

Wolfeboro Police Commission Meeting Minutes January 17, 2013

Members present: Chairman Ron Goodgame and Vice-Chairman Bob Copeland

Members/excused: Joe Balboni Jr.

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 December 13, 2012***

Commissioner Ron Goodgame moved the Wolfeboro Police Commission to accept the public minutes of December 13, 2012 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 reported 44 offenses for the month of December, a 35% decrease from the previous month. He noted the total offenses for 2012 was 1,116.

Arrest status report: He reported 20 arrests last month, a 35% decrease from the previous month. He noted this was the quietest month of the year. He reported 406 year to date, which is 12% more than 2011.

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

Accidents by street name: He stated there 11 accidents last month. He noted that they reported 26 % less accidents than 2011.

Citation analysis report: He provided the monthly report that notes 655 stops made on Center Street in 2012. He explained that is a lot for this town and that the officers are out there educating the public. He noted that the Oklahoma City bomber was picked up during a routine traffic stop and that sometimes these stops lead to other issues.

Prosecutor's report: N/A.

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

Detective's Report: 17 cases carried over from the previous month, assigned 3 new cases, 1 closed by arrest, 2 closed by other means leaving 17 pending cases.

Call analysis by call reason: He reported 3,547 calls to Central Dispatch last month.

DISCUSSION:

Chairman Goodgame noted that in regards to accidents, there has been an officer parked on Center Street in the area of the Mini-Golf course triggering the traffic to slow down.

Chief Chase replied that often that is Officer Emerson who has a great relationship with the kids in the area.

Chairman Goodgame questioned in regards to today's society and a breakdown in moral values. How will they approach the new healthcare in making assessments.

Chief Chase replied that drugs and alcohol are major factors in today's society and that impairment can lead to suicidal behavior or behavior that harms others. He explained they currently can have someone involuntarily admitted to the hospital for evaluation but the problem lies after that in waiting to be seen for any mental illness. He noted that it was reported that the new Governor maybe helping with the funding for such in this county as it has been woefully underfunded.

Chief's Items

Chief Chase reported the following items:

- Dispatcher Supervisor Lyons is still accepting applications for a part-time Dispatcher and Jim Savage is about complete his orientation.
- They have begun advertising for a part-time Police Officer for downtown and will also be discussing such program at the next Chamber of Commerce meeting.
- Use of Force Training was completed last month at the High School.
- Lieutenant Rondeau is at FBI training in Virginia.
- All officers were recertified in use of Tasers at the Carroll County House of Corrections.
- Sgt. Moore did an inspection of the firearms.
- The Budget Committee met twice last month and he attended the public hearing on January 8th for the final budget review.
- The 2013 grants have been submitted and they will again focus on DWI, Speed/pedestrian safety, bicycle safety and radar reimbursements.
- WMUR recently reported an increase in Pistol Permit requests and they are finding the same. He stated they issued 102 permits in 2010, 101 in 2011, 142 in 2012 and have issued 33 for the first 3 weeks of the year.
- The Department aided in the First Night Activities and such is a wonderful program.
- Lieutenant Rondeau spoke to a Girl Scout Troup about Stranger Danger.
- Officer O'Brien received a letter of thanks with his help in aiding a resident's dog who was struck by a car.

- He read the Police Department and Central Dispatch reports submitted for the 2012 Annual Town Report.

DISCUSSION:

Commissioner Copeland questioned an incident reported by the SRO on the bus that another student threatened to shoot another student.

Chief Chase replied the incident happened in Ossipee and as referred to them, but he could get more details about the incident.

Commissioner Bob Copeland moved the Wolfeboro Police Commission to accept the 2012 Town reports as written. Commissioner Ron Goodgame seconded. Members voted and being none opposed, the motion passed.

Commission Items

➤ *Central Dispatch*

Chairman Goodgame suggested the Granite State News feature Central Dispatch in the paper as he is not sure the public is aware of the volume of calls that department handles and such is a lifeline to the community.

➤ *Community Outreach*

Chairman Goodgame stated they had discussed the idea last year of doing some community outreach with the public and suggested they look into holding an open house at the Public Safety Building this spring. He noted he spoke to some of the officers regarding volunteering for such and they advised it would be similar to the volunteering they do for something like the Torch Run.

➤ *Meeting Schedule for 2013*

Chairman Goodgame noted that Elissa Paquette of the Granite State News provided them with information that the school has a meeting location available for use if needed during the summer months for the Commission meetings.

Sarah Silk noted that there is a fee for such use as the Board paid over \$600 for use of the space for a Budget meeting.

Elissa Paquette stated that she was provided with a fee schedule and was told by Bill Douglas that there is no fee for Municipal use.

Chairman Goodgame suggested the Commission's Secretary look into the matter further.

Board of Selectmen's Representative

Ms. Silk stated the following:

- She provided the Chief with some Household Hazardous Waste flyers for the lobby of the Public Safety Building.
- Representatives Schmidt and Algren along with Senator Bradley attended last night's Board of Selectmen meeting to discuss State Road funding and the lack thereof specifically towards a Town Warrant Article for Middleton Road.
- She noted the Town is continuing to look at the cost of Dispatch services at the County level as some of those services are not used by Wolfeboro by having our own Dispatch services.
- She noted it was brought up at last night's meeting regarding a Highway Safety Committee for qualification of grant funding.
- She expressed her concern with Two-way Communications regarding the Bennett Hill Tower project and that such is being held up and was not completed in 2012. She requested the Chief advised of why such project is not complete.

Chief Chase replied in response to the Highway Safety Committee and that such was appointed under the former Town Manager. He noted that Lieutenant Rondeau serves on such Committee he believes along with the Department of Public Works Director, Fire Chief and Town Manager.

Ms. Silk replied it may be a formality that they need to re-adopt.

Chief Chase replied in response to the status of the communications tower, that he believes such hold up deals with the generator that is needed. He believes there was an add-on to the lease agreement and they are also awaiting the cost for the generator.

Ms. Silk stated the Finance Director her told her they were waiting on Two-way communications.

Chief Chase replied he would find out the specific details and get back to her.

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 5:10 PM. Commissioner Ron Goodgame seconded. Being none opposed, the motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,
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