

**Wolfeboro Police Commission
Meeting Minutes
May 21, 2009**

Members present: Chairman Benjamin Ladd, Curtis A. Pike and Joe Balboni Jr.

Staff present: Wolfeboro Police Chief Stuart Chase, Lieutenant Dean Rondeau and Recording Secretary Amelia Capone-Muccio

Invited guest/speakers: none

Benjamin Ladd called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM in the Wolfeboro Public Library. He introduced the Commissioners, staff in attendance, welcomed home Lieutenant Rondeau and noted a quorum was present.

Consideration of Minutes

➤ *Public and non-public minutes of April 16, 2009*

Commissioner Curtis A. Pike moved the Wolfeboro Police Commission to accept the public and non-public minutes of April 16, 2009 as submitted. Commissioner Joe Balboni Jr seconded. Members voted and being none opposed, the motion passed.

Activity Reports

Chief Chase reviewed the following activity reports for the month:

Incident status report: Chief Chase stated the summary of the report includes 4 open incident, 0 open arrest cases, 4 closed incident cases, 0 closed arrest cases, 9 incidents closed by arrest, 6 suspended cases, 6 no crime cases and 2 unfounded case.

Offenses (State Law) by month: Chief Chase stated the total offenses for the month is 47, which is a 34% decrease from last month.

Arrest status report: Chief Chase stated the report is a synopsis of each officer's reporting for the month. He stated the report includes 23 open cases, 0 closed cases and 4 protective custody cases. He summarized the subject of arrests.

Arrest on view and based on incidents/warrants by time of day: Chief Chase stated the day of the week with the most activity was Wednesday.

Summons arrest by time of day: Chief Chase stated the day of the week with the most activity was Saturday.

Protective custody arrests by time of day: Chief Chase reported 4 protective custody arrests for the month.

Geographical analysis report: Chief Chase stated the streets with the most activity were Center Street and South Main Street.

Accidents by street name: Chief Chase stated there was a total of 4 accidents, a decrease from last month. The report lists the accidents by street name.

School Resource Officer's report (SRO): Chief Chase stated SRO Officer Cooper's report states 19 investigations, 1 arrest, 5 assist patrol/other investigations and 5 motor vehicle issues at the High School last month. He reported 9 investigations, 4 arrests and 14 administrative report writing at the Middle School last month.

Prosecutor's report: Chief Chase stated there were 13 defendants that faced 18 offenses last month: 5 pleas, 9 arraignments and 4 trials. He stated there were 2 juvenile defendants that faced 2 offenses last month and both were pleas.

Call analysis by call reason: Chief Chase stated there were 3, 033 calls to Central Dispatch last month, a 6% decrease from last month.

Chief's items

- Welcome home Lt. Rondeau.
- Officer Martel was recertified as the Firearms Instructor.
- They project to receive the Internal Local Agreement Grant of \$10,714 by summer's end to purchase items such as a shotgun and patrol rifle.
- They plan to hear back on the Economic Stimulus grant for a three-year new hire in September.
- Since the Lieutenant has returned he has been getting up to date working on the grants and noted they plan to receive a 50% reimbursement on vests.
- They expect the DWI and Speed Enforcement Grants by June 1st and also read the letter he sends out to the local eating establishments regarding under age drinking at the beginning of each summer requesting them to monitor and card their patrons to prevent from selling to minors.
- He commended Officer O'Brien and K-9 Blek for their participation in apprehending the suspects from a robbery in progress at the Rite Aid in Ossipee.
- He reviewed the Overtime report.
- He provided the latest budget expenditure report for the Departments.

Appointment with Paul Zimmerman

Paul Zimmerman stated he has the highest regard for Chief Chase and is not complaining about how the situation was handled, but about the attitude of the Dispatch Office. He stated that he received a call from his tenant regarding contacting the Dispatch Office to turn the pump on to Clark Plaza for to an impending storm. He stated that his tenant was told they would get to it when they could, so he called Dispatch himself and was told the same thing. He stated having this pump turned on is an emergency and he was not happy with the response of the Dispatch office. He stated he requested for the Chief to contact him and was told that the Dispatcher would send him an email to contact him Monday morning. He suggested the Chief provide better training to the Dispatchers and would like them to answer the phone "Central Dispatch, how can I help you".

