

**Wolfeboro Police Commission**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**June 9, 2011**

**Members present:** Chairman Joe Balboni Jr., Ron Goodgame, and Bob Copeland

**Staff present:** Police Chief Stu Chase and Recording Secretary Amelia Capone-Muccio.

**Invited guest/speakers:** none.

Chairman Balboni called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM and introduced the Commissioners, staff in attendance and noted a quorum was present.

**Consideration of Minutes**

- *Public and non-public minutes of May 12, 2011.*

Commissioner Ron Goodgame moved the Wolfeboro Police Commission to accept the public and non-public minutes of May 12, 2011 as submitted. Commissioner Bob Copeland seconded. Members voted and being none opposed, the motion passed.

**Activity Reports**

Chief Chase reviewed the following activity reports for the month:

**Offenses (State Law) by month:** He stated the total offenses for the month is 102, a 54% increase from last month.

**Arrest status report:** He stated the report is a synopsis of the arrests for the month and reported 31 arrests last month, which is 62% increase from last month.

**Personnel Analysis report:** He stated the report is a synopsis of each officer's reporting for the month and he summarized the report.

**Accidents by street name:** He stated there were a total of 13 accidents last month a 62% increase from last month.

**Citation analysis report:** He summarized the citations by street location and he reviewed the details of this report, noting that very rarely are money fines given and reported 129 warnings last month.

**Prosecutor's report:** He noted the Prosecutor reported 24 defendants with 33 offenses, 9 arraignments, 18 pleas, and 3 trials.

**School Resource Officer (SRO) Report:** He stated that Officer Cooper reported 19 investigations last month with numerous activities between the High School and Middle School.

**Budget:** He reported that they are 1/3 of the way through the year and all three Department budgets are on target.

**Call analysis by call reason:** He stated there were 3,497 calls to Central Dispatch last month.

## ***DISCUSSION:***

Commissioner Goodgame questioned if any analysis is done in areas with frequent accidents and do they forward it to the highway & street departments.

Chief Chase replied no and explained that the accidents are not generally related to an engineering problem, but rather to high traffic areas.

Commissioner Goodgame questioned the area of Weston Auto Body on South Main Street.

Chief Chase replied that surprisingly they do not have a lot of accidents in that area. He noted that area is part of the Route 28 Corridor study and they are looking into possible solutions to that area including a round about.

Commissioner Goodgame questioned if that study included the area of Kingswood Golf Course.

Chief Chase replied that is a state road and there have been discussions about that area, but golf carts are not supposed to cross in a cross walk.

Commissioner Goodgame stated that the Board of Selectmen should continue to work with the state on addressing the safety of that area and he would also like to see them address the crosswalks downtown noting that you can not see the pedestrians until they are in the street and such is a safety hazard.

Chief Chase replied that he, Mr. Ford and Mr. Muccio had done a study a few years back on the crosswalks downtown and it was determined the crosswalks downtown are grandfathered. Any new crosswalks are required to be like the one at Carpenter School, but doing such to the downtown crosswalks would eliminate a large amount of parking spaces.

Chuck Storm, Board of Selectmen Representative, stated that Board is aware of the issues with the crosswalks downtown, but he would bring the Commissioner's concern back to them.

### **Chief's items**

- The seasonal parking/traffic control program will begin in June 19<sup>th</sup> and will be under the direction of Sgt. Moore.
- Sgt. Archambault & Sgt. Keaton attended a class in Leadership Principals for Law Enforcement.
- Officer Strauch completed training in Advanced Roadside impaired driving.
- The Department received twenty five bike helmets for children.
- Grant applications were approved for pedestrian safety, speed enforcement and DWI patrols and another application is in process to receive funding for enforcing underage drinking. Officers will fill these extra patrol hours and he gave special thanks to Lt. Rondeau for writing these grants.
- The "Walk & Bike to School or Work day" was a successful event; he thanked the faculty and staff of our school departments, volunteers and parents and the students who took part in the event.
- May 31<sup>st</sup> was Public Safety Day at Carpenter School, which is an annual event in which the Department participates in.
- Officer Maloney participated in Kid Care ID event at Harvest Market and the Department received a thank you letter from the Associated Grocers of New England.
- Sgt. Keaton and Officer Strauch assisted with traffic during the Memorial Day observation.

- Sgt. Keaton and himself provided police presence at the town hall meeting of Kelly Ayotte at Brewster, where there were approximately 150 people present.
- Officer Maloney and Central Dispatch Supervisor Lyons participated in outreach efforts at the Children's Center.
- Assistant County Attorney Susan Boone complimented Officer Maloney's investigative efforts which resulted in a conviction and extensive prison time for a case.
- Lt. Rondeau and Sgt. Keaton spoke to the freshman class at Brewster Academy on social networking and appropriate and inappropriate messaging.
- Dispatch Supervisor Lyons has taken on painting the trim at Central Dispatch.

### ***DISCUSSION:***

Commissioner Goodgame questioned how the helmets are distributed.

Chief Chase replied they are available at the station for those children who are in need of a helmet.

Commissioner Goodgame stated that the Secretary would work with the Central Dispatch Supervisor to maintain the Police Commission site.

Elissa Paquette of the Granite State News questioned the name of the person convicted in the case mentioned above.

Chief Chase replied Eli Bunnell.

### **Next Meeting**

Chairman Balboni announced the next meeting of the Wolfeboro Police Commission is July 14, 2011 at the Wolfeboro Town Hall.

*Being no further business, Chairman Balboni entertained a motion to non-public session.*

**Commissioner Ron Goodgame moved the Wolfeboro Police Commission to move to non-public session under RSA 91-A at 4:23 PM to discuss personnel. Commissioner Bob Copeland seconded. Roll call vote, Bob Copeland-yes, Ron Goodgame-yes and Joe Balboni Jr.-yes, being none opposed, the motion passed.**

The Commission re-entered public session at 4:51 PM.

Chairman Balboni announced that the Commission sealed the non-public session minutes of the June 9, 2011 by a 2/3<sup>rd</sup> vote as required by law.

*Being no further business before the Commission, Chairman Balboni entertained a motion to adjourn.*

**Commissioner Bob Copeland moved the Wolfeboro Police Commission to adjourn at 4:52 PM. Commissioner Ron Goodgame seconded. Being none opposed, the motion passed.**

Respectfully submitted,

*Amelia Capone-Muccio*

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