

**STONINGTON BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 12, 2012
5:00 PM AT THE STONINGTON POLICE HEADQUARTERS
MEETING MINUTES**

Present: Chair Susette Tibus and Vice-Chair Scott Bates
Commissioners Patrick Moukawsher, 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 5:00PM.

2) Remarks of Visitors

Mystic Irish Parade

Matt Forde Director, MIP and Tom Tabor VP, MIP

Chair Tibus deferred to Chief Stewart

Chief Stewart stated the Mystic Irish Parade is great community event, the Committee is very cooperative, and conversations have always gone well, however the goal this year is to maintain a family friendly environment and eliminate alcohol related incidents.

Chair Tibus stated the environment should be safe and alcohol free, and that the Committee should go to downtown establishments to relay this message. Chair Tibus further stated that the Police Department and the Chamber can work together to send message as well; the goal is to work together.

Matt Forde stated that there will be a joint press release/press conference, as well as a public service announcement before parade. In addition, something will be published in the parade pamphlet.

Chief Stewart stressed that he has never had an issue with the Parade Committee; advertisements should be free of alcohol, and merchants should receive a letter requesting cooperation. The Chief suggested a personal representative visit each establishment, and that there should be additional Parade Marshall's, as well as police officers, at the event this year. In addition, the Chief stated the joint press release/press conference should relay the message of a family friendly, alcohol free event.

Lt. Beebe suggested that plastic cups should not be allowed, and that this should get mentioned to establishments serving alcohol. He also reiterated that the Committee has been a pleasure to work with.

3) Traffic

a. Crosswalk – Brookside to VFW

Chief Stewart spoke to Ella Bowman, Director of SEAT bus. The bus will pull into the Brookside Village turn around to pick up riders, regardless of the direction the bus is headed, eliminating the need for riders to cross Route One to board the bus.

b. Mystic Irish Parade

- A motion was made by Commissioner Pucci to approve the Mystic Irish Parade on March 25, 2012, provided all necessary paperwork and insurance is in place. Motion seconded by Commissioner Olsson and approved.

c. Letter Re: Wrong Way Accidents

Exit 91 – DOT Issue

d. Request for traffic light

4) Approval of Minutes for the December 15, 2011 Special Meeting

A motion was made by Vice-Chair Bates to approve the minutes from the December 15, 2011 Special Meeting. Motion seconded by Commissioner Olsson and approved.

5) Report of the Chief of Police

a. Budget Report

b. Monthly Report

c. Yearly Report

d. Alarm Report

e. Pawcatuck Statistics

- ESRO - Elderly Services Resource Officer

f. Special Event Schedule

g. Audit of Car Stops

h. Parking issue at intersection of Stanton Street and Washington Avenue in Pawcatuck by West Broad Street School - table to next month

i. Speed Sign Statistics

j. Letter Re: Statewide emergency telecommunications meeting January 18th regarding 911 dispatching

k. Letter Re: CIRMA Sexual Harassment Training

l. Perfect Attendance Records; Schneider & Morrison

m. CIP budget went to Board of Selectmen; cut request for camera systems and lowered boat from \$25K to \$15K. Meeting with the First Selectman on January 19th regarding the operating budget.

Chair Tibus thanked Chief Stewart for all his hard work; the Commission concurred.

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

Chair Tibus announced that Chief Stewart has been recognized, and will be honored as, a Connecticut Distinguished Chief. The award ceremony will take place on May 30th in Orange, CT.

Vice-Chair Bates commended Chief Stewart for operating with the highest level of professionalism, intelligence and unquestioning integrity, and stated that the Chief brings honor to this Town and State. All Commission members concurred.

6) New Business

None

7) Old Business

Academy Fees

8) Correspondence

a. Letter Re: Donation of Dive Equipment

9) Consent Agenda

a. E-Mail Re: Removal of Handicap Parking Spot

b. Memo Re: Good Job – Officer McDermott

c. Memo Re: Jeanne Silva – 10 Year Anniversary

d. Memo Re: Rules & Regulation

e. Memo Re: Good Job – Dispatcher Gomes

f. Memo Re: Procedure for Language Barriers

g. Memo Re: Racial Profiling Data Audit

h. Report of Ex Parte Orders Issued for 2011

i. Memo Re: Job Well Done – Special Olympics Tip A Cop 2011

j. Letters Re: Duck Race

k. Memo Re: Good Job – Officer Paige

l. Memos Re: Perfect Attendance 2011

m. Memo Re: Donation of Dive Equipment

n. Letter Re: CIRMA Training

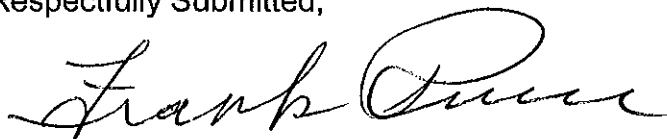
The Commission congratulated Officer Paige on his actions regarding an incident that involved a youth in possession of an Airsoft weapon, which is extremely difficult to distinguish from an actual firearm.

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

10) Adjourn

A motion was made by Commissioner Pucci to adjourn. Motion seconded by Commissioner Olsson and approved. Meeting adjourned at 5:46pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Frank Pucci
Secretary