

**STONINGTON BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS  
SPECIAL MEETING  
Thursday, September 7, 2023 at 5:00PM**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**Present:** Chairman Robert O'Shaughnessy, Vice Chairman Bill Turner,  
Commissioner Patricia Coan, & Commissioner Richard Balestracci  
Chief Jay DelGrosso, Deputy Chief Todd Olson, Captain Bryan Schneider

**Absent:** Secretary Lisa Tepper Bates

**1. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance**

Chairman O'Shaughnessy Called the meeting to order at 5:00PM

**2. Remarks of the Public**

In his opening remarks Chairman O'Shaughnessy recognized Officer Jeffrey Hewes and Officer Troy Powell for the aid they provided, along with members of the Watch Hill Fire Department, to a man having a heart attack on a sail boat off of East Beach in Westerly RI. He thanked the officers for a job well done.

**3. Correspondence**

**4. Planning & Zoning Applications**

**a. Sea Research Foundation, Inc. \*COMMENTS NEEDED\***

Application for the installation of 4 Special Wall Signs at the front entrance of Mystic Aquarium.

Vice Chairman Turner made a motion to forward to Planning & Zoning that the Police Commission sees no issue with parking, traffic, or safety with the application based on the presentation. Motion seconded by Commissioner Patricia Coan. No discussion. All in favor, motion approved.

**b. Pawcatuck Riverview, LLC \*COMMENTS NEEDED\***

Attorney Mark Kepple  
804 Stonington Rd  
Stonington, CT 06378

Attorney Mark Kepple was in attendance representing Clark Mill. Attorney Kepple presented the Zoning Text & Map Amendment application to change the current zone of Marine Commercial to Industrial Heritage Reuse District. (IHRD). This is the first step in renovating the historic mill with 58 residential units, and one detached unit. Attorney Kepple discussed the future plans for the mill once this first step is completed. Commissioner Patricia Coan suggested that a traffic study be conducted for 116 residential units, and



what it will do to morning traffic in the area. Chief DelGrosso discussed the impact to the Police Department as 58 units is very different from 116 units, how many more cars will it add to that area. No action taken pending the results of the traffic study.

**5. October 14<sup>th</sup> Event - Bruce Flax \*VOTE NEEDED\***

Bruce Flax, President of the Mystic Chamber of Commerce presented the Commissioners with the final plan for the October 14 event being held in Downtown Mystic. Licenses from Coast Guard & State have been established. Chairman O'Shaughnessy asked when the barge would be coming out of the water. Mr. Flax indicated on October 15, weather permitting. Captain Schneider indicated there should be minimal traffic on the water, and the police boat will be left in the water. Generator for the event will be on Haley St. Commissioner Coan asked how loud generator is, Mr. Flax responded it is minimal.

Vice Chairman Turner made a motion to approve the October 14, 2023 event for the Celebrate Mystic Celebration (Aquarium's 50<sup>th</sup>) as submitted, subject to the requirements the administration may deem necessary. Motion seconded by Commissioner Patricia Coan. No discussion. All in favor, motion approved.

**6. Garlic Festival \*VOTE NEEDED\***

Jim Holly from the Old Mistick Village Merchants Association presented the Commissioners with the final plan for the Garlic festival being held on Saturday, September 16, 2023 and Sunday, September 17, 2023. Mr. Holly mentioned that all safety policies are in place, and the double parking has been rectified. Chairman O'Shaughnessy was concerned regarding cars being parked along the ramp exiting the village. Vice Chairman Turner suggested putting yellow tape along the split layer fence.

Vice Chairman Turner made a motion to approve the Garlic Festival as submitted. Motion seconded by Commissioner Patricia Coan. No discussion. All in favor, motion approved.

**7. Traffic**

**a. Intersection of Pequotsepos & Jerry Browne Road, Mystic  
Consideration of Moving Stop for Stop Sign Going West \*VOTE  
NEEDED\***

The Board of Police Commissioners is looking at moving the stop line up at the intersection of Pequotsepos & Jerry Browne Road in Mystic. Chief DelGrosso is working with DOT to look at the swing line to ensure school buses that regularly go to the Nature Center can safely make the turn. Vice Chairman Turner commented that Jerry Browne Road is highly used by Stoneridge residents. No action taken



**b. Letter Re: Mason's Island Road Traffic Light at Route 1**

Chief DelGrosso Sent a Letter to DOT regarding the Traffic Light issue at the intersection of Mason's Island Road and Route 1

**8. Approval of Minutes from Thursday, August 10, 2023 Regular Meeting**

**\*VOTE NEEDED\***

Vice Chairman Turner made a motion to approve the minutes for the August, 10, 2023 Regular meeting as submitted. Motion Seconded by Commissioner Coan. No discussion, all in favor motion approved.

**9. Report of the Chief of Police**

**a. Budget Report**

Chief DelGrosso indicated that the only line over on the Budget is uniforms due to officers being at the academy

**b. Monthly Report**

A speeding sign put on E. Main St at CVS in Mystic found no speeding. Complaint on Mechanic Street regarding speeding. Sign put there to monitor. Chief has put patrol to monitor the Cove Rd Project. Commissioner Coan asked if any signs have been put on Greenhaven Rd?

Chief DelGrosso also added that the crosswalk signs were very successful, and positive feedback was given. The signs were taken out after Labor Day till next summer.

**c. Special Events Schedule**

Lt. Peckham is putting a plan together for the Taste of Mystic

**d. Purchase of FY23/24 Vehicles Pending Bid Waiver Approval from Board of Finance**

Lt. Marley has taken this project over from Captain Bryan Schneider. He has been able to get all the vehicles needed. Lt. Marley is going for a cost savings for the fleet.

**10. Consent Agenda**

**a. Letters Re: Officer Cullen & McDermott & Sargeant Diamanti-Thank You**

**b. Letters Re: Sgt. Morrison-Thank You**

**c. Letters Re: Detective Stamatien-Good Job**

**d. Letter Re: Officer Murray-Good Job**


**e. Letter Re: ACO Reese-Good Job**

**f. Letter Re: Thank You-Westerly Police Department**

**11. Adjourn**

At 5:58PM Vice Chairman Turner Made a motion to adjourn seconded by Commissioner Coan, all in favor, motion approved. All in Favor. Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Lisa Tepper Bates".

Lisa Tepper Bates  
Secretary