

**STONINGTON BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING  
APRIL 9, 2015  
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 Lieutenant Mike Peckham  
Absent: Captain Todd Olson

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

Chair Olsson called the meeting to order at 5:00PM.

**2) Remarks of Visitors**

None

**3) Jim O'Boyle - Former Board of Police Commissioners Chair**

Re: Police Commissioners Association of Connecticut & Law Enforcement Council  
In attendance to update Commission on upcoming events:

CT Law Enforcement Foundation – May 4<sup>th</sup> Fundraising Dinner at Aquaturf  
The sole purpose of this foundation is to build & maintain the Law Enforcement Memorial to Connecticut law enforcement personnel killed in the line of duty; currently 137 names on the Memorial.

Annual Memorial at the Police Academy - May 21<sup>st</sup>  
Honors those killed in the line of duty.

Police Commission Association of Connecticut  
Distinguished Chief's Award – May 27<sup>th</sup>

Chief Stewart and Vice-Chair Moukawsher thanked Mr. O'Boyle for his hard work & dedication.

**4) Correspondence**

None

## 5) New Business

### a. Special Event: Pequot Cyclists Time Trials

David Reid; Pequot Cyclists in attendance to answer any questions.

Commissioner Rotella abstained from vote, but stated that he knows Mr. Reid to be an honorable man that does the right thing.

- A motion was made by Vice-Chair Moukawsher to approve the Pequot Cyclists Time Trials every Thursday in June, July & August, through August 27<sup>th</sup>, provided all requirements of the Chief are met, and that all necessary paperwork and insurance is in place. Motion seconded by Commissioner Holt, Commissioner Rotella abstained, motion approved.

### b. Special Event: AngelRide & Young AngelRide

Fred Brooke, Co-Founder, in attendance to answer any questions

Riders will pass through Stonington on Sunday May 24<sup>th</sup>; finish at Mystic YMCA

- A motion was made by Commissioner Rotella to approve the AngelRide and Young AngelRide provided all requirements of the Chief are met, and that all necessary paperwork and insurance is in place. Motion seconded by Commissioner Holt, all in favor, motion approved.

### c. Special Event: Mystic Fire Department Event

Requesting road closure; will need to hire Police Officer

- A motion was made by Commissioner Moukawsher to approve the Mystic Fire Department Public Safety Day, provided all requirements of the Chief are met, all necessary paperwork and insurance is in place, including requirement to hire Officer at their expense. Motion seconded by Commissioner Holt, all in favor, motion approved.

### d. Planning & Zoning Special Use Permit Applications

#### 1. Stonington Boathouse

Clint Brown of DiCesare-Bentley Engineers in attendance to present information and answer any questions regarding Stonington Boathouse LLC application for construction of an approximately 6,140 square foot commercial building to be used as a 250-seat event facility. Proposal includes driveway & parking, storm drainage system, well, subsurface sewage system, and site landscaping. Property located between 786 & 804 Stonington Road, Stonington, CT.

Vice-Chair Moukawsher recused himself from this discussion

- A motion was made by Commissioner Rotella to approve the Stonington Boathouse LLC application provided all requirements of the Chief are met, including DOT approval of the encroachment. Motion seconded by Commissioner Holt, Commissioner Moukawsher abstained, motion approved.

#### 2. Gwenmor Marina, Inc.

Attorney Ted Harris in attendance to present information & answer any questions regarding Gwenmor Marina, Inc application for construction of an 11'x24'

restroom/shower facility with six parking spaces (together with additional parking at 12 Roseleah Drive), associated landscaping, and lighting to provide upland support for 29-slip marina. Properties located at Roseleah Drive & 12 Roseleah Drive, Mystic, CT.

Vice-Chair Moukawsher stated he has concern that individuals will park along Roseleah Drive since new area does not have enough spots compared to the slips added; Mr. Harris stated that there is more than enough spots already existing.

