

# **Wolfeboro Police Commission Meeting Minutes May 23, 2013**

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

**Staff present:** Lt. Dean Rondeau 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.

## **Consideration of Minutes**

- ***Public minutes of April 25, 2013***

**Commissioner Bob Copeland moved the Wolfeboro Police Commission to accept the public minutes of April 25, 2013 as submitted. Commissioner Joe Balboni Jr. seconded. Members voted and being none opposed, the motion passed.**

## **Activity Reports**

Lt. Rondeau reviewed the following activity reports for the month:

**Offenses (State Law) by month:** He reported the offenses were down for the month.

**Arrest status report:** He reported the arrests were up last month.

**Personnel Analysis report:** He provided the monthly report.

**Accidents by street name:** He reported 4 accidents last month, a decrease from the previous month.

**Citation analysis report:** He provided the monthly report.

**Prosecutor's report:** He provided the report.

**School Resource Officer (SRO):** He reported a lot of activity at the High School and Middle School, but his caseload is winding down.

**Detective's Report:** He reported the Detective's caseload is ongoing and if they did not have the position the load would have to be covered by officers on overtime.

## **Lieutenant's Items**

He reported the following items:

- The downtown enforcement program will change this year with two new seasonal officers and runs in conjunction with the pedestrian safety grant. He briefly discussed

some recent articles about pedestrian rights and explained that RSA 265-35 & 36 speaks to pedestrians rights in crosswalks and explains that as a pedestrian you can't just walk out into a crosswalk. The pedestrian has the responsibility to make sure there are no cars coming.

- He reported the Board of Selectmen have approved the Temporary Event Permit for the Open House on June 29<sup>th</sup> at the Public Safety Building. He reports several staff members will be present throughout the day.
- The DEA Drug Take Back program on April 27<sup>th</sup> collected 60 gallons of prescription medication to be destroyed. The next collection will be done by LRHHPF on June 15<sup>th</sup> on Beach Pond Road.

➤ **DISCUSSION:**

Sarah Silk addressed the Commission and thanked the Police Department for their cooperation with the collections specifically Lieutenant Rondeau and the Alton Police Chief as well.

Chairman Goodgame questioned if the officers are on overtime at the collections.

Ms. Silk replied no, they hire them as a Special Detail.

Lieutenant Rondeau noted since 2005 they have noticed a drop in substance abuse due to lack of availability so the program helps keep a tremendous amount narcotics off the streets.

**Commissioner's Items**

➤ **Drug Use**

Commissioner Copeland asked the Lieutenant to speak in regards to the increase in heroin use referring a to a recent newspaper article.

Lieutenant Rondeau replied that it is in the area and Wolfeboro is not immune to it, the drug culture has no boundaries and he doesn't see the problem getting better.

Chairman Goodgame questioned if there is a spike in heroin vs. oxycodone.

Lieutenant Rondeau replied there is because heroin is inexpensive and over use of prescription medication can lead to heroin use.

Chairman Goodgame questioned what the Police Department is doing about the increase.

Lieutenant Rondeau replied the Drug Task Force is working on getting back up and running again and they develop informants, use the K-9 and the Detective.

Josephine Amatucci questioned how they use the K-9 around kids.

Lieutenant Rondeau replied that the K-9 is trained to sniff for drugs in buildings etc. not on the kids.

➤ **Repeater Tower**

Commissioner Copeland stated he would like to honor those who worked hard on the repeater project.

Chairman Goodgame suggested he work with the Chief on such.

Lieutenant Rondeau noted it was up and running May 13<sup>th</sup> and so far no dead spots have been reported.

➤ **Union Contract**

Chairman Goodgame stated the Union Contract needs to be signed by the Commission and forwarded to the Town Manager's office.

**It was moved by Ron Goodgame and seconded by Joe Balboni Jr. for the Wolfeboro Police Commission to resolve as follows:**

**WHEREAS, the Police Commission deems it appropriate to hereby set forth in one place what we have heretofor approved regarding pay for all non-union, Prosecutor and union personnel, and WHEREAS, the Police Commission on November 8, 2012, ratified the Board of Selectmen's approval of a 2% pay increase for all non-union staff for 2013, and**

**WHEREAS, the Police Commission on December 13, 2012, with Budget Committee approval, passed a motion to increase the Prosecutor's pay and hours, and**

**WHEREAS, the Police Commission on December 13, 2012, ratified and approved the Agreement Between Town of Wolfeboro and NEPBA Local #39 expiring on December 31, 2014, subject to approval of the voters at the March 12, 2013, Wolfeboro Town Election, and**

**WHEREAS, said Agreement was the subject of Article 21 on the Ballot of said Election and was approved by a vote of 749 to 240,**

**NOW THEREFORE, the Police Commission does again ratify and approve said Agreement with union Local #39 as written and voter approved, as well as our prior said actions regarding the Prosecutor and non-union personnel for our Assistant Amy Muccio, Dispatch, Animal Control, and the Police Department.**

**Members voted and being none opposed, the motion passed.**

See attached copy of the contract and copy of town meeting vote as requested by Chairman Goodgame.

**Next Meeting**

Chairman Goodgame noted the next meeting will be held at the Town Hall meeting room at 4:00PM due to the Library's book sale.

**Board of Selectmen's Representative**

Ms. Silk stated MDMA and ecstasy type pill commonly referred to as "molly" is becoming popular with the young adults and questioned if such should be added to the ordinance. .

Commission Goodgame questioned if the original ordinance should have been more general to include all of these types drugs otherwise it would need to be amended every time a drug changes its name or "designer drugs" as they are commonly referred to.

Lieutenant Rondeau replied he believes this drug is covered under the Federal Government's laws but would research it further. He stated if he finds such is not the case he would look into updating the ordinance. He explained the formula is to ban the chemical family and he would have to check to see if "molly's" chemical family is already outlawed.

*Chairman Goodgame entertained a motion to adjourn.*

**Commissioner Bob Copeland moved the Wolfeboro Police Commission adjourn at 5:02 PM. Joe Balboni Jr.seconded, being none opposed, the motion passed.**

The Commission re-entered public session at 5:07 PM.

Chairman Goodgame announced that the Commission decided to adjourn to briefly discuss how to handle Ms. Amatucci's request to speak. He explained to her that she does not have the right to speak at the meeting and are aware of her recent visit to the Board of Selectmen's meeting and acknowledged this is her 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> time back to their meeting to speak on the same subject again. He stated he would allow her to speak with a time limit, no longer than 5:15 PM.

Josephine Amatucci stated that she was never provided with proof the Attorney General's office did an investigation and was never provided with anything in writing from the Commission directing the Chief to investigate. She stated she is seeking employment records under the Right to Know Law and she is requesting those records and information if an investigation was done.

Chairman Goodgame replied they have already done that they provided her with their findings and read them to her at a Commission meeting as well as gave her a copy of them.

Josephine Amatucci stated she wants an investigation unless they can prove one was done by the Attorney General's office and has proof the NCIS data base was accessed when he (O'Brien) was not an employee for Wolfeboro.

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

**Commissioner Bob Copeland moved the Wolfeboro Police Commission to move to non-public session under RSA 91-A to discuss minutes. Joe Balboni Jr.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 5:15 PM.

Chairman Goodgame announced that the Commission did not seal the non-public session minutes of the April 25, 2013, as they only approved minutes.

*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 5:16 PM. Commissioner Ron Goodgame seconded. Being none opposed, the motion passed.**

Respectfully submitted,  
**Amelia Capone-Muccio**