

**Wolfeboro Police Commission
Meeting Minutes
October 11, 2012**

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

Members/staff absent: None.

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

Invited guest/speakers: Board of Selectmen Representative Sarah Silk.

Chairman Goodgame called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM and introduced the Commissioner's, staff in attendance and noted a quorum was present.

➤ ***Pledge of Allegiance***

Consideration of Minutes

- ***Public minutes of September 13, 2012***

Commissioner Bob Copeland moved the Wolfeboro Police Commission to accept the public minutes of September 13, 2012 as submitted. Commissioner Joe Balboni Jr. seconded. Members voted and being none opposed, the motion passed.

- ***Non-Public minutes of September 13, 2012***

Commissioner Bob Copeland moved the Wolfeboro Police Commission to accept the non-public minutes of September 13, 2012 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:

Offenses (State Law) by month: He reported 85 offenses for the month of September which was 33% decrease and 836 total to date.

Arrest status report: He stated the report is a synopsis of the arrests for the month and reported 25 arrests last month, a 28% decrease from the previous month and 348 total to date. He noted that the total to date is up 23% more than last year.

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

Accidents by street name: He stated there were a total of 6 accidents last month a 62% decrease from the previous month. He noted that this is a low number for the volume of traffic that goes through town.

Citation analysis report: He provided the report showing very few motorists receiving punitive action as the Department's goal is to educate the public.

Prosecutor's report: He reported 19 defendants who answered 30 offenses: 25 pleas, 4 arraignments and 1-trial.

School Resource Officer (SRO): He reported 24 investigations at the High School and noted that he has some serious matters he deals with at a facility with 2,000 people during the day.

Detective's Report: Chief Chase provided the report summarizing the activity of the Detective.

Call analysis by call reason: He reported 3,572 calls to Central Dispatch last month, which is an 18% increase.

Chief's Items

- They have completed background investigations on two part-time candidates for Central Dispatch.
- Negotiations between the NEPBA and the Town have begun.
- Firearms and skill-building training and annual qualifications are scheduled for this month at the Range in Ossipee.
- Officer Cooper attended training on Gang Crimes and Symbol Identification.
- Detective Maloney attended a two week class on motor vehicle crash investigations and he attended another class with Officer Livie on Telephone Records in Criminal Investigations.
- He has met with the Town Manager and the Finance Director to review the 2013 proposed budget and is scheduled to present it to the Board of Selectmen following this meeting. He noted a couple changes were made to the Dignitary Protection and such is "on hold" in event it is needed and the Animal Control was moved from the Police Budget to the part-time wages and noted such is under review by Labor Counsel.
- The recent Drug Take Back Day was successful and he reported 7 gallons of prescription drugs turned in for proper disposal. He noted there were 76 collections sites in NH with 4,528 lbs. of prescription drugs turned in, which is double the amount since the program began. They will run the program again in the spring.
- Requests for bids on the Bennett Hill Tower will go out to bid next week and are due October 25th the decision will be announced November 1st. The site visit is scheduled for October 18th.
- He reported that during coverage at the Voting polls on September 11th, considerable opposition to show ID's at the polls when requested by election workers has generated the Attorney General's officer to prepare guidelines for local officials to use at the November elections. He hopes to share such information with the Board of Selectmen, Town Moderator and Town Clerk.
- Patrol Officers assisted with the opening of another gem in Wolfeboro, the Front Bay Park.
- Lieutenant Rondeau spoke at the 9-1-1 Ceremony at the Wright Museum.
- He met with members of All Saint's Church regarding security matters for the building and campus.
- He and Detective Maloney will participate in an educational presentation to seniors at All Saint's Church on Consumer Fraud on October 24th at 1:00 PM. This event was coordinated by Lynn Tyler the Executive Director of the Wolfeboro Senior Center & Meals, but all are invited.
- The Public Works Department successfully removed the former McBride Property adjacent to the Public Safety Building as well as an old tree, which will make way for additional parking for the Public Safety Building.

Commission Items

➤ Longevity Acknowledgment Program

Commissioner Balboni stated that he would like to implement a program to provide Officers who have over 10 years of service and award such as a watch. He would like the Commission members to split the cost of such award. He noted that Sergeant Keaton has served a considerable number of years on the Wolfeboro Police Department.

Chief Chase stated he feels such is a noble gesture and noted that he has had informal gatherings in the past for the Department and has done presentations for good service. He would like to continue with such program.

Chairman Goodgame stated he is not sure he is in favor of such a program of giving a watch as the Commission cannot bind a future Commission. He would be agreeable to doing something for Sergeant Keaton, but necessarily implementing a policy. He suggested they discuss the matter further in November and Commissioner Balboni should present them with a proposal for Sergeant Keaton.

Commissioner Copeland stated he likes the idea of providing something to Sergeant Keaton for his service, but not in favor of making it a policy.

Chief Chase noted there is a metal that can be worn on the uniform that identifies a significant milestone, but if the Commission wished to do something for Sergeant Keaton he does not see a problem with that.

Chairman Goodgame questioned Selectmen Representative Silk if the Town has any policy for acknowledging milestones.

Ms. Silk replied that they currently acknowledge staff for 25 years of service with a luncheon and that rocking chairs are given to retiring employees.

The Commission resolved to have Commissioner Balboni present a proposal to the Commission at their next meeting to provide Sergeant Keaton with acknowledgement of his years of service.

Board of Selectmen's Representative

Ms. Silk stated the Board will be discussing the Voter ID Law at their meeting on October 25, 2012.

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

Commissioner Bob Copeland moved the Wolfeboro Police Commission to adjourn at 4:45 PM. Commissioner Joe Balboni Jr. seconded. Being none opposed, the motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

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