

Wolfeboro Police Commission

Meeting Minutes

March 21, 2013

Members present: Chairman Ron Goodgame, Joe Balboni Jr. (via telephone) and Vice Chairman Bob Copeland

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

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

- ***Pledge of Allegiance***
- ***Reorganization of Commission***

Commissioner Copeland stated that past practice has always been to nominate the outgoing Commissioner as Chairman, but he has found no formal policy on such. He stated that Commissioner Goodgame has done an excellent job as Chairman and suggested he continue.

It was moved by Bob Copeland and seconded by Joe Balboni Jr. to nominate Ron Goodgame as Chairman for the 2013-2014 term. Member voted and all in favor, the motion passed.

Consideration of Minutes

- ***Public minutes of February 21, 2013***

Commissioner Bob Copeland moved the Wolfeboro Police Commission to accept the public minutes of March 21, 2013 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 48 offenses for the month, a 34% decrease from the previous month.

Arrest status report: He reported 19 arrests last month, a decrease from the previous month.

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 reported 15 accidents last month, the same as the previous month.

Citation analysis report: He provided the monthly report and noted 150 violations and of those only 5% were monetary fines.

Prosecutor's report: He reported 24 defendants who answered to 26 offenses, 8 pleas, 8 arraignments, 5 pretrial conferences and 1 motion and 2 remands.

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 4 new cases, 2 closed by arrest, 2 closed by other means leaving 16 pending cases.

Chief's Items

Chief Chase reported the following items:

- Amanda Mountford has joined the part-time dispatch staff and we are now at full strength for the first time in a long while. She has considerable past experience in emergency dispatch with the Cheshire County Sheriff's Department and the Keene State College Department of Safety.
- I have interviewed two excellent candidates for the seasonal position in the Downtown area this summer. Both are full-time certified and are working police officers in nearby jurisdictions. Both have Bachelor of Science degrees and recommend hiring two at 15 hours per week each. I look forward to introducing these young officers to the Commission for further processing in the very near future.
- The Lieutenant will graduate from the FBI National Academy on March 22, 2013 and return to work on Monday. In addition to his diploma for completing this prestigious course, he will be receiving a certificate of advanced studies from the University of Virginia for the graduate-level courses he completed.
- Det. Maloney and Officer Emerson completed three days of training on Outlaw Motorcycle Gangs.
- Det. Maloney and Senior Patrol Officer Mark Livie are completing 10 days of First-Line Supervisor training at the academy in Concord.
- Officer Spera completed portable breath testing instructor's school in this reporting period.
- Department members completed two days of "active-shooter" training this month at our high school. Sgt. Tim Thompson and Deputy Ken McGovern from the Carroll County Sheriff's Department were the instructors.
- Sgt. Moore was thanked for being, "factual, compassionate and professional" while serving a search warrant and conducting an investigation involving a cruelty to animals case in February.
- We are enhancing our perimeter security with the installation of another camera on the exterior of the building and recently added additional security measures to necessary locations on the interior.
- The Department assisted Middleton PD on January 31st during a hostage situation. On March 13th, Sgt. Archambault, Det. Maloney and I were honored to be with many law enforcement officers to receive meritorious conduct awards from the Middleton Board of Selectmen and Chief Randy Sobel. He read the letter and showed the plaque received.
- The town operating budget and warrant articles all passed at the town election on March 12th. Congratulations to Commissioner Goodgame on his re-election as Commissioner! We look forward to working together for another three years.
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- We are in the process of ordering three new Ford, Police Interceptors on the rotating, lease-program with Ford Credit. We can expect delivery sometime in April. The Department fleet officer has come up with new graphics to compliment the radically different construct and style of the new vehicles.
- Dispatch Supervisor Lyons and Senior Patrol Officer Livie have reached 10 years of service.
- He provided an update on the repeater project that there needs to be a renovation of the building on sign by the owner which is not complete and the land owner will not allow access of the road at this time as it is not passable. He stated they have received their FCC license including one for Public Works and Two Way Communications has advised once they receive access to the site the installation will take three days.

➤ **DISCUSSION:**

Chairman Goodgame questioned at what point a case would be determined as “cold”.

Chief Chase replied that the cases are reviewed with the Sargent every 10 days and a case is determined as “cold” when all other avenues to solve the case has been exhausted.

Chairman Goodgame questioned if they have any.

Chief Chase replied no, but they have some that are suspended.

Chairman Goodgame questioned if he could provide an idea of how many are suspended.

Chief Chase replied that it would be based on the % closed and he plans to have the Detective come in at some point and give a summary of his status.

Chairman Goodgame stated as previously pointed out by Commissioner Balboni they need to keep track of the Detective’s activity to determine when another Detective may be needed.

Board of Selectmen’s Representative

Ms. Silk stated the following:

- She attended a meeting on Estate Planning and there will be another on Retirement for employees on April 11th.
- She noted Primex will be holding a seminar on Slips, Trips and Falls and encourages all staff to attend.
- The DEA expired or unwanted medication collection will be April 27th at the Public Safety Building. Town collections will be at the Hazardous Waste Collection days in June and August only for expired or unwanted medicine.
- NH Department of Safety Division of Emergency Services and Communications is preparing to active reverse E9-1-1 and they will be convening a meeting of the Emergency Management Committee to discuss the contacts for such.

Commissioner’s Items

Chairman Goodgame provided an outline of an Open House at the Public Safety Building to be sponsored by the Police Commission. He explained the purpose of this open house would be to reach out to the Community especially children under 12 and provide an understanding of what the vital public safety departments do for the community. He proposed a “free” event with hotdogs and music and short tours of the facility and suggested the Commissioners fund the event.

Commissioner Copeland and Commissioner Balboni both agree such is a great idea and will split the cost.

Chairman Goodgame stated they should continue “brainstorming” and discuss a date at the next meeting.

Public

Josephine Amatucci requested to speak.

Chairman Goodgame proceeded to explain the procedure to speak at their meetings.

Ms. Amatucci stated that she was told by her lawyer that she has a right to request information regarding investigation reports. She left such letter on the table.

Chairman Goodgame replied that she should forward such information to the town Attorney and that she cannot continue to harass the town.

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 internal personnel practices of the Police Department at 5:01 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 5:21 PM.

Chairman Goodgame announced that the Commission sealed non-public session minutes of the March 21, 2013, 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 5:22 PM. Commissioner Ron Goodgame seconded. Being none opposed, the motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Amelia Capone-Muccio