

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

Present: Chair Susette Tibus and Vice-Chair Scott Bates (via phone)
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

Newport - Mystic International Cycling Event

Peter Glankoff, Greater Mystic Visitors Association

Bill Humphries, Operations Director for race

Newport-Mystic International Cycling event scheduled for June 1, 2013

Race will start in Newport, RI (required to clear Newport Bridge by 8am) and end in Mystic, CT

Chair Tibus requested estimated attendance at race.

Bill Humphries, Operations Director

Discussed race; stated it is tourism driven; compared to Tour de California and Tour de Colorado. Mr. Humphries stated he would love to work with area reps, calling it demonstration project roughly 4-5 people for each of the 100 professional riders.

Chief Stewart stated he is concerned about traffic related issues, as well as the route, and asked how the 75 miles will be determined. Mr. Humphries stated he is looking at going up north to get miles in, then coming back to Mystic.

Chair Tibus requested an open dialogue so that the Commission stays informed.

Angel Ride

The Angel Ride is a charity bike ride for Hole in the Wall Gang camp; funding goes to hospital visits for children.

A motion was made by Vice-Chair Bates to approve the Angel Ride, provided all insurance and necessary paperwork is in place. Motion seconded by Commissioner Moukawsher and approved.

2) Remarks of Visitors (cont'd)

Mystic Outdoor Art Festival and Taste of Mystic
Alexa Shelton, Mystic Chamber of Commerce

Chair Tibus recused herself at this time

Ms. Shelton stated that nothing will be different than last year; beer & wine will be sold inside enclosed area. Mystic Outdoor Art Festival scheduled for August 11th & 12th, Taste of Mystic scheduled for September 7th, 8th, & 9th.

A motion was made by Commissioner Olsson to approve the Mystic Outdoor Art Festival, provided all necessary paperwork and insurance is in place. Motion seconded by Commissioner Moukawsher and approved.

A motion was made by Commissioner Olsson to approve the Taste of Mystic, provided all necessary paperwork and insurance is in place. Motion seconded by Commissioner Moukawsher and approved.

Chair Tibus returned to preside over the meeting at this time

Mystic Aquarium Drive-In Event
Tom Thompson, Mystic Aquarium

Mr. Thompson presented information on the proposed drive-in theater event scheduled for May 27th at The Mystic Aquarium. Mr. Thompson provided a site map of the campus and described where event will take place. Movie will be shown on an inflatable screen, which is approximately 40 feet. Planning & Zoning approved the initial event. Mr. Thompson stated there will be 140 spots available, there will be a concession stand, however no alcohol will be served, and they will be overstaffed to ensure safety, and hiring officers is part of the plan.

Discussion ensued between the Commission, Chief Stewart and Captain Desmond.

A motion was made by Commissioner Olsson to approve the drive-in movie event scheduled for May 27th at the Mystic Aquarium provided all necessary paperwork and insurance is in place, with two officers approved by the Chief hired to ensure safety. Motion seconded by Commissioner Pucci and approved.

Hewitt Road Speeding Concerns

Pamela & Justin King, 83 Hewitt Road, Mystic, CT
Mr. & Mrs. King have are concerned about speeding vehicles, and are present to request better signage regarding speeding and/or children playing.

Chief Stewart stated he has increased enforcement in the area, and will continue to monitor, as well as capture problematic times of occurrence

2) Remarks of Visitors (cont'd)

Hewitt Road Speeding Concerns (cont'd)

Vice-Chair Bates suggested "Drive Like Your Kids Live Here" signage

Chief Stewart encouraged area residents to call the Department to providing license plates of speeding vehicles, as well as timeframes in which the speeding occurs.

Richard E Bestwick, 87 Hewitt Road

Mr. Bestwick is very concerned about speeding vehicles, and asked if it is possible to double the fine, or add a stop sign.

Commissioner Moukawsher explained that there are detailed guidelines that Commission has to follow dictating use of stop signs, and that stop signs are not to be utilized as a deterrent for speeding.

A motion was made by Commissioner Moukawsher to install "Drive Like Your Kids Live Here" signage on Hewitt Road at locations recommended by Chief Stewart or Captain Desmond. Motion seconded by Commissioner Pucci and approved.

