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STONINGTON BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
MAY 13, 2010
5:00 PM AT THE STONINGTON POLICE HEADQUARTERS

MEETING MINUTES

Present: Chairwoman Susette Tibus & Vice-Chair Dr. Stephen Coan
Commissioners Scott Bates, John Holstein and Frank Pucci
Chief Darren Stewart and Captain Jerry Desmond

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1) Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance
Chairwoman Tibus called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM.

2) Remarks of Visitors

Sloan Danenhower
Interested in bringing "duck" boats to Mystic. Presented information packets to Commission, Chief and Captain. Commission will review; item will be added to next month's agenda.

Gleanna Doyle, Mystic, CT
Spoke to Commission regarding her concern for pets left in parked cars, requested installation of signs on Town property warning of danger this poses to pets. Presented Commission with information, flyer she created, and the sign she would like installed. Ms. Doyle will approach private property owners in areas of concern.

Chief Stewart stated he spoke to Ms. Doyle previously and believes parking lots tend to have more of these issues as opposed to streets, and will pursue the matter.

Fred Brook, Angel Ride
In attendance to request approval for, and answer any questions regarding, the Angel Ride, a two day, 135 mile bike ride across Connecticut benefitting children with cancer. Mr. Brook also submitted a safety plan to the Commission and Chief Stewart, noting that the ride may need to take an alternate route depending on completion of bridge repairs at the entrance to River Road in Mystic, CT (Groton side).

Chief Stewart and Captain Desmond stated the safety plan submitted is very thorough, and recommend approving the Ride.

A motion was made by Commissioner Pucci to approve the Angel Ride, provided all necessary paperwork and insurance is in place. Motion seconded by Vice-Chair Coan and approved.

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3) Executive Session

At 5:15pm a motion was made by Commissioner Bates and seconded by Commissioner Holstein to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel matters. The Commission came out of executive session at 5:20pm.

- A motion was made by Vice-Chair Coan to forward to the Board of Selectman a recommendation to allow Lieutenant Curioso to remain employed for an additional year after his 65th birthday. Motion seconded by Commissioner Bates and approved.

At 5:23pm a motion was made to enter into executive session for the purpose of reviewing labor/negotiation matters. The Commission came out of executive session at 6:10pm. No motions made.

4) Traffic

a. E-Mail Re: Liberty Crossing Certificate Extension
b. Letter Re: Liberty Crossing Extension
c. E-Mail Re: Angel Ride Modification
d. Letter Re: Temporary Traffic Detour – Route 184, Old Mystic
e. Letter Re: Culvert Replacement on Route 1, Stonington
f. Letters & E-Mails Re: Exit Ramp Signage – I95 Exits 91 and 92
g. E-Mail Re: Pawcatuck Streetscape Sign Removal
h. Lord's Point – Langworthy Avenue Request to Move "No Parking" Signs
   - A motion was made by Commissioner Holstein to approve moving the "No Parking" sign located at 73 Langworthy Avenue in order to accommodate the resident's desire to widen the driveway, as well as move the "No Parking" sign at the corner facing the water around so that it faces north. Motion seconded by Vice-Chair Coan and approved.
i. Broadway & Willow Street Sign "Crossing Traffic Does Not Stop"
   - A motion was made by Commissioner Bates to approve installing "Oncoming Traffic Does Not Stop" signs on top of the "Wrong Way" signs facing south at the intersection of Broadway Avenue and Willow Street in Mystic. Motion seconded by Vice-Chair Coan and approved.
j. Added Arrows – Hewitt Road Curve
   - A motion was made by Commissioner Bates to approve the installation of new Chevrons at the Hewitt Road curve in order to improve safety. Motion seconded by Commissioner Pucci and approved.

5) Approval of Minutes for the April 8, 2010 Regular Meeting

A motion was made by Commissioner Pucci to approve the minutes from the April 8, 2010 Regular Meeting. Motion seconded by Commissioner Bates and approved.

6) New Business

Commissioner Bates was in attendance at a meeting with the Commissioner of Homeland Security, and is expecting word regarding FEMA approval for Stonington residents in the near future.

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7) Old Business
None

8) Report of the Chief of Police

a. Monthly Report.
b. Alarm Report
c. 2009-2010 Year to Date Budget Report
d. Request for Police Coverage at Concert Series in Borough
e. Policy Update – Chapter 35
   - A motion was made by Vice-Chair Coan to approve the revision to the Chapter 35 Conflict of Interest Policy as proposed. Motion seconded by Commissioner Bates and approved.
f. New Policy – Patrol Rifle
   - A motion was made by Vice-Chair Coan to approve the new Patrol Rifle Policy as proposed. Motion seconded by Commissioner Bates and approved.
g. Presented officers new jackets
   - A motion was made by Commissioner Pucci to approve the purchase of the Police Officer's new jackets presented at the meeting. Motion seconded by Vice-Chair Coan and approved.
h. Robbery at Chelsea Groton Bank in Pawcatuck. Suspect was identified in 60 seconds after an e-mail blast sent out by Captain Desmond.
i. Lord's Point residents looking for information regarding the Neighborhood Watch program and requesting installation of "Neighborhood Watch" signs.
   - A motion was made by Commissioner Bates to approve installation of "Neighborhood Watch" sign at the entrance to Lord's Point. Motion seconded by Vice-Chair Coan and approved.
j. ACO facility update.
k. New Crossing Guard hired.
l. CSO interviews May 18th.
m. Hiring update.
n. Police Commission Association meeting location moved.
o. Mystic Streetscape update.
p. DARE graduations took place.
q. Board of Education and Fran Carrino conducted presentation regarding drug & alcohol policy & release of police reports to schools.
r. Captain applied and received approval for the VESTS program; Department will receive a 50% reimbursement.
s. Pawcatuck Streetscape update.
t. Received policy regarding bringing K-9 into schools

A motion was made by Commissioner Bates to approve the Report of the Chief. Motion seconded by Vice-Chair Coan and approved.

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9) Correspondence
None

10) Consent Agenda

a. Letter Re: Clairemont Cluster Subdivision
b. Letter Re: CSP Assistance "Flood of 2010"
c. Memo Re: Officer Main – Thank You
d. Memo Re: Sgt. Knowles – 25 Year Anniversary
e. Memo Re: Water Rescue
f. Report on Arrest Warrants
g. Memo Re: SCCJA Salary Survey
h. E-Mail Re: 2 Hour Parking – Cottrell Street
i. E-Mail Re: Art Festival & Taste of Mystic
j. E-Mail Re: Stonington Historical Society Summer Concerts
k. Letter Re: Pawcatuck Lion's Club Road Race
l. Letter Re: Mystic Outdoor Art Festival
m. Highway Use Permit: Mystic Outdoor Art Festival
n. Letter Re: Pequot Cyclists Time Trials
o. Certificate of Recognition – Captain Desmond
p. Letter Re: Disaster Declaration
q. Letter Re: Mystic Seaport Antique & Classic Boat Rendezvous
r. Memo Re: Officers Brummund & Fauquet – Good Job
s. IMC Project Schedule
t. Memo Re: Officers McDermott, Wholean, Manley & Sgt. Diamanti – Good Job
u. Article Re: Kirby Sentencing
v. E-Mail & Highway Use Permit: Angel Ride
w. Memo Re: Water Rescue – Good Job

A motion was made by Commissioner Bates to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion seconded by Vice-Chair Coan and approved.

11) Adjourn
A motion was made by Vice-Chair Coan to adjourn. Motion seconded by Commissioner Bates and approved. Meeting adjourned at 6:50pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

John Holstein
Secretary