

**Wolfeboro Police Commission
Meeting Minutes
February 20, 2014**

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

Staff present: Chief Stu Chase, 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 in attendance and noted a quorum was present.

➤ ***Pledge of Allegiance***

Consideration of Minutes

- ***Public minutes of January 16, 2014***

Commissioner Bob Copeland moved the Wolfeboro Police Commission to accept the public minutes of January 16, 2014 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 51 offenses for the month, a 35% increase from the previous month. He noted this is a decrease from this time last year.

Arrest status report: He reported 24 arrests last month, which is a decrease from the previous year at this time.

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 were 16 accidents last month which is an increase from 2013.

Citation analysis report: He provided the monthly report that notes 145 stops made last month. He noted that 90% of the stops are educational with \$769.85 in monetary violations.

Prosecutor's report: He reported 20 defendants answering to 27 offenses, with 1 arraignments, 2 hearings, 14 pleas, 8 pretrial conferences and \$15,760.00 in fines, assessments or restitution to the State.

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

Chief's Items

Chief Chase reported the following items:

- Officers are scheduled to be re-certified in use of the Taser this week. He thanked Officer Spera for coordinating the training and thanked the Superintendent of the House of Corrections in Ossipee (Johnson) for hosting the session and providing the instructor which is Sgt. Baker.
- Officer Llewellyn will be attending a class on Intelligence Sharing at the academy in Concord.
- Officer Cooper will attend a class at the Sig Sauer Academy on active shooter training that is specifically designed for school resource officers.
- He stated he will be attending a class at Primex in Concord on organizational development.
- Supervisor Lyons is working with Lt. Duffy of the State Police on a block of instruction on active shooter protocol for dispatchers.
- Several Officers covered the polls for the primary election to fill the vacancy on the Governor's Council.
- He, Lieutenant Rondeau and Commissioner Copeland attended the deliberative session on February 4th and reminded the public that the polls will be open from 8AM-7PM on Tuesday, March 11th for the Town elections. He stated important decisions are to be made for our Town and stated he encourages the residents to participate.
- He stated he attended the Carroll County Chief's meeting at Troop E.
- Officer Cooper is acknowledged for his crisis-intervention efforts during a recent incident on the campus of the high school with a troubled student.
- Dispatch Supervisor Mia Lyons worked long and hard in recent days with our IT people to resolve a server crash.
- Detective Maloney worked hard on two lengthy and involved investigations; one was the theft of a Bobcat Skid Steer that had been stolen last September from a construction site on South Main Street with an arrest and the stolen property recovered. The second involved the recent conviction of a Wolfeboro man on twenty counts of fraudulent use of a credit card and forgery and he has been committed to the State prison. He commended Detective Maloney for a job well done.
- Officer O'Brien received a letter of appreciation from a Florida man who hadn't been able to reach a family member here in Wolfeboro. Officer O'Brien took the extra effort to locate that person and assure that all was well! A generous donation was made to the relief association by the caller.
- An elected official in a neighboring community stopped by to compliment the Department in general terms for the good work our personnel do.
- Lieutenant Rondeau reviewed the security plans of our local banking institutions and he personally visited each one and completed that duty last Friday.
- He stated he was pleased to report that Lt. Rondeau has taken on a role as a motivational speaker at the request of the high school hockey coach. He has addressed the student athletes on at least three occasions, just prior to scheduled games.

- He read the following public service announcement for our community:

RSA 265: 74-a, deals with obstruction of parking places for persons with walking disabilities and states in part:

No property owner shall:

(a) Allow any unreasonable obstruction of any parking place, or access aisle reserved for a person with a walking disability after 24 hours following the conclusion of an adverse weather event.

II This paragraph shall apply to both public and private property where a parking place or access aisle is specifically designated for a person with a walking disability by means of a sign as required by RSA 265: 73 – a, stating that the space is reserved for a person with a walking disability or displaying the international accessibility symbol.

III Any property owner who violates this section shall be guilty of a violation and fined \$250.00

We recognize that we have had a substantial snowfall this winter and space for accumulated snow is probably dwindling, but it is important to assure these parking spaces and/or access aisles are cleared and available as prescribed. Officer Llewellyn will be visiting those locations that need to come into compliance with the RSA. Thank you for your cooperation!

- He also read a memo from Dispatcher Fullerton regarding two calls she has taken with regards to scams and a caller with a heavy accent claiming to be calling regarding a class action lawsuit or received signals from the victims' computer and requesting personal information. He reminded the public not to give out their information out over the phone.

Commission Items

➤ ***Heroin Use***

Lieutenant Rondeau expressed his concerns with the number of persons being arrested or indicted on drug related charges in the recent issue of the Granite State News and even as a member of law enforcement he found it to be an alarming number and that there is a real problem in Carroll County and noted this is what drives street crime.

➤ ***K2 Spice Ordinance***

Chairman Goodgame stated in the past Lt. Rondeau has drafted an ordinance that subsequently was used by other towns regarding K2 Spice and commended him on being proactive in this area.

Lt. Rondeau replied he did assist both Keane and Seabrook in their drafting and noted that the ordinance has been challenged and it did survive.

Chairman Goodgame questioned if something could be done like this for heroin for instances he would like to see longer convictions.

Chief Chase replied unfortunately this drug is readily available and is cheap, he noted a lot of recent overdoses due to the synthetics it is lined with.

Chairman Goodgame noted they did such a great job on solving the burglaries in the past; he would like to see them focus on stopping the heroin use in Wolfeboro even if it means spending money to do it.

Board of Selectmen's Representative

Ms. Silk stated she has been in touch with Lieutenant Rondeau to schedule the officers who assist in the medicine collections at LRHHPF and reminded the public they hold two events in Wolfeboro and one in Alton. She questioned the status of the K9 Review Committee.

Commissioner Copeland stated they have revised the Committee to include the Commissioners, the Chief and the Lieutenant to discuss the replacement dog.

Ms. Silk questioned if they still wish to have a member of the Board of Selectmen on the Committee.

Chairman Goodgame replied they would still include the Board of Selectmen representative.

It was moved by Bob Copeland and seconded by Ron Goodgame to set a K9 Replacement Committee to consist of the three Commissioners, the Chief, the Lieutenant and a Board of Selectmen Representative. Members voted and being none opposed, the motion passed.

Public

None.

➤ **Next Meeting**

The next meeting the Commission will be March 20, 2014 at 4:00 PM.

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

Commissioner Joe Balboni Jr. moved the Wolfeboro Police Commission to move to non-public session under RSA 91-A II to discuss personnel at 4:55 PM. Bob Copeland seconded. Roll call vote, Ron Goodgame-yes, Bob Copeland-yes, Joe Balboni Jr.-yes, being none opposed, the motion passed.

The Commission re-entered public session at 6:20 PM.

Chairman Goodgame announced that the Commission sealed non-public session minutes of the February 20, 2014, 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 6:21 PM. Commissioner Ron Goodgame seconded. Being none opposed, the motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,
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