

**Wolfeboro Police Commission
Meeting Minutes
July 12, 2012**

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

Members/staff absent: None.

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

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

Chairman Goodgame called the meeting to order at 4:05 PM and introduced the Commissioner's, staff in attendance and noted a quorum was present.

Consideration of Minutes

➤ ***Public and non-public minutes of June 14, 2012***

Commissioner Bob Copeland moved the Wolfeboro Police Commission to accept the public minutes of June 14, 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 an increase in offenses for the month.

Arrest status report: He stated the report is a synopsis of the arrests for the month and reported 58 arrests last month, a 41% 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 16 accidents last month an increase from the previous month.

Citation analysis report: N/A

Traffic/Parking Control: He provided the parking ticket report to date, noting out of 192 tickets, 97 are unpaid.

Prosecutor's report: He reported 33 defendants who answered 39 offenses: 5 arraignments, 29 pleas, 2 trials and 3 pre-trial conferences.

School Resource Officer (SRO) Report: SRO Cooper provided his end of the year report for the High School and Middle School.

Budget: N/A.

Call analysis by call reason: He reported 4,147 calls to Central Dispatch last month.

Detective's Report: Chief Chase provided a status report for the Detective noting this report is a work in progress. He reported 6 previous cases and 7 new cases.

DISCUSSION:

Chairman Goodgame questioned the tickets given by the Traffic Officers for being 12" from the curb and if that would include if they are still within the white lines.

Chief Chase replied those are separate issues.

➤ **Phone Scams**

Chief Chase commended Detective Maloney on his work with a recent phone scam case.

Lieutenant Rondeau noted they have seen an increase in these cases and they are hard to track, but Detective Maloney has done excellent work in tracking a suspect to build a case.

Chairman Goodgame stated he would like the report for the Detective to be clear of the case load including cold cases as they will need this information for the future. He noted there has been an increase of drug and alcohol cases and it's the Commission's responsibility to be sure the Police Department is adequately staffed.

Chief Chase replied that the position is new and feels they will get to a clear report as the months go on.

Chief's Items

- Central Dispatch Supervisor Lyons is reviewing resumes for part-time positions in Central Dispatch.
- Parking Control employees began work on June 25th.
- All personnel will be attending a class on "workplace harassment" from Primex Insurance.
- A Central Dispatch staff member will attend "Active Shooter" at the NH Fire Academy July 18th.
- Command personnel attended a staff meeting in June and several topics were discussed from Foot Patrols to Fleet needs.
- Lieutenant Rondeau address the Parks & Recreation Staff on what to do if they witness a crime or the disclosure of sexual assault as well addressed the life guards on radio protocol. He also addressed the Board of Selectmen in regards to a change in the parking ordinance.
- He received a letter of thanks from a resident regarding his son who made some bad decisions and his intervention allowed the young man to join the military this September.
- He received a letter of thanks from the Kingswood Youth Center for a donation of an unclaimed bicycle for their bike repair program.
- The Police Department will no longer be accepting medications for drop-off accept at the DEA designated drug take back days. He noted that the Lakes Region Household Hazardous Product Facility also holds scheduled collections during hazardous waste collection days.
- They have been working with the Secret Service and Coast Guard for Mitt Romney staffers over the recent weeks.
- The Independence Day parade had a considerably larger attendance than in past years, but went smoothly.

- The Independence Day Fireworks event had less attendance due to the threat of storms and all traffic was cleared by 10:40 PM.
- He thanked the State Police and Carroll County Sheriff's Department for their assistance at both the parade and fireworks.
- Central Dispatch utilized one of their phone system's new features of a recorded message for the parade and firework information.
- He is happy to report they will be receiving 10 new portable radios in a few weeks that will be funded by a grant and this cost is \$40,000.
- He will begin the 2013 budget process in a couple weeks and they will be seeking to lease three new vehicles as well as outfitting them.

DISCUSSION:

➤ BATH SALTS/K2

Lieutenant Rondeau reported that in the process of writing an ordinance for Bath Salts, President Obama signed a ban on the entire family of chemicals that make up these synthetic drugs on July 9th. He stated this ban will make it illegal to possess, ingest or sell these dangerous chemical drugs. He stated that in thirty days (August) the State of NH will adopt this law. He noted that those who are currently selling these products should turn them over to the DEA.

➤ TOWN HEALTH INSURANCE REVIEW COMMITTEE UPDATE

Commissioner Balboni reported that the Committee has met and is submitting a survey out to the town employees of ten questions regarding the insurance for the town. He stated they will meet again on August 7th.

➤ Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Goodgame stated unless anyone has an objection he would like to start their meetings in the future with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Elissa Paquette of the Granite State News noted the Town of Tuftonboro starts their meetings that way.

Press

Elissa Paquette of the Granite State News questioned if the coverage for the 4th of July for Mitt Romney were details by them with coverage needed from Carroll County and the State Police.

Chief Chase replied no, all on duty officers cover the 4th July.

Lieutenant Rondeau added that the Sheriff's Department provides additional man power as need as part of the Mutual Aid agreement. He stated the Sheriff's department uses the Wolfeboro K9 from time to time and the same is with Troop E. This is at no additional expense.

Board of Selectmen Representative

Ms. Silk stated the Board of Selectmen accepted two grants at their last meeting as follows:

- i. NH Highway Safety Project #308-12B-111-Wolfeboro DWI/DUI Patrols in the amount of \$5,700.
- ii. Attorney General's Office FFY 2011-Enforcing Underage Drinking Laws in the amount of \$7,500.

She also noted that elected officials are also invited to attend the workplace harassment training on July 25th at 1 PM or 4 PM.

She stated that in reference to the DEA Drug Take Back program, the Household Hazardous Product Facility will be holding medicine collections on the third Saturday in Wolfeboro in June and August. She stated it is unfortunate that the new rules by the State prohibit the Police Department from collecting unwanted or needed medicine. She stated the change has affected the LRHHPF collection as well as they will need to hire two officers for the collection, which doubles their expenses. She stated such changes are unfortunate as they have taken in gallons of medicine over the years to help keep these medicines from getting into the environment or the wrong hands. She thanked the Police Department for their participation over the years.

Lieutenant Rondeau noted that such concerns were expressed to the DEA.

Public Comment

None.

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

Commissioner Joe Balboni Jr. moved the Wolfeboro Police Commission to move to non-public session under RSA 91-A at 5:10 PM to discuss non-public minutes. Commissioner Bob Copeland seconded. Roll call vote, Joe Balboni Jr.-yes, Bob Copeland-yes and Ron Goodgame-yes, being none opposed, the motion passed.

The Commission re-entered public session at 5:20 PM.

Chairman Goodgame announced that the Commission did not non-public session minutes of the July 12, 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 5:21 PM. Commissioner Joe Balboni Jr. seconded. Being none opposed, the motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

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