

**STONINGTON BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 9, 2011
5:00 PM AT THE STONINGTON POLICE HEADQUARTERS**

MEETING MINUTES

Present: Chair Susette Tibus
Commissioners Mel Olsson and Frank Pucci
Chief Darren Stewart and Captain Jerry Desmond
Absent: Vice-Chair Scott Bates (available via phone during Remarks of Visitors)
Commissioner Dr. Stephen Coan

1) Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance

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

2) Remarks of Visitors

Crosswalk – Mystic Aquarium

Chair Tibus recused herself at this time. Presiding over discussion was Vice-Chair Scott Bates via cell phone.

Thomas Thompson, Mystic Aquarium

The Aquarium is requesting permission to add signage and cones at the site of the crosswalk connecting Coogan Boulevard to the overflow lot, to help enhance safety at the site (as in past summers). Temporary signage/cones would be placed on site from approximately 6:30/7:00am to 6:30/7:00pm (dusk). Signage will include "Stop – Pedestrian" sandwich board signs and cones to alert oncoming drivers. Currently, drivers are distracted by traffic turning into the Aquarium or nursing home, not realizing an active crosswalk is right around the corner, and there have been several near misses at this site. Mr. Thompson also requested to place a solar powered device that flashes on both sides of the roadway, and provided informational sheets to the Commission. The device will be same size and color as existing signs, and will include push buttons, which will cause the signs to light up on each side. Mr. Thompson suggested a collaborative effort between the Aquarium and the Town, where the Aquarium will purchase and donate to the Town, and the Town will install & maintain. Required batteries have 1 year warrantee, and cost approximately \$30-40 to replace. Mr. Thompson stated this project will really enhance the safety of the walkway, and allow the Town to participate with the Aquarium in a "green" project.

Vice-Chair Bates asked for a motion on the matter.

- A motion was made by Commissioner Olsson to approve temporary, portable signage at the crosswalk connecting Coogan Boulevard to the Aquarium overflow lot, and to draft an MOU to be signed by Chief Stewart, the Town and the Aquarium to enter into a partnership regarding the solar powered device, with the option to continue the partnership in the future. Motion seconded by Commissioner Pucci and approved.

Vice-Chair Bates turned the meeting back over to Chair Tibus at this time.

3) Traffic

- a. "Drive Like Your Kids Live Here" – First Selectman Ed Haberek
 - Program seeks to install traffic calming measures by posting signage on Town roads in residential areas, with the goal of reducing the number of children injured by vehicles.
 - Chair Tibus would like to monitor this program and only install a select number of signs, as opposed to large quantity, as other organizations have requested to install various signs, but have been denied.
 - A motion was made by Commissioner Pucci to allow Chief Stewart the authority to approve placement of signs. Motion seconded by Commissioner Olsson and approved.
- b. Memo Re: Crosswalk Signage in Town, Request from Director of Public Works Joe Bragaw
 - A motion was made by Commissioner Olsson to approve crosswalk signage in certain areas around town, as requested by Director of Public Works Joe Bragaw. Motion seconded by Commissioner Pucci and approved.
- c. Letter / E-Mail Re: School Signing Project
- d. Letter Re: Bike MS Charity Bike Ride
 - A motion was made by Commissioner Olsson to approve the MS Charity Bike Ride provided all necessary paperwork and insurance is in place, and with continued review each year. Motion seconded by Commissioner Pucci and approved.
- e. Letter Re: St. Michael School 5K Road Race
 - A motion was made by Commissioner Olsson to approve the St. Michael School 5K Road Race provided all necessary paperwork and insurance is in place. Motion seconded by Commissioner Pucci and approved.
- f. E-Mail Re: Taugwonk / 184 Intersection
- g. E-Mail Re: Mystic Bridge Project
- h. E-Mail Re: Signage I95 South Exit 90
- i. E-Mail Re: Crosswalk – Mystic Aquarium
- j. E-Mail Re: Stonington Borough 4th of July Parade
- k. E-Mail Re: Broadway Ext. Grade Crossing Repanel / Repave
- l. Coogan Boulevard Upgrades

4) Approval of Minutes for the May 12, 2011 Regular Meeting

A motion was made by Commissioner Olsson to approve the minutes from the May 12, 2011 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. Budget Update
- d. Powerphone Dispatch Program & New Audio Recorder
 - A motion was made by Commissioner Pucci to approve the request of the Chief to the Board of Finance the purchase of the Powerphone Dispatch Program and the new audio recorder. Motion seconded by Commissioner Olsson and approved.
- e. Swearing In of Lt. Todd Olson & Sgt. William Morrison scheduled for June 16th at 6pm.
- f. Ride Along Request
 - A motion was made by Commissioner Pucci to allow Lt. Curioso a ride along on his last day. Motion seconded by Commissioner Olsson and approved.
- g. Pawcatuck Fire Department Antenna
 - A motion was made by Commissioner Pucci to approve the Pawcatuck Fire Department's request for antenna usage. Motion seconded by Commissioner Olsson and approved.
- h. Three new cars up and running
- i. Animal Care and Control Facility nearing completion
- j. Hiring process update
- k. Two CSO's hired
- l. Police Boat grant update
- m. LINKS program update
- n. Incident at Ender's Island
- o. Two AEDs donated from Pawcatuck Fire Department
- p. Safe Kids New London partnership – on site at Pawcatuck Fire Department over summer to install car seats

A motion was made by Commissioner Olsson to approve the Report of the Chief. Motion seconded by Commissioner Pucci and approved.

8) Correspondence

9) Consent Agenda

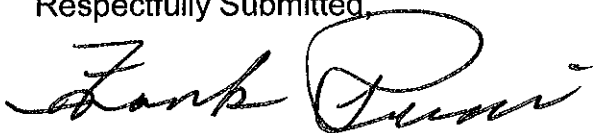
- a. Letter Re: Clairemont Cluster Subdivision
- b. Certificates: "We Are Stonington Public Schools"
 - Commission commended Captain Desmond
- c. Memo Re: Special Use Permit – 59 West Broad St., Pawcatuck
- d. Memo Re: Special Use Permit – 19 East Main St., Mystic
- e. Highway Use Permit: Tour de Mystic
- f. Westerly Sun Editorial: "Fostering Key Relationships"
- g. Letter Re: SHS Memorial Day Bearathon
- h. Letters Re: Our Lady of Fatima Procession
- i. Letter Re: Lighthouse Concert Series
- j. Letter Re: Parking at Town Dock – Concert Series
- k. Memo Re: Sgt. Peckham – Good Job
 - Commission commended Sgt. Peckham
- l. Fireworks Permit Application: Mason's Island Yacht Club
- m. Norwich Bulletin Article: "Police Commissions Provide Critical Oversight"
- n. Child Passenger Safety Award
- o. DUI Test Results
- p. Memo Re: Pursuit Policy
- q. E-Mail Re: Legion of Valor Ceremony
- r. 2011 Memorial Day Weekend Statistics
- s. Letter Re: Animal Control – Good Job
- t. Interagency Collaboration Letter of Agreement – Stonington Public Schools
- u. Letter Re: Building Inspection
- v. Letter Re: Vest Donation
- w. E-Mail Re: Thanks to SPD
- x. Memo Re: Officer Marley – Great Job
 - Commission commended the Chief, Captain and Officer Marley for their work with high school students regarding the dangers of distracted driving.
- y. Letter Re: Pawcatuck Fire Department Donation

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

10) Adjourn

A motion was made by Commissioner Pucci to adjourn. Motion seconded by Commissioner Olsson and approved. Meeting adjourned at 6:17pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Frank Pucci
Secretary