

**STONINGTON BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 10, 2011
5:00 PM AT THE STONINGTON POLICE HEADQUARTERS**

MEETING MINUTES

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

1) Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance

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

2) Remarks of Visitors

Molly Evak, Sports and Wellness Director, YMCA – Mystic Branch

In attendance to request approval of the following events:

Mystic River Valley Triathlon	Sunday, June 5, 2011
Tarzan Brown Road Race	Sunday, November 6, 2011
Turkey Trot & Dip	Thursday, November 24, 2011

Chair Tibus questioned participant counts surrounding the Turkey Trot, and confirmed with Chief Stewart that the size of the event was maintainable.

Chief Stewart stated an additional officer may need to be hired, and Lieutenant Beebe suggested a satellite parking location.

A motion was made by Commissioner Pucci to approve the Mystic River Valley Triathlon on Sunday, June 5, 2011, Tarzan Brown Road Race on Sunday, November 6, 2011 and the Turkey Trot & Dip on Thursday, November 24, 2011, provided all necessary insurance and paperwork is in place. Motion seconded by Commissioner Coan and approved.

Clint Brown, DiCesare-Bentley Engineers

In attendance regarding a special use permit application currently pending with the Planning and Zoning Commission for The Pita Spot restaurant in Mystic, CT. The pending application requests to reduce parking requirements and allow shared parking to permit outdoor seating for the existing restaurant, which will add an additional 32 seats. Mr. Brown stated a parking study has been completed, and resulted in the requirement of 23 spaces during peak hours, comprised of 17 on site, and 6 on Hatch Street (4 existing spaces on the opposite side of Hatch Street and 2 new, which will be provided by moving curbing).

Chief Stewart expressed concern regarding employee parking, as well as impact on neighboring businesses & residents. He will send a letter to residential/business neighbors for feedback.

3) Executive Session

Based upon Officer Giorno's request to submit a letter of resignation from his employment with the Town of Stonington, a motion was made by Chair Tibus that the Commission move for acceptance of said resignation letter, that they not seek reimbursement of the \$15,000.00 due to the Town by Officer Giorno pursuant to Sections 16.3 and 16.4 of the 2006 to 2010 Collective Bargaining Agreement, and for approval of the attached Settlement Agreement entered into between Officer Giorno and the Town. Motion seconded by Vice-Chair Bates and approved.

4) Traffic

- a. Letter & E-Mail Re: YMCA Events (see Remarks of Visitors)
- b. Planning & Zoning Application Re: Parking – "The Pita Spot" (see Remarks of Visitors)
- c. E-Mails Re: I95 Bridge Damage
- d. Highway Use Permit – St. Patrick's Day Parade
- e. Highway Use Permit – Duck Race
- f. DOT Permits For Crosswalk Signs
- g. E-Mail Re: Battle Of Stonington 5K Race
- h. Letter Re: "March Hare Hop"

5) Approval of Minutes for the January 13, 2011 Regular Meeting

A motion was made by Commissioner Coan to approve the minutes from the January 13, 2011 Regular Meeting. Motion seconded by Commissioner Pucci and approved.

6) New Business

None

7) Old Business

None

8) Report of the Chief of Police

- a. Monthly Report
- b. Memo Re: Police Department Open House
- c. Article Re: Police Dog Use in Schools
- d. Letter Re: Bulletproof Vests Donated
- e. Board of Finance budget hearing held February 2nd. Quotes received for ACO vehicle, item back on Board of Finance meeting agenda for review on February 16th.
- f. CTI Workshop: Road Safety Assessments for Local Governments; March 17th-18th in Waterford, CT.
- g. Lt. Beebe -- Handgun/Weapon Replacement
 - A motion was made by Commissioner Coan to support the Chief going forward to the Board of Finance to request a bid waiver in order to purchase Glock weapons for the Department. Motion seconded by Commissioner Pucci and approved.
 - A motion was made by Commissioner Coan to support the Chief going forward to the Board of Finance to request usage of residual money from the hand gun account to purchase additional rifles. Motion seconded by Commissioner Pucci and approved.

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

9) Correspondence

None

10) Consent Agenda

- a. Letter Re: Thank You – Ocean Community YMCA
- b. Letters Re: Duck Race
- c. Memos Re: Perfect Attendance Year 2010
- d. Letter Re: Animal Control Vehicle
- e. E-Mail Re: YMCA Event
- f. Letter Re: Thank You – Donation to K-9 Program
- g. Letter Re: Fire Chief's Meeting
- h. Memo Re: Officer Morrison – FTO Issue
- i. Memo Re: FTO Meeting
- j. Memo Re: Lt. Beebe – FTO Administration
- k. Memo Re: Untimely Death Notification
- l. Memo Re: Captain Desmond – Positive Phone Call
- m. Memo Re: Officer Cullen – Stop Stick
- n. Memo Re: Sgt. Schnieder – Job Well Done
- o. K9 Certificate
- p. Memo Re: Officer Marley – Job Well Done

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

11) Executive Session

At 5:54pm a motion was made by Vice-Chair Bates and seconded by Commissioner Coan to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing working agreements. Invited into executive session were Chief Stewart and Captain Desmond.

The Commission came out of executive session at 6:30pm. No motions made.

A motion was made by Commissioner Coan to adjourn. Motion seconded by Vice-Chair Bates and approved. Meeting adjourned at 6:31pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Frank Pucci", with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

Frank Pucci
Secretary