STONINGTON BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
Thursday, August 13, 2015
5:00 p.m. AT THE STONINGTON POLICE HEADQUARTERS

MEETING MINUTES

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

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

2) Remarks of Visitors
None

3) Remarks of Chairman Olsson
Chairman Olsson congratulated the Pawcatuck Westerly Junior Softball team who came in 7th place at the Junior Softball Little League World Series.

4) Old Business
a. Clark Street @ Mechanic Street – Possible Stop Sign Installation *POSSIBLE VOTE*
b. Accident Reports – Intersection of Clark Street & Mechanic Street
Glen and Kathy Davis
5 Spruce Ct.
Pawcatuck, CT
Scot Deledda, Town Engineer, was present to discuss proposed improvements that will be made at the intersection of Clark Street, Mechanic Street and River Road in Pawcatuck. This project is designed by DeCeasare-Bentley and is part of the Thread Mill project. Currently, this intersection is wide on the Clark Street side with a center island that presents itself as more of a yield. New proposed conditions will remove the center island and align Clark Street at a 90 degree angle with Mechanic Street and River Road, which is a more uniform width. Modifications to this project will improve overall conditions as site line will be extended from the sharp curve and the entrance onto River Road will be further over to the right. Construction on the road should take two to three months starting possibly in Spring on 2016 barring any setbacks.
The issue of the most immediate concern is the sight line issue. Speeding around the corner and construction trucks parked on the side of the road, as well as the fence in

front of the mill which makes it hard to see are the biggest problems. A discussion followed on possible solutions to the sight line issue.
Commissioner Moukawsher made a motion to authorize Chief Stewart to post the area of Mechanic Street and River Road at the intersection with Clark Street as a construction, no parking zone as he sees fit. Motion seconded by Commissioner Holt. All in favor, motion approved.

5) Traffic
a) Highway Use Permit – Columbus Day Parade ***FYI***
b) Letter Re: Maria Assunta Candlelight Vigil ***FYI***
c) E-Mail Re: Crosswalk Request – Pequotsepos Road at Nature Center ***VOTE NEEDED***
Request received for a crosswalk on Pequotsepos Road for the many people walking from the Denison Farmers Market to the Nature Center. Chief Stewart recommends approval.
Commissioner Moukawsher made a motion to authorize Chief Stewart to site a crosswalk on Peqoutsepos Road in the area of the Denison Farmers Market with required associated signage. Motion seconded by Commissioner Holt. All in favor, motion approved.
d) E-Mail Re: Threadmill Intersection Modifications
See section 4 Old Business
e) E-Mail Re: "Drive Like Your Kids Live Here" Signs – Mary Hall Road
FYI
f) Letter Re: Town Roads Meeting
A meeting was held on Thursday, August 13, 2015 regarding Anguilla Brook. The Anguilla Brook Bridge on Route 234 (Peqout Trail) will be replaced in Spring of 2017. The Board of Police Commissioners will need to hold a public hearing so the public can weigh in on the project.
g) E-Mail Re: Mystic Art Festival Traffic
FYI – will have a wrap up meeting regarding issues and may look at reconfiguration of booths down the line.

6. New Business
a) Planning & Zoning Request: Mystic YMCA Expansion *VOTE NEEDED*
Attorney Theodore Ladwig
Keith Brynes, Stonington Director of Planning & Zoning
Attorney Ladwig presented the Commission with the complete traffic study done with regards to this project. There was much discussion regarding the impact that this project, and two other projects previously approved (separately) for this area, would have on Harry Austin Drive at Mason's Island Road and Mason's Island Road at Route 1. Keith Brynes noted that the two other projects were approved – the condominium project in 2005, the office building approximately two years ago – but there has been no activity to start construction. Traffic studies done on these projects found no

significant impacts on intersections and no State Traffic Commission approval is needed.
Commissioner Moukawsher made a motion to move back to Planning and Zoning with comments that the Commission did not see a public safety or parking issue, but did express concern with the traffic flow at the intersection of Mason's Island Road and Route 1. Chair Olsson seconded the motion. All in favor, motion approved.

b) Past Due Alarm Fine – Action Required by Board *VOTE NEEDED*

Chair Olsson recused himself from issue discussions.
Chief Stewart presented the Board with past due false alarm fines incurred by a Stonington resident. After discussion, it was determined that this issue would be handled by Chief Stewart. **No vote or action taken by Board.**
At this time, Commissioner Moukawsher made a motion to open **Remarks of Visitors.** Motion seconded by Commissioner Holt. All in favor, motion approved.

