

**Wolfeboro Police Commission
Meeting Minutes
June 19, 2014**

Members present: Chairman Joe Balboni Jr., and Ron Goodgame.

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

Chairman Balboni 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 Balboni entertained the Pledge of Allegiance.

➤ ***Announcement***

Chairman Balboni announced Steve Wood has been appointed as a Police Commissioner and he will be sworn in on June 26, 2014 at 9:30 AM at the Town Hall.

Consideration of Minutes

- ***Public minutes of March 15, 2014 and June 10, 2014 and release of May 15, 2014 non-public minutes***

Commissioner Ron Goodgame moved the Wolfeboro Police Commission to accept the public minutes of March 15, 2014 and June 10, 2014 as submitted and to accept and release the May 15, 2014 non-public minutes. 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 33 offenses for the month, an 18% increase from last month.

Arrest status report: He reported 102 arrests year to date. He noted an arrest increase of 23% in May.

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

Accidents by street name: He reported 7 accidents for May which is an 18% decrease from the previous month.

Prosecutor's report: He reported 11 defendants answering to 13 offenses, with 2 arraignments, 6 pleas, 1 pretrial conference and 4 hearings. \$5,782 was received in fines or other assessments. The Juvenile court had 6 defendants answering 7 offenses and all were pleas.

School Resource Officer (SRO): He reported a high volume of activity at the High School and Middle School with 16 investigations at the High School and 14 investigations at the Middle School.

Citation Report: He reported 872 stops for violations year to date, with 228 of those in May. The majority of those were non-punitive as the goal is to educate. He provided a break down of those stops.

Detective's Report: He reported 6 new assigned cases and he has 20 cases pending in June.

Chief's Items

Chief Chase reported the following items:

- Garrett Anthony is training for a part-time position with Central Dispatch. He is a recent graduate of Thomas College in Maine with a Bachelor of Science degree in criminal justice. He also has completed an internship with the Augusta, Maine police department and has worked for us in the past as a parking control position.
- Seasonal officers, Paul Bois and Mary Devine, will begin working the first week in July.
- The Department is in the process of re-numbering the radio call signs of the patrol officers to reflect seniority or date of appointment. They are as follows: Chief/301, Lieutenant/302, Sgt. Archambault/303, Sgt. Keaton/304, Sgt. Moore/305, Patrol officers: Cooper/309, O'Brien/310, Livie/311, Maloney/312, Strauch/313, Llewellyn/314, Spera/315, Emerson/316.
- The Department is hosting a student from NHTI who is completing an internship as a course requirement toward her associate degree.
- He reported one of the two vehicles that had been held in impound has been retrieved by the owner and the second vehicle is due for formal court action soon. They feel the owner will not appear as there are outstanding arrest warrants on him.
- Detective Maloney recovered a stolen backhoe and it has been released to Liberty Mutual, the insurance company that now owns the equipment.
- Sgt. Keaton has been working in the storage container on those files and reports that may be disposed of according to the Records Retention laws and will be able to shred many documents that have reached the authorized date for destruction.
- The Department was recently informed that the cost of our off-site storage bins on Center Street would be increasing significantly effective in June. To address this unexpected increase at mid-point in the budget, the Department was able to consolidate the contents of our two storage units into one.
- After several months of research, Tim Morgan our resident-counsel and prosecutor and Sgt. Randy Archambault, Evidence & Property Officer, have created a draft policy for the disposition of firearms held in custody of the Department. This policy was developed with input from the Attorney General's office and Robyn Gordon, our County Attorney. It appears, Wolfeboro is the only municipality in the State that has developed a comprehensive process to deal with the problem of surrendered, confiscated and/or recovered/unclaimed weapons.

The Department will be dealing with four classifications of owners surrendering firearms:

- 1). Unidentified owners;
- 2). Owners prohibited by law from owning firearms;
- 3). Owners surrendering pursuant to a protective order;
- 4). Owners voluntarily surrendering firearms.

The procedure for each classification is detailed in the policy, a copy of which is provided for your review, comments and approval.

- As noted at the last meeting, he and the Lieutenant are waiting for Commission approval for the cell-phone reimbursement in the amount of \$30.00 per month (each) from January through June, 2014.
- The Department personnel assisted with or participated in "Walk & Bike to School Day", the sponsorship of two interns, ride-along for the school to work program and career day at the Kingswood Youth Center.
- He had his annual meeting with the director of the Wolfeboro Camp School on matters of mutual interest and/or concern.
- He attended the Town, Department Head meeting.
- The Department received the following letters of thanks: from Special Olympics for Mia Lyons' work on the Torch Run, the senior class of Kingswood Regional High School, for the Department's presence at the prom and to Lt. Rondeau for addressing the kids at the Youth Center.
- He noted he had a few items to discuss in non-public under personnel.

Commissioner's Items

It was moved by Ron Goodgame and seconded by Joe Balboni Jr. for the Wolfeboro Police Commission to approve in keeping with the policy of other Town Department heads and other designees, a cell phone reimbursement stipend for the Police Chief and Lieutenant in the amount of \$30 per month, per telephone retroactive January 1, 2014. Members voted and being all in favor, the motion passed.

Board of Selectmen's Representative

Ms. Silk stated the following:

- She noted the Board of Selectmen voted to accept the generous donation of a vehicle for the Police Department at their meeting last evening.
- She stated the Lakes Region Repeaters Association will be holding their annual Ham Radion Emergency practice event at Dan Morgan's farm on Pleasant Valley Road June 28 to June 29, 2014. She noted they get more points if public officials attend the event.

Public

Jim Roulade, 4 Olsen Way, questioned Chairman Balboni's comment that the Bob Copeland comments were blown way out of proportion and if he would elaborate on that.

Chairman Balboni replied he did say that and has no further comments.

Mr. Roulade questioned that he overheard Commissioner Goodgame say they all were going to resign and if such was a joke.

Commissioner Goodgame denied making such comment.

Mr. Roulade stated it is “scuttlebutt” around town that the Commission supported Mr. Copeland’s comments.

Commissioner Goodgame replied such is untrue and he made a statement at that meeting stating neither he nor Commissioner Balboni approved of such comments.

Mr. Roulade questioned if he agreed with Commissioner Balboni that it was blown out of proportion.

Commissioner Goodgame replied that he feels that if it has not been publicized in the manner it was it wouldn’t have taken on a life of its own and the Police Commission was made out to be a group of “old men” which he takes great offense to. It was a terrible mistake on Mr. Copeland’s part and he is glad the matter is over.

Being no further business before the Commission, Chairman Balboni entertained a motion to enter non-public session at 4:34 PM.

Commissioner Ron Goodgame moved the Wolfeboro Police Commission to move to non-public session under RSA 91-A II to discuss personnel and non-public minutes at 4:34 PM. Joe Balboni Jr. seconded. Roll call vote, Ron Goodgame-yes, Joe Balboni Jr.-yes, being none opposed, the motion passed.

The Commission re-entered public session at 5:32 PM.

Chairman Balboni announced that the Commission sealed non-public session minutes of the June 19, 2014, by a 2/3rd vote as required by law.

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

Commissioner Ron Goodgame moved the Wolfeboro Police Commission to adjourn at 5:35 PM. Commissioner Joe Balboni Jr. seconded. Being none opposed, the motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,
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