- A motion was made by Vice-Chair Moukawsher to advise Planning and Zoning that the Commission does not see a public safety or traffic issue with the Gwenmor Marina application, and therefore reserves comment. Motion seconded by Commissioner Trebisacci, all in favor, motion approved.

**5) New Business (cont'd)**

**d. Planning & Zoning Special Use Permit Applications (cont'd)**

**3. 30 Broadway Avenue, Mystic**

William Sweeney, Land Use Attorney and Clint Brown of DiCesare-Bentley Engineers representing Merrily Connery, in attendance to present and answer any questions regarding application for the conversion and adaptive reuse of an approximately 1,900 square foot automobile service station to a 99-seat wine bar/café including a 30-seat outdoor patio, full service café liquor permit, parking, and landscaping. Property located at 30 Broadway Avenue, Mystic, CT. No encroachment permit required. Property is located in a flood plain, however conversion will remain under the substantial improvement threshold, which permits a property to be renovated without the requirement to be flood proof or elevated out of the flood plain provided converting does not exceed ½ of the assessed value.

Chief Stewart suggested having a discussion with neighbors regarding parking before any issues occur.

- A motion was made by Vice-Chair Moukawsher to advise Planning and Zoning that the Commission does not see a public safety or traffic issue with the 30 Broadway Avenue application, and therefore reserves comment. Motion seconded by Commissioner Trebisacci, all in favor, motion approved.

**e. Planning & Zoning Regulation Text Amendment Re: Seasonal Agricultural Signs**  
Commission had no comment

**6) Old Business**

**7) Traffic**

**a. E-Mail Re: Horizontal Curve Safety Project**

Chief will request DOT edit list of roads, suggesting removal of Riverbend Drive, Riverside Drive and Palmer Neck Road and adding Hewitt Road, Farmholme Road, and Pequotsepos Road.

**8) Approval of Minutes for the March 12, 2015 Regular Meeting**

A motion was made by Commissioner Trebisacci to approve the minutes from the March 12, 2015 regular meeting. Motion seconded by Commissioner Holt, Commissioner Moukawsher abstained, motion approved.

**9) Report of the Chief of Police**

- a. Budget Report
- b. Monthly Report
- c. Pawcatuck Statistics
- d. Alarm Report
- e. Special Event Schedule
- f. Records Disposal Authorization
- g. Police Commission Clerical opening
- h. Personnel Update
- i. Body Armor Bids
  - A motion was made by Commissioner Trebisacci to recommend to the Board of Selectman to select Stillman Uniforms. Motion seconded by Commissioner Holt, all in favor, motion approved.
- j. Memorandum of Understanding between United States Coast Guard & Stonington Police Department Dispatch Center

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

**10) Consent Agenda**

- a. Memo Re: Thank You – Officer Earl Palmer
- b. Letter Re: Memorial Day Parade - Mystic
- c. Letters & Highway Use Permit Re: 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Tour of Lights Bike-a-thon
- d. Letter Re: Annual Mystic Memorial Day Bearathon
- e. Letters Re: YMCA Triathlon
- f. Letters Re: YMCA Tarzan Brown Race
- g. Letter Re: YMCA Turkey Trot & Dip
- h. Letter & Memo Re: Thank You – Officers K. Murray & Officer Howard
- i. Letter & Highway Use Permit Re: Good Friday Hunger Walk
- j. Letter Re: Thank You – Mystic Aquarium
- k. Thank You – Cornerstone Baptist Church
- l. Memo Re: Thank You - Officer Capalbo & Sgt. Morrison
- m. Memo Re: Sgt. Knowles 30 Year Anniversary  
The Commission asked Chief Stewart to thank Sgt. Knowles on their behalf

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

**11) Adjourn**

At 6:38PM a motion was made by Commissioner Holt to adjourn. Motion seconded by Commissioner Rotella, all in favor, meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,



Harry Holt, Secretary