

**Wolfeboro Police Commission  
Meeting Minutes  
March 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***

Chairman Goodgame congratulated Commissioner Copeland on being re-elected for another 3 year term. He stated the Commission will need to elect a new Chairman.

**It was moved by Bob Copeland to nominate Joe Balboni Jr. as Chairman of the Police Commission for the next year. Ron Goodgame seconded. Members voted and being all in favor, the motion passed.**

**Consideration of Minutes**

- ***Public minutes of February 20, 2014***

**Commissioner Joe Balboni Jr. moved the Wolfeboro Police Commission to accept the public minutes of February 20, 2014 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 the offenses for the month.

**Arrest status report:** He reported the arrests last month, which is 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 reviewed the accidents last month.

**Prosecutor's report:** He reported 24 defendants answering to 30 offenses, with 5 arraignments, 20 pleas, and 1 probable cause hearing. He reported \$8,440.00 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.

**Detective's Report:** He reported that the Detective was on duty 20 days; he had 5 pending cases and was assigned 4 new cases. He closed two cases with one pending.

### Chief's Items

Chief Chase reported the following items:

- Central Dispatch Supervisor Lyons continues to work with Lt. Duffy of the NHSP on a training program and policy and procedure on active shooter incidents for dispatchers. He thanked Lt. Duffy for his expertise and assistance.
- He attended a class sponsored by Primex Insurance on current management practices in employee evaluations and documentation.
- Lieutenant Rondeau and Officer Llewellyn attended a class on intelligence sharing held at Police Standards & Training.
- Lieutenant Rondeau assisted a student from NH Technical Institute who was working on a public administration class assignment.
- The grants that fund our summer and seasonal educational and enforcement initiatives have been completed and forwarded to NH Highway Safety by Lt. Rondeau. They are as follows: DWI patrols, pedestrian/crosswalk safety, "Click It or Ticket", Operation Safe Commute, Speed Enforcement and Bicycle Helmet procurement and distribution. They are also seeking funding for a mobile radar / speed indicator / information trailer that would be put to great use for upcoming public works projects, selective enforcement programs and public events that generate traffic issues.
- A proposal has been sent to the Attorney General's Office seeking approval of our plan to dispose of confiscated and surrendered firearms. He noted the premise that these firearms have a value and we would like to capture that value rather than simply destroying them. They are asking if RSA 159:25 applies to city/town police departments. If that is answered in the affirmative, the evidence officer will:
  - Compile a list of all firearms held, how they came into "our" possession and why they can't be returned to the individual from whom they were seized.
  - The prosecutor will file a motion with the 3<sup>rd</sup> circuit court requesting authority to dispose of the listed firearms in accordance with this new procedure.
  - A notice will be sent to a number of local, licensed gun dealers that we intend to auction the firearms. The auction would be conducted by scheduling a day during which the firearms would be available for inspection and after inspecting same, the dealers could submit sealed written bids for various pieces of the entire lot.
  - A second option would be to convey the entire lot of firearms to a single dealer that is experienced in transactions with police departments in exchange for a cash payment.
  - Firearms for which no bid is received would be held pending future auctions.
  - Proceeds from the auction would be paid to the general fund of the Town.
  - A 17 year old Kenyan exchange student attending Kingswood Regional High School did a ride-along with Officer Llewellyn recently. He stated was a very outgoing young man and it was refreshing to see his excitement and genuine interest. We wish Kikuru Kanyi asante sana all the best!
  - Sgt. Archambault assisted the Alton PD by serving on the promotional board for the position of patrol sergeant in that Town. Chief Ryan Heath sent a letter of thanks which he read.

- He also noted a thank you card was received from a Wolfeboro family, complimenting Sgt. Chris Keaton and Tim Morgan, police prosecutor, for the empathy displayed in dealing with their son.

Discussion:

Commissioner Copeland noted some concerns with the process for the firearms sale and that he would like to see the lot displayed for the public as well as they may wish to purchase an item through a licensed dealer.

Chairman Goodgame questioned about how many firearms they have.

Lt. Rondeau replied about 30-40.

Chairman Goodgame noted he feels Commissioner Copeland's comments are a good idea and that dealer's may have clients who wish to purchase the firearms and to ask the Attorney General if they could have a public viewing.

### **Commission Items**

#### ➤ ***K9 Committee Update***

Lt. Rondeau stated the Committee will meeting 4/2/14 at 1:00 PM at the Public Safety Building. He stated some of the items they will discuss is the \$7,000 that has been raised by donations, but to outfit a new dog and program they will need \$50,000- \$70,000.

Chairman Goodgame questioned if they will discuss the handler.

Lt. Rondeau replied that would be the Chief's decision.

Chairman Goodgame noted they would discuss that with the Chief.

#### ➤ ***Coffee with a Cop***

Commissioner Copeland noted he read an article in the 3/17/14 Union Leader called Coffee with a Cop. A program in which the public can have a coffee with a Police Officer and talk with them. He thought this was a great idea; maybe it is something they could explore.

### **Board of Selectmen's Representative**

Ms. Silk stated she signed the grant paperwork at last evening's Board of Selectmen meeting and is looking forward to serving on the K9 Committee.

### **Public**

Elissa Paquette of the Granite State News questioned the K9 Committee meeting and if such is a public or non-public meeting.

Chairman Goodgame replied it will be a non-public meeting as they will be discussing the internal practices of the police department and personnel.

➤ **Next Meeting**

The next meeting the Commission will be April 17, 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 4:45 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 5:15 PM.

Chairman Goodgame announced that the Commission sealed non-public session minutes of the March 20, 2014, by a 2/3<sup>rd</sup> 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 5:16 PM. Commissioner Ron Goodgame seconded. Being none opposed, the motion passed.**

Respectfully submitted,  
**Amelia Capone-Muccio**  
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