

**STONINGTON BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING  
AUGUST 8, 2013  
5:00 PM AT THE STONINGTON POLICE HEADQUARTERS**

**MEETING MINUTES**

Present: Chair Scott Bates and Vice-Chair Mel Olsson  
Commissioners Harry Holt, Patrick Moukawsher and Frank Pucci  
Chief Darren Stewart and Captain Jerry Desmond

**1) Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance**

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

**2) Remarks of Visitors**

Maire Pantani, Palmer Neck Road, Pawcatuck, CT

Extremely upset with the rate of speed vehicles travel on Palmer Neck Road. Ms. Pantani stated that she has been calling on the Department to do something regarding the speeding vehicles for years, and Chief Stewart was the first person to ever respond to her request. She would like a speed trailer set up, speed bumps installed, or any other solution implemented that may help reduce vehicle speed. Ms. Pantani left the meeting after speaking, did not wait Commission response.

Mr. Frank Sinnett, Church Street, Mystic

Requesting no parking on Church Street, even if it is only during daytime hours. Mr. Sinnett stated that since the Town rebuilt the road he cannot exit his driveway safely.

Chief Stewart stated that he will plan a site visit.

**3) Correspondence**

- a. Zoning Amendment Application Form: Sea Research Foundation
- b. Letter Re: Loitering/Littering – State Property on River Road

#### **4) Traffic**

- a. E-Mail Re: Fire Lane Access – Cottrell Street
  - A motion was made by Vice-Chair Olsson to designate a Fire Lane at the south end of Cottrell Street, and apply yellow paint to the last 20 feet of sidewalk on the water side at the end of the fire district property, and post the appropriate Fire Lane signage, as recommended by Mystic Fire Department. Motion seconded by Commissioner Holt, all in favor, motion approved.
  - Commissioner Holt stated that he is very sensitive to merchants and the parking situation in the area. Chair Bates and Vice-Chair Olsson concurred.
- b. Dead End Sign – Lord's Point
  - A motion was made by Vice-Chair Olsson to approve the Dead End sign as recommended by Chief Stewart. Motion seconded by Commissioner Pucci, all in favor, motion approved.
- c. E-Mail Re: Easter Seals Annual Walk
  - A motion was made by Commissioner Pucci to approve the Easter Seals Annual Walk scheduled for Saturday, May 17, 2014, provided all necessary paperwork and insurance is in place. Motion seconded by Vice-Chair Olsson, all in favor, motion approved.
- d. Letter Re: Speeding on Palmer Neck Road  
See Remarks of Visitors. Chief Stewart will contact Ms. Pantani to discuss what the Department can do to reduce speeding on Palmer Neck Road.
- e. E-Mail & Letter Re: No Parking Sign – Church Street, Mystic  
See Remarks of Visitors
- f. Letter Re: Tentative Vendor-in-Place Paving Program
- g. FYI – Town Speed Limits

#### **5) Approval of Minutes for the July 11, 2013 Regular Meeting**

A motion was made by Vice-Chair Olsson to approve the minutes from the July 11, 2013 Regular Meeting. Motion seconded by Commissioner Pucci, all in favor, motion approved.

#### **6) New Business**

#### **7) Old Business**

- a. Noise Ordinance  
A motion was made by Vice-Chair Olsson to table discussion regarding the Noise Ordinance in order to allow Commissioners to review and draft questions/concerns that Chief Stewart can address with the Town attorney. Motion seconded by Commissioner Holt, all in favor, motion approved.
- b. Peddler Ordinance

## 8) Report of the Chief of Police

- a. Budget Report
- b. Monthly Report
- c. Alarm Report
- d. Pawcatuck Statistics
- e. Special Event Schedule
- f. School Safety Grant
- g. Boat Update
- h. State DOT Route 27 Parking
- i. Info Re: Upcoming Special Event - Pirate Invasion
- j. Speed Limit on Lord's Point
- k. Email Re: Tour de Force 9/11 Memorial Bike Ride

Riders will be coming through Mystic on September 10, 2013.

The Tour de Force mission is to honor the victims of 9/11 by keeping their memory alive through cycling events, and to raise funds to benefit the families of police officers killed in the line of duty each year, nationwide.

- A motion was made by Commissioner Moukawsher to add the Tour de Force 9/11 Memorial Bike Ride to the August agenda. Motion seconded by Commissioner Pucci, all in favor, motion approved.
  - A motion was made by Commissioner Moukawsher give Chief Stewart the discretion to approve the Tour de Force 9/11 Memorial Bike Ride, provided all necessary insurance & paperwork is in place. Motion seconded by Commissioner Holt, all in favor, motion approved.
- l. Update re phone call from Rick Chapman, State DOT
  - m. Personnel update
  - n. Thanked Commission for coming in for special meeting.

A motion was made by Commissioner Moukawsher to approve the Report of the Chief. Motion seconded by Vice-Chair Olsson, all in favor, motion approved.

## 9) Consent Agenda

- a. Flyer Re: Connecticut Schooner Festival
- b. Editorial: Stonington Made the Right Choice
- c. E-Mail Re: Bicentennial Celebration
- d. Letters Re: Sergio Franchi Concert
- e. Memo Re: Personnel Files
- f. E-Mail & Letter Re: Connecticut Canine Search & Rescue
- g. Equitable Sharing Agreement/Affidavit
- h. Highway Use Permit: Maria Assent Procession
- i. Thank You – Chief Stewart – Junior Leadership Program
- j. Asset Forfeiture Check

A motion was made by Vice-Chair Olsson to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion seconded by Commissioner Moukawsher, all in favor, motion approved.

**10) Executive Session**

At 5:55PM Commissioner Moukawsher made a motion to enter into executive session for the purpose of interviewing candidates for the position of Lieutenant. Motion seconded by Commissioner Pucci, all in favor, motion approved.

Chief Stewart recognized Lieutenant Beebe for his hard work and commitment to the Department; Chair Bates concurred on behalf of the Commission.

Lieutenant Beebe thanked Chief Stewart, Captain Desmond and the Commission for their support.

At 7:45PM Vice-Chair Olsson made a motion to come out of executive session, seconded by Commissioner Moukawsher, all in favor.

Chair Bates thanked both candidates for their professionalism and their fine work as police officers. In addition, he thanked Lieutenant Beebe for his service to the Department.

7:46PM Vice-Chair Olsson made a motion to promote Sergeant Bryan Schneider to the rank of Lieutenant at a time in the future to be determined by the Chief. Motion seconded by Commissioner Pucci, all in favor, motion approved.

7:48PM Vice-Chair Olsson made a motion to adjourn. Motion seconded by Commissioner Moukawsher, all were in favor, meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Frank Pucci". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Frank Pucci, Secretary