

**Wolfeboro Police Commission
Meeting Minutes
October 16, 2014**

Members present: Chairman Joe Balboni Jr. Steve Wood and Ron Goodgame.

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

Chairman Balboni called the meeting to order at 4:10 PM and introduced the Commissioners, staff in attendance and noted a quorum was present.

➤ ***Pledge of Allegiance***

Chairman Balboni entertained the Pledge of Allegiance.

Consideration of Minutes

- ***Public minutes of September 18, 2014***

Commissioner Ron Goodgame moved the Wolfeboro Police Commission to accept the public minutes of September 18, 2014 as submitted. Commissioner Steve Wood seconded. Members voted and being none opposed, the motion passed.

Ratify Contract Agreement with the NEPBA, Local 39

Dave Owen, Town Manager, addressed the Board to state that the Town of Wolfeboro and the New England Police Benevolent Association, Local #39 have reached an agreement in contract negotiations. He explained the new 2-year contract includes a step increase for each year as well as a 1% COLA and an increase in shift differential. He stated in return the Town receives an increase in employee contribution for the Health Insurance, eliminated the overtime for the K9 Officer and new language linking performance evaluations to step increases. He stated this contract was ratified by the Board of Selectmen at their meeting last evening and he is seeking ratification from the Wolfeboro Police Commission.

It was moved by Steve Wood and seconded by Joe Balboni Jr. for the Wolfeboro Police Commission to approve and sign the Tentative Agreement between the Town and NEPBA Local #39. Members voted and being none opposed, the motion passed.

The Commission thanked Mr. Owen for negotiating in good faith with the Department.

Mr. Owen thanked Commissioner Wood for his participation in the process.

Activity Reports

Chief Chase noted the Commission meeting was abruptly adjourned last month due to an emergency call that came in to the Police Station. The call was from a local health facility that followed protocol regarding a client, that client was ultimately arrested by a neighboring town and the lock down that took place at Huggins Hospital and Kingswood Regional High School as precaution were released about forty minutes after the call. He reviewed the following activity reports for the month:

Offenses (State Law) by month: He reported 58 offenses for the month, a 36% decrease from last month. He reported 616 offenses to date.

Arrest status report: He reported 214 arrests year to date. He reported 22 arrests for last month a 21% decrease.

Personnel Analysis report: The report is a synopsis of each officer's reporting for the month.

Accidents by street name: He reported 11 accidents for last month with 104 year to date. This is a 31% decrease from the previous year.

Prosecutor's report: He reported 42 defendants answering 50 offenses, with 12 arraignments, 14 pleas, 1 pretrial conference and 6 trials. \$ 14,999.00 was received in fines, fees or other assessments.

School Resource Officer (SRO): He reported 21 investigations at the High School last month and 4 at the Middle School.

Citation Report: He reported 230 citation stops last month with a majority of those on Center Street, North and South Main Streets. He noted they have been policing a common area for complaints on Beach Pond Road.

Detectives Report: He reported that the Detective had 15 pending cases going into the month. He was assigned 11 new cases. He closed two cases by arrest and 7 by other means. He has had 63 cases year to date.

Central Dispatch report: n/a.

Detective's report: n/a.

Chief's Items

Chief Chase stated the following:

- A greater presence of tour buses due to the great fall weather has increased the pedestrian traffic downtown which prompted him to continue the Seasonal Officers a few additional hours until the about October 31st.
- The Officers will be fulfilling State requirements for in-service training and annual certifications and will attend the following classes: Firearms qualification, low-light/night firing, felony driving while intoxicated investigations, involuntary emergency admissions, domestic violence investigations and rules of evidence training.
- Captain Rondeau spoke to the freshman class of Brewster Academy on the laws of NH as the school has an international student body and it helps acquaint those students with the rules of decorum and behavior in NH.
- Captain Rondeau also represented the Department at the Wolfeboro Children's Center "Touch a Truck" event at the Nick and reported considerable interest in the Department's Ford Pursuit vehicle that was on display.
- Members of the Department participated in a 5K "Run for the Fallen" held in Manchester.

- The National DEA prescription take back collection last month resulted in collecting 13 gallons of outdated or unused prescription medication at the Public Safety Building. The Department supports this program that prevents contaminating water supplies or allowing prescriptions to get into the wrong hands. He provided some interesting facts about pharmaceuticals that are taken without a Doctor's supervision and how dangerous that can be. Non-medicinal use of prescription drugs ranks second only to marijuana as the most common form of drug abuse in America.
- He reported that he updated the Budget Committee on the K9 Program and the proposal for 2015 and the Budget Committee is scheduled to review the Police Department budgets at their November 24th meeting.
- He attended the Town Department Head meeting.
- He spent half a day in Carroll County Circuit Court.
- The Department is tracking the Ebola and Entrovirus. There are model operating procedures and protocols from the IACP available if needed.
- The Captain has submitted the 2015 Highway Safety Grant requests for the following; speed enforcement, driving while intoxicated patrols, pedestrian safety, operation safe commute and click it or ticket.
- His final announcement was for the annual Halloween Safety Tips in which he referred to the Wolfeboro Police Department's Annual Press Release. Halloween Trick or Trick is scheduled for October 31st from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM.

Board of Selectmen's Representative

Ms. Silk stated she had nothing to report beyond approving the NEPBA contract at last evening's meeting.

Press

Elissa Paquette of the Granite State News stated that she recently found out that local businesses use the support of the Police Department to collect on a bad checks and questioned if that is tracked in the monthly reports.

Chief Chase replied it is a common issue they help with and would be listed under theft or larceny.

Public

None.

Being no further business before the Commission, Chairman Balboni entertained a motion to enter into non-public session.

Commissioner Ron Goodgame moved the Wolfeboro Police Commission to move to non-public session under RSA 91-A II a, b & c to discuss personnel at 4:37 PM. Joe Balboni Jr. seconded. Roll call vote, Ron Goodgame-yes, Joe Balboni Jr.-yes, and Steve Wood-yes, being none opposed, the motion passed.

The Commission re-entered public session at 5:35 PM.

Chairman Balboni announced that the Commission sealed the non-public session minutes of the October 16, 2014, by a 2/3rd vote as required by law. He announced that the Police Commission agreed to provide the non-union employees a 3% increase for 2015 and approved a Supervisory Stipend in the amount of \$400 for the Sergeants and \$200 for Corporals.

Being no further business before the Commission, Chairman Balboni entertained a motion to adjourn.

Commissioner Steve Wood moved the Wolfeboro Police Commission to adjourn at 5:38 PM. Commissioner Joe Balboni Jr. seconded. Being none opposed, the motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Amelia Capone-Muccio
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