

**Wolfeboro Police Commission
Meeting Minutes
November 8, 2012**

Members present: Chairman Ron Goodgame, Vice-Chairman Bob Copeland and Joe Balboni Jr. (arrived at 4:25PM).

Members/staff absent: Chief Stu Chase

Staff present: Lieutenant Dean Rondeau, and Recording Secretary Amelia Capone-Muccio.

Invited guest/speakers: Sergeant Chris Keaton and Board of Selectmen Representative Sarah Silk.

Chairman Goodgame called the meeting to order at 4:20 PM and introduced the Commissioner's, staff in attendance and noted a quorum was present.

➤ ***Pledge of Allegiance***

Consideration of Minutes

- ***Public minutes of October 11, 2012***

Commissioner Bob Copeland moved the Wolfeboro Police Commission to accept the public minutes of October 11, 2012 as submitted. Commissioner Joe Balboni Jr. seconded. Members voted and being none opposed, the motion passed.

Activity Reports

Lieutenant Rondeau reviewed the following activity reports for the month:

Offenses (State Law) by month: He reported 68 offenses for the month of October.

Arrest status report: He reported 25 arrests last month, a decrease from the previous month.

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 7 accidents last month, up one from last month.

Citation analysis report: He provided the monthly report.

Prosecutor's report: He provided the monthly report.

School Resource Officer (SRO): He reported a high volume of activity at the High School and Middle School.

Detective's Report: Summary report provided.

Call analysis by call reason: He reported 3,743 calls to Central Dispatch last month.

Chief's Items (Reported by Lieutenant Rondeau)

- The attorneys representing the Town have advised that Josephine Amatucci's most recent appeal has been rejected by the U.S. District Court.
- The Chief has requested the Commission to consider compensation of 12 non-union personnel in the Police, Central Dispatch and Animal Control budgets for 2013.
- Officer Llewellyn received a letter of thanks for assistance to a motorist.
- Officer O'Brien and "Blek" were acknowledged at a recent fundraiser for the Lakes Region Humane Society.
- Officer Serpa's empathy for her during a dog collision was acknowledged by the motorist.
- Detective Maloney and Chief Chase received a letter of thanks from Lynn Tyler of the Wolfeboro Seniors for participating in the Consumer Fraud Seminar presented by the Attorney General's office. The Chief thanked Attorney General Mike Delaney for sending Attorney General Jim Bofetti and staff to this well attended event.
- The Department's Budgets were presented to the Board of Selectmen on October 11th and they updated the budget last night noting there is no longer a need for Dignitary protection and such has been removed from budget. He noted the Budget Committee is scheduled to review the budgets on November 28th.
- The Chief served as a hearing officer in a public assistance case at the request of the Town Manager.
- They received one bid on the Bennett Hill repeater project from Two Way Communications of Newington, NH.
- Hurricane Sandy was a minor event in Wolfeboro, but the Public Safety Building has been serving as a drop off location for people wishing to donate to our neighbors in New Jersey and New York. Gifts of warm clothes and non-perishable items may be dropped off until 5 PM today.
- The Department assisted in poll coverage for the Elections and he reported a high number of voters and the Voter ID law was not an issue other than long lines at times.
- He addressed the upperclassmen and underclassmen at Brewster Academy on the RSA's in NH important to young people.
- Sergeant Keaton and Prosecutor Morgan attended a class on DWI changes to take effect January 1, 2013 at the Essex County DA's office in Salem, MA.
- The Chief attended a class at Primex on the Right to Know Law and New Case Law on videotaping public officials during their course of business.

Commission Items

➤ *Longevity Acknowledgment of Sergeant Keaton*

Commissioner Balboni presented Sergeant Keaton with a personal gift of an engraved watch from the Wolfeboro Police Commission for his outstanding 21 years of service to the Department.

Sergeant Keaton stated such is a surprise and very appreciated as he enjoys his job and didn't expect such a gift.

Lieutenant Rondeau stated that he has known Sergeant Keaton for 17 years and he is an extremely proficient and gifted Police Officer. He stated he has an incredible attention to detail and always has a kind word. His hard work does not go unnoticed.

➤ *Budget Amendments*

Chairman Goodgame stated that the Board of Selectmen has removed the funds for Dignitary Protection as such is not needed and the Chief had decided not to move forward with a change to the Animal Control budget based on Town Counsel review. He suggested they adopt such change.

It was moved by Commissioner Bob Copeland and seconded by Commissioner Joe Balboni Jr. to approve the request of the Chief to propose the Animal Control Budget as done in the past. Members voted and being none opposed, the motion passed.

➤ **Non-Union Compensation**

Chairman Goodgame stated that the Board of Selectmen has approved a 2% pay increase to the Non-union staff for 2013 and suggested the Commission approve the same for the 12 Non-Union staff members.

It was moved by Commissioner Bob Copeland and seconded by Joe Balboni Jr. to approve a 2% pay increase to the 12 Non-Union staff members. Members voted and being all in favor, the motion passed.

Board of Selectmen's Representative

Ms. Silk stated the Board discussed a complaint at last night's meeting regarding activity in the evening hours on Sargent's Pond Road, speed etc.

Lieutenant Rondeau stated that they are aware of such problem, but noted such is a private road and if it is not posted, the "default" speed limit according to the law is 30 mph, which is fast for this road. He suggested the residents of the street discuss a speed limit of 15-20 mph and be sure to post such. He stated he did visit the area a few weeks ago with the Town Manager and the Department has responded to calls to the area.

Ms. Silk thanked the Department for their participation at the polls.

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 4:46 PM. Commissioner Joe Balboni Jr. seconded. Being none opposed, the motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

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