

**Wolfeboro Police Commission
Meeting Minutes
September 13, 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.

➤ ***Pledge of Allegiance***

Consideration of Minutes

➤ ***Public minutes of August 28, 2012***

Commissioner Bob Copeland moved the Wolfeboro Police Commission to accept the public minutes of August 28, 2012 as submitted. Commissioner Joe Balboni Jr. seconded. Members voted and being none opposed, the motion passed.

Old Business

Chairman Goodgame stated that since the Commission reviewed the proposed 2013 budget, the Chief had provided them with a modified budget reflecting step increases taken out of the prior proposed Budget as these will be subject to Collective Bargaining yet to be had. There was also another minor change as presented this time. He suggested they vote to accept the revised budget as provided.

Commissioner Bob Copeland moved the Wolfeboro Police Commission to accept the revised 2013 proposed budget as provided. 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: *(Note the Commission did not meet in August and the activity reports and Chief's items are for July and August)*

Offenses (State Law) by month: He reported 105 offenses for the month of July which was 23% more than the previous month and 118 in August a 13% increase from July. He reported a 6% increase in offenses from last year. He reported an increase to personal property damage, specifically to political signs. He reminded the public what may seem like a prank will result in criminal charges as the signs are personal property of others.

Arrest status report: He stated the report is a synopsis of the arrests for the month and reported 49 arrests in July and 45 arrests last month, a 28% decrease from July.

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 16 accidents last month and 14 in July, and reported the accidents stats are 20% less than last year.

Citation analysis report: He reported 569 offenses, with only 16% receiving punitive action restating their goal is to educate the public.

Detective's Report: Chief Chase provided a new report summarizing the activity of the Detective, with 4 new cases taken on in August.

Call analysis by call reason: He reported 4,848 calls to Central Dispatch in July and 4,213 calls last month. They have received 32,908 calls to date. He noted the log for the recent missing person call on 8/30 involving the K9 was provided as requested.

Prosecutor's report: He reported 33 defendants who answered 34 offenses: 13 arraignments, 15 pleas, 1 pre-trial conference, and 1 dismissal for the month of July. He reported 35 defendants who answered 40 offenses: 13 pleas, 18 arraignments, 8 trials and 1 bail hearing.

Traffic/Parking Control: He provided the parking ticket report to date, noting out of 546 tickets given and 126 are unpaid. He reminded the public unpaid tickets got to State summons.

DISCUSSION:

➤ **Tickets**

Chairman Goodgame questioned a letter they received regarding a case of outstanding tickets going to trial.

Lieutenant Rondeau replied he addressed the matter.

Chief's Items

- The Dispatch Supervisor has narrowed the field of Candidates and is working on back-ground checks.
- The Parking Control employees have finished the season and as the Commission knows they are proposing a new approach for summer coverage by utilizing a sworn officer part-time in the summer season to handle a more range of coverage for the area and will begin the search process soon.
- Collective Bargaining between the NEPBA and the Town is expected to begin next week.
- All personnel attended a class on workplace harassment presented by Primex.
- Dispatch staff attended the 8-hour "Active Shooter" class.
- Detective Maloney and Officer Strauch completed a class on interviews and interrogations.
- Detective Maloney attended a class on identifying deceptive behavior and handwriting analysis and a class on narcotics investigations.
- Sgt. Moore completed Firearms Instructor Training Recertification class and attended the Sig Sauer Armorer's class.
- Two officers were certified in Taser operation and associated defensive tactics. He thanked the Superintendent of the Carroll County House of Corrections for providing the instructor for the session.

