

**Wolfeboro Police Commission
Meeting Minutes
February 18, 2016**

Members present: Chairman Ron Goodgame, Joe Balboni Jr (via telephone) and Steve Wood.

Staff present: Captain Rondeau and Recording Secretary Amelia Capone- Muccio.

Chairman Goodgame called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM and introduced the Commissioners, staff in attendance and noted a quorum was present.

➤ ***Pledge of Allegiance***

Chairman Goodgame entertained the Pledge of Allegiance.

Consideration of Minutes

- ***Public minutes of January 21, 2016***

Commissioner Steve Wood moved the Wolfeboro Police Commission to accept the public minutes of January 21, 2016 as submitted. Commissioner Job Balboni Jr. seconded. Members voted and being none opposed, the motion passed.

Activity Reports

Captain Rondeau reported on the following activity reports for last month:

Offenses (State Law) by month: He reported 67 offenses for the month which is a decrease from the previous month.

Arrest status report: He reported 30 arrests for last month, which is a decrease from the previous month.

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

Accidents by street name: He reported 12 accidents for last month which is an increase from the previous month.

Prosecutor's report: N/A.

School Resource Officer (SRO): N/A

Motor Vehicle Traffic Report: He reported 83 stops last month, which is a decrease from the previous month, but included a high percentage rate for summons.

Detectives Report: The Detective carried 3 cases over from the previous month and opened 5 new cases.

Geographical Analysis: He provided this report that shows the activity in specific areas.

Central Dispatch report: N/A.

Discussion:

Chairman Goodgame questioned why so many motor accidents on Center Street.

Captain Rondeau replied that it is a heavily traveled area. He noted that many time the accidents are related to driver distraction, such as talking to other passengers, using the radio or even phones and are relatively minor accidents. He noted that the numbers have decreased in the last ten years as they used to have many more accidents.

Commissioner Wood noted that he has noticed little change in driver's behavior with the new cell phone law implemented the first of the year.

Captain Rondeau replied that overall the numbers are good for such a busy area and patrol helps with that as it alerts drivers to be alert and mindful of their driving.

Commissioner's Items

➤ ***School District***

Commissioner Wood stated he would like to open a discussion on bus safety as it has been brought to his attention there are some issues regarding vehicles proceeding past stopped buses when students are disembarking. He noted fortunately bus drivers are trained not let students disembark the bus until it is safe, but with 45 buses in the district with 1,500 students such is a concern. He noted the district is looking into upgrading the camera systems with cameras that can be installed on the exterior of the bus. He noted these cameras are being used in other states and in NH a person can received a summons for a violation via the mail by being recording on camera. He would like to discuss the matter further and was directed to the NH State Police, who has an officer who deal with only transportation issues and would like to invite them to a meeting to discuss it further. He questioned that ability to use the SRO to help release the busses from the school due to the safety of the crosswalk in that area.

Captain Rondeau replied that the School District has an employee who does that duty.

➤ ***Public Safety Building Open House***

Captain Rondeau stated that a tentative date has been selected as July 2, 2016 and the event will be held at the Public Safety Building with Police and Fire Department personnel on hand. Public Safety vehicles will be on display along with K9 demonstrations. He noted that the Fire Department will have a new Fire Chief by then and the Town will have a new Town Manager by then as well with hopes to have both on hand for the event. He stated that they plan to serve some light refreshments.

Commissioner Balboni questioned using Hot Dog Bob and would reach out to him for the event.

Board of Selectmen's Representative

Luke Freudenberg questioned if the new cruisers would be in by the date of the Open House.

Captain Rondeau replied he believes they will at least have one.

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

Commissioner Steve Wood moved the Wolfeboro Police Commission enter non-public session RSA 91 A: 3 a & c to discuss personnel at 4:49 PM. Joe Balboni Jr. seconded. Roll call vote: Ron Goodgame- yes, Joe Balboni Jr.-yes and Steve Wood-yes, the motion passed.

The Commission re-entered public session at 5:33 PM.

It was moved by Steve Wood and seconded by Joe Balboni Jr. to seal the minutes of February 18, 2016. Members voted and being all in favor, the motion passed.

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

Commissioner Steve Wood moved the Wolfeboro Police Commission to adjourn at 5:34 PM. Commissioner Joe Balboni Jr. seconded. Being none opposed, the motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Amelia Capone-Muccio