Commissioner Pike questioned the ownership of the pump and whose responsibility it is to turn it on.

Mr. Zimmerman replied that the ownership is unknown at this point due to the need to update a lease, but it has always been the protocol to contact the Police Department to turn the pump on when the Public Works Department is not available. He stated he was told the Officer turned on the pump, but found out later it was turned on by Public Works.

Commissioner Pike does not recall any agreement with the Police Department to turn the pump on.

Mr. Zimmerman replied he has an agreement that was done with the former Town Manager, Paul Skowron. He stated if the Commission would like to amend such agreement they need to decide that.

Commissioner Pike questioned why he doesn't automate the pump.

Mr. Zimmerman replied they looked into such, but have found out it can not be done.

Chairman Ladd stated he has discussed the issue with Highway Foreman, Doug Lemery, and was advised he turned on the pump Friday afternoon and he stated he has been doing such for a number of years.

Commissioner Pike questioned why he doesn't designate one of his tenants to turn on the pump.

Mr. Zimmerman replied he does not want the employees responsible for doing it.

Commissioner Balboni questioned whom they are supposed to call first.

Mr. Zimmerman replied that the protocol has always been to contact the Police Department, but if they want to change that he would be willing to discuss it.

Chief Chase stated that he does have the tapes of the calls made that night and could play them for Mr. Zimmerman at his convenience. He stated that when the calls came in both Officers on duty were on calls and regardless of attending other emergencies, they did respond to the call in 7 minutes. He explained that when the Officers are responding to other emergencies, they respond to the next call as soon as they can. He also stated he has not seen such agreement and noted that such agreement puts a lot on the Department.

Chairman Ladd questioned when the pump was transferred to the town.

Mr. Zimmerman replied he does not know.

Chairman Ladd replied that they need to find out and he feels such should be dealt with through the Water/Sewer Department. He stated the Commission plans to investigate the issue further.

Commissioner Balboni agreed that it seems this would be a Water/Sewer Department issue.

Public and Media input

Joe Melanson questioned the status of the overtime budget.

Chief Chase replied it has been consistent with the past several years.

Mr. Melanson questioned the overtime for the recent tragedy in Wolfeboro.

Chief Chase replied such overtime would be reflected in next month's report, but stated it is double at this point. He explained that the Wolfeboro Police Department was the first responders to that scene and secured the scene twenty-four hours a day for almost a week.

Mr. Melanson questioned if there will be Parking Control Officers this year.

Chief Chase replied yes.

Molly Leone questioned the status of the Citizen Survey.

Chairman Ladd replied he understood that a Committee had been created and would be coming before the Commission and they are waiting to hear from the Committee.

Next meeting date

Chairman Ladd announced the next meeting of the Police Commission is **June 18, 2009 at 6:30 PM** at the Wolfeboro Public Library.

Being no further business before the Commission, Chairman Ladd entertained a motion to enter non-public session.

Commissioner Joe Balboni Jr. moved the Wolfeboro Police Commission to non-public session under RSA 91A: III, paragraph 3, II a and b at 7:06 PM. Commissioner Curtis A. Pike seconded. Members voted: Roll call vote, Curtis A. Pike-yes, Joe Balboni Jr.-yes and Benjamin Ladd-yes, the motion passed.

The Commission re-entered public session at 7:48 PM and voted by a 2/3rd vote to seal the minutes of May 21, 2009 as required by law.

Commissioner Curtis A. Pike moved the Wolfeboro Police Commission to adjourn at 7:48 PM. Commissioner Benjamin Ladd seconded. Members voted and being none opposed, the motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

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