- Sgt. Archambault, Sgt. Keaton, Supervisor Lyons and Admin Asst. Commerford attended Criminal Justice Information System Training in Danvers, MA.
- He will be attending a session on legal issues for Chiefs of Police.
- Lt. Rondeau has been accepted to the FBI Academy and we are pleased and honored to have a member of our Department at this prestigious school.
- What was thought to be a crime scene at Jockey Cove turned out to be skeletal remains of a deer, but the family expressed their thanks for the Departments presence at the incident.
- Sgt. Moore received a letter of thanks for his response and advice during the family's trying time of an untimely death.
- A man who became disorientated while hiking at Rust Pond expressed his acknowledgement of good work by helping find his way out of the woods.
- He will be presenting the 2013 proposed budget to the Town Manager and Finance Director on Wen. September 19, 2012.
- He attended the Board of Selectmen meeting on July 25th regarding the Bennett Hill repeater project.
- He spoke to the Board at the same meeting regarding the trailer parking at Mast Landing; the Board is working on a solution for storing boat trailers of island residents.
- They have been working closely with the US Secret Service from March to present this year and the possibility of having a President reside at times in Wolfeboro; he is proposing some funding to cover staffing costs should Governor Romney become President.
- The Department of Safety announced on Channel 9 that 77 traffic fatalities have occurred so far this year, which is far exceeding the 55 in 2011. He continued to explain that most collisions are caused by speed, inattentive or distracted driving and driving while impaired or a combination of these. He explained their selective enforcement programs are geared to educating the public and reducing the risks of injury or death as outlined in the monthly citation reports.
- He noted that a former elected official have made suggestions that the Wolfeboro Police Department is using "speed traps" in rural areas of town. He stated this is the third complaint from the same person who has reported seeing two cruisers in close proximity and that it constitutes a speed trap. He stated this logic is unfounded and explained radar assignments are based on citizen complaints of speeding vehicles or high crash locations. He explained in response to this complaint, the officer on College Road that day was responding to a citizen's complaint and the second officer was traveling from "point a to point b" and stopped for a moment. He explained that he considers the tactic of speed traps poor from and completely unnecessary.
- He received a memo from the Attorney General's office, Michael Delaney announcing synthetic cannabinoids (a/k/a K2 or Kspice or Bath Salts) as of August 18th, 2012 are controlled drugs. As reported in an earlier meeting discussing such law, the synthetic cannabinoids were added to the schedule 1 of the Federal Controlled Substance Act, RSA 318-B.
- The town hired a consultant for the Bennett Hill repeater project, Bruce Belliveau of Towering Above and he will be writing the specification for the RFP.

DISCUSSION:

➤ Summer Officer

Chairman Goodgame stated he did his own "informal" survey of hiring a summer officer rather than the traffic offers and received excellent feedback that such is a great idea.

➤ FBI Academy

Commissioner Copeland stated it is important to the public to know that such acceptance to the FBI Academy is an honor and he referred to the memo dated August 19, 2012 outlining the details of the program. (See attached memo)

Chairman Goodgame noted it is important to note only one person from the State of New Hampshire is accepted.

➤ **K2 Spice/Bath Salt**

Lt. Rondeau noted that the law adopted by the Federal Government is very similar to the Town Ordinance adopted last year and at this time it only covers about 70% of the chemical family and would suggested leaving the ordinance in effect until the Federal Government can catch up.

Health Insurance Task Force update

Commissioner Balboni reported the Task Force has finished their review and the Town Manager will present the findings at the next Board of Selectmen meeting. He stated the Committee has approved three insurance plans and the insurance company will meeting with the employees to discuss the plans.

Collective Bargaining Representative

Chairman Goodgame stated that Commissioner Copeland will be their representative for the Negotiating process as agreed previously and suggested he contact the Town Manager to seek a tentative schedule for bargaining. He noted the President of the NEPBA has indicated he would like to start the process sooner than later.

Press

Elissa Paquette of the Granite State News questioned what a speed trap is.

Chief Chase replied it is putting unwitting motorists in a position that they cannot get to the proper speed, like in areas where the speed limit changes dramatically for example from 55 to 35.

Chairman Goodgame stated this is not common practice in this area; such is more common in the south.

Board of Selectmen Representative

Ms. Silk stated the following:

- LRHHPF has completed their medicine collections for the year and collected 102 gallons for the year in Alton and Wolfeboro combined and thanked the Police Department for their special duty officers for these events.
- Wolfeboro Police Department will participate in the National Drug Take Back program on September 29th and the public may drop off their prescription medicines at the Public Safety Building.
- The Board of Selectmen has scheduled their budget hearings and is scheduled to hear the Police/ Communications and Animal Control Budget for 2013 on October 11, 2012 at 6 PM.
- She noted the minutes of 7/21/12 miss-quoted her on the last page, first line in the second to the last paragraph, the word "prohibit" and she said "more costly and expensive".

Being no further business, Chairman Goodgame 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 to discuss Matters that if discussed in public would adversely affect someone's reputation

and Internal personnel practices of the Police Department at 4:50 PM. 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 sealed non-public session minutes of the September 13, 2012, by a 2/3rd vote as required by law.

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 5:35 PM. Commissioner Joe Balboni Jr. seconded. Being none opposed, the motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Amelia Capone-Muccio

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