3) Traffic

- a. Discussion on Bike Race 2013
- b. Letter & E-Mail Re: Angel Ride - see Remarks of Visitors
- c. Letter Re: Mystic Outdoor Art Festival & Taste of Mystic - see Remarks of Visitors
- d. Streetlight Request
- e. Event Operation Plan: National EMS Memorial Bike Ride
- f. E-Mails Re: Hewitt Road - see Remarks of Visitors
- g. E-Mail Re: School Bus Stop Ahead Signage
 - A motion was made by Commissioner Moukawsher to install "School Bus Stop Ahead" signage on Lindsey Lane and Greenhaven Road. Motion seconded by Commissioner Pucci and approved.

4) Approval of Minutes for the March 8, 2012 Special Meeting

Item #8 Report of the Chief

Remove text: Vice-Chair Bates turned the meeting back over Chair Tibus at this time.

Upon the above revision, a motion was made by Commissioner Moukawsher to approve the minutes from the March 8, 2012 Regular Meeting. Motion seconded by Commissioner Olsson and approved.

5) New Business

- a. Zoning Special Use Permit Application: 2-4 Holmes Street, Mystic & 17-19 E. Main Street, Mystic
 - A motion was made by Commissioner Moukawsher to approve forwarding the Special Use Permit Application for 2-4 Holmes Street & 17-19 East Main Street, Mystic to the Planning and Zoning Commission. Motion seconded by Commissioner Pucci and approved.
- b. Zoning Text and Map Amendment Application: "Temporary Drive In Events"

6) Report of the Chief of Police

- a. Budget Report
- b. Monthly Report
- c. Alarm Report
- d. Pawcatuck Statistics
- e. Special Event Schedule
- f. Arrestee Count & Offenses and Offenses Total Reports
- g. Letter Re: Officer McDermott Possible FL Court Appearance
- h. Letter Re: Board of Finance Transfer of Funds
- i. Memo Re: Ordinance on Solicitors/Peddlers
- j. E-Mail Re: Event at Lighthouse
 - A motion was made by Commissioner Pucci to allow the Department to work at the Stonington Lighthouse event, based on the Chief's recommendation to the Historical Society regarding the number of officers required. Motion seconded by Commissioner Olsson and approved.
- k. Downtown Pawcatuck Business Community Meeting
- l. Untimely Deaths
- m. Personnel Update
- n. Burglary Cases – Stonington Acres/Wheeler & Al Harvey Road; arrests made
- o. Law Enforcement Council leadership update
- p. Boat in water today
- q. Public hearing for budget scheduled for Wednesday, April 18th

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

7) Consent Agenda

- a. Letter Re: Good Friday Hunger Walk
- b. E-Mail Re: Spruce Meadows Affordable Housing Development
- c. Letter Re: Donahue Road Race
- d. Highway Use Permit: National EMS Memorial Bike Ride
- e. Letters Re: Time Trials
- f. Highway Use Permit: Time Trials
- g. Letter Re: SHS Memorial Day Bear-a-thon Event
- h. E-Mail Re: Removal of Handicap Parking Spaces
- i. Everbridge Quotation
- j. Memo Re: Modification of the Cooper Fitness Test

7) Consent Agenda (cont'd)

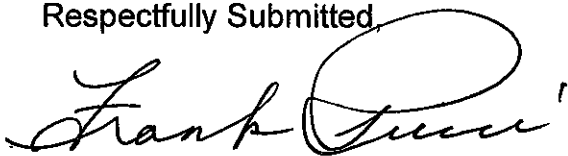
- k. Memo Re: Officer Hersh – Good Job
- l. Memo Re: Training Files Audit
- m. Memo Re: Internal Audit of LINX Inquiries
- n. Memo Re: Officer Howard – Thank You
- o. Letter Re: Sidewalks on Route 1
- p. Letter Re: Thank You – Westerly Ambulance Corps
- q. Letter Re: Thank You – Pawcatuck Fire Department
- r. Letter Re: Kelley's Pace Hare Hop Race
- s. Letter Re: Mystic Seaport Museum Antique & Classic Boat Rendezvous
- t. Memo Re: Officer Hersh – Good Job
- u. Check: PropertyRoom.com
- v. Letter Re: Thank You – Westerly Police Department
- w. Letter Re: Leslie Buck Family Fun Walk
- x. Memo Re: Dispatcher Nava – Good Job
- y. Memo Re: Dispatcher Desillier – Good Job

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

8) Adjourn

A motion was made by Commissioner Moukawsher to adjourn. Motion seconded by Commissioner Olsson and approved. Meeting adjourned at 6:21pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

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

Frank Pucci
Secretary