Remarks of Visitors

Grace Vandal – Bike Stonington
41 Bruggeman Place, Mystic

Would like the Police Department to install signs to alert motorists of 3' clearance in passing cyclists. If funding is an issue, Bike Stonington organization can pick up the cost.
Commissioner Trebisacci made a motion to table this to the September meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Holt. All in favor, motion approved.

c) Special Event – Mystic Eats *VOTE NEEDED*

Judy Hartley
Everything will be the same as last year with the exception of the ending time. The event ending time will change from 10:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. They are asking for the same assistance from the Police Department that they received last year. Chief Stewart said there were no problems last year, good event, recommends approval.
Commissioner Trebisacci made a motion to approve the Mystic Eats food festival scheduled for September 11th 12th & 13th, 2015 provided the insurance and other requirements are met. Motion seconded by Chair Olsson. All in favor, motion approved.

7. Approval of Minutes for July 9, 2015 Regular Meeting *VOTE NEEDED*

Page one of the minutes will need to be amended. Section 4a Letter Re: Maria Assunta Candle Light Vigil Procession *VOTE NEEDED*, Commissioner Trebisacci abstained, motion was seconded by Commissioner Rotella.
Commissioner Moukawsher voted to amend the July 9, 2015 meeting minutes as outlined by Commissioner Trebisacci. Commissioner Trebisacci seconded, all in favor. Approved.

Commissioner Trebisacci voted to approve the amended minutes for the July 9, 2015 meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Moukawsher. Commissioner Holt abstained. Chair Olsson in favor. Approved.

8. Report of the Chief of Police
a) Budget Report
b) Monthly Report
Chief Stewart noted DWI arrests have doubled from last year, drug arrests are up. Total of 78 arrests for July.
c) Pawcatuck Statistics
d) Alarm Report
e) Special Event Schedule
f) Camera Funding Through Chamber *VOTE NEEDED*
The Greater Westerly-Pawcatuck Chamber of Commerce donated a total of $4,000 to cover the cost of one camera to be installed at Donahue Park in Downtown Pawcatuck.
Commissioner Trebisacci made a motion to recommend to the Board of Selectman the acceptance of the donation from the Greater Westerly-Pawcatuck Chamber of Commerce for the purpose of purchasing a camera for Donahue Park. Commissioner Olsson abstained. Motion seconded by Commissioner Holt. Commissioner Moukawsher in favor. Motion approved.
Commissioner Moukawsher asked Chief Stewart to write a letter to the Chamber thanking them for the improvement to the quality of life in the Downtown area.
g) Memo Re: Camera Funding
h) Volunteer Angel Program
FYI at this point.
i) Academy Letter – Officer Cozzolino
Officer Cozzolino is on duty, and qualified at the Range. There are classes he needs to complete before he is able to be out on his own. He will be with an FTO into October.
Chief Stewart noted that the two recruits will be graduating in September. There are two other certified candidates to fill the open position from Officer Burge's retirement who will be travelling to the area around the date of the September meeting. Oral Boards can be scheduled and Motorola Radio can present later in the evening.
Chief Stewart also noted that the new bullet proof vests have been distributed. $13,000.00 of the costs was offset by a grant. There was one motor vehicle accident involving a police cruiser this month. The vehicle will likely be totaled.
j) E-Mail Re: Evidence Validation
FYI

Commissioner Holt made a motion to approve the Report of the Chief of Police. Motion seconded by Commissioner Trebisacci. All in favor, motion approved.

9. Consent Agenda
a) Letter Re: Borough Dog Ordinance (Revisal)
b) Letter Re: FBI National Academy Slots
c) Letter Re: Law Enforcement Memorial Foundation Thank You
d) Letter Re: Records Destruction
e) Letter Re: Thank You – Officer Howard
f) Letter Re: Job Well Done – Officer Discordia, Officer Rathgaber, Officer Saunders
g) Memo Re: Officer Paige – 20 Year Anniversary

Commissioner Holt made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Commissioner Moukawsher seconded motion. All in favor, motion approved.

10. Presentation – Harris Radio – Re: Radio System

11. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn made by Commissioner Trebisacci. Seconded by Commissioner Holt. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Harry Holt, Secretary