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STONINGTON BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
DECEMBER 11, 2014
5:00 PM AT THE STONINGTON POLICE HEADQUARTERS

MEETING MINUTES

Present: Chair Mel Olsson and Vice-Chair Patrick Moukawsher
Commissioners Harry Holt, Peter Rotella and Raymond Trebisacci
Chief Darren Stewart and Captain Todd Olson

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

2) Remarks of Visitors

Hartford Marathon Group – Request for ½ Marathon
Barry Saluk, Mystic, CT
In attendance to support race with Hartford Marathon Foundation scheduled for June 28th at 7am behind Olde Mistick Village.

Stephen Bessette, Mystic, CT
In attendance to request that the Commission support proposed race with Hartford Marathon Foundation & the Mystic Rotary.

Chair Olsson requested the Commission address agenda item 4a at this time.

4. Traffic
   a. Hartford Marathon Group – Request for ½ Marathon

Josh Miller, Technical Director, Hartford Marathon Foundation
Provided map of proposed course route, route impact chart & liability insurance examples; excited about partnership with Mystic Rotary & hopes the Commission will decide to support.

Chief Stated he met with Rotary and Hartford Marathon Foundation & is extremely impressed with organization & professionalism.

Chair Olsson asked how long Route 27 will be shut down.

Mr. Miller stated that the first runner will be off Route 27 by 7:05am & last runner by 7:15am; just over 20 minutes before Route 27 is cleared. Anticipate shutting road down completely.

Chief stated Route 27 will be shut down for approximately 15-20 minutes starting at 7am. Hartford Marathon Foundation providing approximately 120 volunteers & will have to hire officers.

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2) Remarks of Visitors (cont'd)

4. Traffic
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Commissioner Trebisacci is very concerned about the impact on the residents, & does not feel comfortable approving without resident input. He asked the Chief if there is procedure in place to get input from residents & businesses.

Chief Stewart explained that the Police Commission meeting is the forum for residents & businesses to discuss these issues.

Vice-Chair Moukawsher asked about scope.

Mr. Miller stated about 1,000 participants, possibly 2,000 people including observers, etc., parking at Old Mistick Village & The Mystic Aquarium.

Vice-Chair Moukawsher asked if the organizers had consulted businesses on the opposite side (south side) of Coogan Blvd. Vice-Chair Moukawsher stated that he did not want a large number of people coming to the Commission and complaining after the fact that they did not have access to their property or that their businesses suffered. Mr. Moukawsher was in favor of the event but agreed with Commissioner Trebisacci that surrounding property owners should be given sufficient notice and have input.

- Commissioner Trebisacci made a motion to table discussion until the next meeting in January, to allow for notification of area residents and business owners. Motion seconded by Vice-Chair Moukawsher, all in favor, motion approved.

Denison Pequotsepos Nature Center Special Use Permit
Chad Frost, Architect
In attendance on behalf of Denison Pequotsepos Nature Center regarding their application for a special use permit to rehabilitate existing site. Improvements include parking, sidewalks, trails, indoor and outdoor educational areas, and event spaces.

Vice-Chair Moukawsher stated he is concerned with parking & event capacities.

Chief Stewart stated that at the last event there were complaints related to parking, from both businesses & residents, as well as CL&P regarding their access road, and the Department had to handle phone calls that came in.

Mr. Frost stated that placing signage during events will help, but all parking issues are taken seriously and will be addressed.

- A motion was made by Vice-Chair Moukawsher that the Commission reply to the Planning and Zoning Commission that Commissioners expressed some safety and traffic concerns and recommended that they give consideration to future demands for parking especially during special events. Specifically the Police Commission would recommend that they consider requiring that the north entrance be marked for entrance only and that vehicles be allowed to enter and exit the property from the south driveway. Additionally, it is recommended that final approval be contingent upon the applicant obtaining all necessary state approvals for their use on Rt.27. Motion seconded by Commissioner Trebisacci, Commissioner Rotella abstained. Motion carried.

3) Correspondence

a. Planning & Zoning Special Use Permit Application: Denison Pequotsepos Nature Center
See Remarks of Visitors

b. Planning & Zoning Special Use Permit Application: Mystic Performance Workshop
- A motion was made by Vice-Chair Moukawsher to reply to the Planning and Zoning Commission that the Police Commission did not see an immediate safety or traffic concern but recommends that they give consideration to future demands for parking. Motion seconded by Commissioner Holt, all in favor, motion approved.

c. E-Mail Re: Easter Seals "Walk With Me" Event
- A motion was made by Commissioner Trebisacci to approve the Easter Seals "Walk With Me" fundraiser scheduled for Saturday, May 16, 2015, provided all necessary insurance and paperwork is in place. Motion seconded by Vice-Chair Moukawsher, all in favor, motion approved.

d. Medical Dispatch

4) Traffic

a. Hartford Marathon Group – Request for ½ Marathon
See Remarks of Visitors

5) Approval of Minutes for the November 13, 2014 Regular Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Commissioner Holt to approve the minutes from the November 13, 2014 regular meeting. Motion seconded by Commissioner Moukawsher, all in favor, motion approved.

6) Report of the Chief of Police

a. Budget Report
b. Monthly Report
c. Pawcatuck Statistics
d. Alarm Report
e. Special Event Schedule
f. Operational Budget
   - A motion was made by Vice-Chair Moukawsher to approve the salary section as presented, with a 2.4% increase for non union personnel, and to additionally request funding for two additional officers to bring the Regular Full Time Sworn Officers from 36 to 38. Motion seconded by Commissioner Rotella, all in favor, motion approved.
   - A motion was made by Vice-Chair Moukawsher to approve the remaining part of the budget as presented, with and endorsement to hire two additional dispatchers on a part time basis in the amount of $20K. Motion seconded by Commissioner Holt, all in favor, motion approved.
g. C.I.P. Budget
h. Memo Re: Downtown Pawcatuck Cameras
i. Memorandum of Understanding Re: Downtown Pawcatuck Cameras
j. Letters Re: Dispatch Center
k. Chapter 44 Section B Rules & Regulations; Deadly Weapon Offender Registry Policy
   - A motion was made by Vice-Chair Moukawsher to approve the Deadly Weapon Offender Registry Policy as presented. Motion seconded by Commissioner Rotella, all in favor, motion approved.
l. Chief Stewart thanked Captain Olson for his hard work
m. Memo Re: Enhanced Accident Report Statistics
n. Report of Yearly Comparisons

A motion was made by Vice-Chair Moukawsher to approve the Report of the Chief. Motion seconded by Commissioner Holt, all in favor, motion approved.

7) Consent Agenda

a. State Racial Profiling Data for Stonington
b. Letter Re: Click it or Ticket
c. E-Mail Re: Award Application – Officer Barrell
d. Memo Re: Thank You – Officer Rebello
e. Thank You Note: Stonington Walk for ALS
f. Letter Re: Donation to Animal Control
g. Letter Re: Police Boat FEMA Grant
h. Letter Re: L.E.C. 2015 Dues

A motion was made by Commissioner Holt to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion seconded by Vice-Chair Moukawsher, all in favor, motion approved.

Chief Stewart thanked the Commission for their support & helping him move things forward. He wished the Commission a happy holiday season.

8) Adjourn

At 7:08PM Commissioner Holt made a motion to adjourn. Motion seconded by Vice-Chair Moukawsher, all in favor, motion approved.

Respectfully Submitted,

Harry Holt, Secretary