

**STONINGTON BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
SPECIAL MEETING
Tuesday, September 3, 2019
5:00 P.M AT THE STONINGTON POLICE HEADQUARTERS**

MEETING MINUTES

Present: Chairman Raymond Trebisacci & Vice Chairman Henri Gourd
Commissioners Robert O'Shaughnessy, Bob Tabor & Bob Elmer
Chief Darren Stewart & Captain Todd Olson

1. Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Trebisacci called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

2. Remarks of Public

None.

3. Action Items

a. 13th Annual Run/Walk for the Penguins *VOTE NEEDED*

Hannah Stewart, Director of Development, Mystic Aquarium

Ms. Stewart informed the Police Commission that she is looking for the Police Commission's support for the 13th Annual Run / Walk for the Penguins event. Nothing has changed. The route is the same. It is a two-mile walk from the Aquarium through the Olde Mistick Village. Captain Olson commented that they do a great job.

Commissioner Tabor made a motion to approve the 13th Annual Run/Walk for the Penguins, to be held Saturday, October 19th, as presented, subject to the requirements the administration may deem necessary and upon proof of proper insurance (Chief Stewart commented that the Hold Harmless form is still needed). Motion seconded by Commissioner Elmer. No discussion, all in favor, motion approved.

b. Tour de Force Bike Run *VOTE NEEDED*

Chief Stewart informed the Police Commission that this event raises money for fallen officers. The route was provided to the Police Commissioners. The route goes through the Town of Stonington from Route 2 at I95 then into Westerly. They expect about 500 riders and the Stonington Police Department will provide the necessary assistance.

Commissioner O'Shaughnessy made a motion to approve the Tour de Force Bike Run as presented, subject to the requirements the administration may deem necessary and upon proof of proper insurance. Motion seconded by Commissioner Tabor. No discussion, all in favor, motion approved.

4. Traffic

a. E-Mail Re: Ungraded Traffic Signal – Route 2, Pawcatuck *FYI*

According to Chief Stewart, the traffic light at the Hartford Health building on Route 2 has been upgraded. The Town will see a 20-25% increase in power for that signal.

Commissioner Tabor asked how the radios have worked in the Hartford Health building to which Chief Stewart responded that it has yet to be seen.

b. E-Mail Re: Old Mystic Mill *FYI*

This is an FYI for the Police Commission. According to Chief Stewart, the State of Connecticut has agreed to a flashing pedestrian light at the crosswalk. The Town will be responsible for maintaining it. Chief Stewart will be figuring out costs.

c. Cottrell Street – Discussion/Update

Chief Stewart informed the Police Commission that there are two or three traffic engineer bids in to the Town for this project. The costs are anywhere from \$4,000 to \$8,000. He also noted that this is the time to make changes before the tourists return.

5. Approval of Minutes from Thursday, August 8, 2019 Regular Meeting *VOTE NEEDED*

Commissioner O'Shaughnessy made a motion to approve the minutes for the Thursday, August 8, 2019 regular meeting as written. Motion seconded by Commissioner Tabor. No discussion, all in favor, motion approved.

6. Report of the Chief of Police

a. Budget Report

Nothing major to report according to Chief Stewart.

b. Special Event Schedule

c. Monthly Statistics

Chief Stewart noted that all the August statistics are not available yet. He noted that there were 217 medical calls. He also commented that there was a spike in scams and ID thefts.

d. Vehicle Upfitting Bid Waiver

Lieutenant Schneider gave the Police Commission the updated numbers on the trade-ins, the cost of the new vehicles and the upfitting costs. He noted that these numbers were based on new parts. It may cost less if old parts can be reused. Lieutenant Schneider is unsure at this time if they can reuse the old parts since the dimensions have changed in the new vehicles.

Lieutenant Schneider described the vehicle wraps and explained that they hold up very well. He also noted that Strobes N More takes 40% off the list price and that MHQ is on State of Connecticut contract pricing.

Commissioner O'Shaughnessy made a motion to approve the use of Strobes N More. Motion seconded by Commissioner Elmer. No discussion, all in favor, motion approved.

Chief Stewart recognized Lieutenant Schneider, Chris Gomes and Mike Gomes do a great job maintaining the fleet.

e. Radio Update

1. Motorola Licenses Purchase

Eight licenses have been purchased for radio access on the Department cell phones. This was included in the Police Commissioners packet.

2. BDA Application

The BDA is plugged in and working at Dean's Mill School. It has been approved by the State, however, according to Chief Stewart, there are still a few issues. For example, the BDA needs to hook into the generator and the code red system needs to be activated. Chief Stewart made it extremely clear that his list of issues need to be addressed by the end of September. He noted that there was a little issue with West Vine Street School, however, that was worked out with the State. Chief Stewart reassured the Police Commission that there currently is police radio coverage at both schools. There was some discussion on how the code red system functions.

Chief Stewart noted that school checks have started up again.

According to Chief Stewart they are working with the State on some coverage issues with the portables in the northeast area of town. The State may put in a small cell in the Mashantucket building on Route 2. Chief Stewart mentioned that he is working on BDA's in other sites in Town.

Commissioner Elmer made a motion to accept the Report of the Chief of Police. Motion seconded by Commissioner Tabor. No discussion. All in favor, motion approved.

7. Consent Agenda

- a. Letter Re: Thank You – East Lyme Police Department
- b. Letter Re: Thank You – Groton Long Point Police Department
- c. Letter Re: Thank You – City of Groton Police Department
- d. Letter Re: Request for Crosswalk – Williams Street @ Route 27, Mystic
- e. Memo Re: Officer Sundman – End of Probation
- f. Letter & Highway Use Permit – Columbus Day Parade
- g. Memo Re: Planning & Zoning Motion
- h. E-Mail Re: Thank You – Art Festival
- i. E-Mail Re: Chaplain Program
- j. Article on Radio System

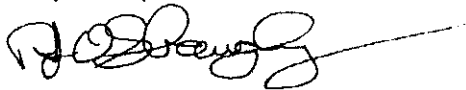
Commissioner O'Shaughnessy made a motion to accept the Consent Agenda. Motion seconded by Commissioner Elmer. No discussion. All in favor, motion approved.

Chief Stewart encouraged the Police Commissioners to attend the Fourth Annual First Responders Celebration, to be held on Sunday, September 29th.

8. Adjourn

At 5:32 p.m., Commissioner Elmer made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner O'Shaughnessy, all in favor, motion approved. All in favor. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,



Robert O'Shaughnessy
Secretary