Chair Bates and approved.
- i. Budget Commentary
- j. FY2009/2010 Statistics
- k. FY2009/2010 Expenditure Report
- l. Social Networking Policy – discussion tabled until next month
- m. Children’s Holiday Party, in partnership with Stonington Human Services, took place Friday, December 10th; very successful.
- n. House fire in Stonington Borough displaced two families. Stonington Human Services coordinating donations.
- o. Charles Buck verdict; not guilty.
- p. Sergeant Louis Diamanti had gone 24 years without using a sick day.

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

8) Correspondence

None

9) Consent Agenda

- a. Letter Re: "Run or Walk for Penguins"
- b. Report on Arrest Warrants, DUI Test Results
- c. Memo Re: Election of Officers
- d. Memo Re: Captain Desmond – Positive Public Relations
- e. Memo Re: Recent Firearms Training
- f. Letter Re: Use of Westerly Police Department Range
- g. Memo Re: DEP Memo Regarding MSDS & Tier II
- h. Letter Re: YMCA Halloween Parade – Thank You
- i. Letter Re: L.E.C. Assessment
- j. Memo Re: Thank You – Lt. Curioso
- k. Letter Re: Thank You – Chief Stewart
- l. Memo Re: Thank You – Sgt. Smith

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

10) Executive Session

At 5:51PM a motion was made by Commissioner Pucci and seconded by Commissioner Coan to enter into executive session for the purpose of interviewing Police Officer candidates, and evaluation of the Chief.

The Commission came out of executive session at 9:05 PM.

A motion was made by Chair Tibus to offer Christopher Murray a conditional offer of employment based upon successful completion of the testing process. Motion seconded by Commissioner Coan; all were in favor. Motion approved.

A motion was made by Chair Tibus to place candidates Cozzolino, Corbin & Stamatiou on short term standby list for any near term opening, and eliminate candidates Duda, Foley, and Briggs from the process. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Pucci; all were in favor. Motion approved.

A motion was made by Commissioner Coan to adjourn. Motion seconded by Commissioner Pucci and approved. Meeting adjourned at 9:08PM

Additional Note:

A conflict occurred between the posted agenda start time and the special meeting notice. The Police Commission meeting started at 4:00 PM. The items before the Commission between 4-5 PM:

- 2) Remarks of Visitors
 - Credit Union
 - Mystic Bike Tour
 - K-9 Demo.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Frank Pucci". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

Frank Pucci
Secretary