

**STONINGTON BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 12, 2015
5:00 PM AT THE STONINGTON POLICE HEADQUARTERS
MEETING MINUTES**

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

1) Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance

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

2) Remarks of Visitors

Judy Hartley, Downtown Mystic Merchants

Events calendars listed Mystic Eats on September 4, 5 & 6, however correct dates are September 11, 12 & 13.

Shark Fest scheduled for July 11th; will follow up with police and fire department for Shark Fest Swim, in the event fire boat or police are needed. Pirate Invasion scheduled for October 3rd & 4th.

Chief recommended Ms. Hartley come back to the Commission for the Pirate Invasion due to number of attendees expected.

3) Correspondence

None

4) New Business

a. Letter Re: 6th Annual Tour of Lights Bike-a-thon

- A motion was made by Commissioner Trebisacci to approve the 6th Annual Tour of Lights Bike-a-thon 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.

b. Letter Re: Annual Mystic Memorial Day Bearathon 5K Road Race

Sandra LaCombe in attendance as representative to answer any questions.

- A motion was made by Commissioner Trebisacci to approve the Mystic Memorial Day Bearathon 5K Road Race 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.

4) New Business (cont'd)

c. Letter Re: YMCA Special Events

Kate Spina, Ocean Community YMCA – Mystic Branch Health & Wellness Director & Brittany Bruno in attendance to request approval of the following events:

- Mystic River Valley Triathlon – Sunday, June 14, 2015
- Tarzan Brown Race – Sunday, November 1, 2015
- Turkey Trot and Dip – Thursday, November 26, 2015
- A motion was made by Commissioner Trebisacci to approve the 3 YMCA events noted above, provided all requirements of the Chief are met, all necessary paperwork and insurance is in place, and all fees are paid. Motion seconded by Commissioner Holt, all in favor, motion approved.

d. Letter Re: Mystic Outdoor Art Festival

Chief Stewart recused himself from this discussion.

Susette Tibus, Mystic Chamber Advisor and Mystic Outdoor Art Festival Co-Chair introduced Hannah Stewart, Mystic Chamber Director of Events and Marketing Ms. Stewart stated she is seeking approval for the 58th Annual Mystic Outdoor Art Festival, planned for Saturday, August 8th from 10:00am – 6:00pm and Sunday August 9th from 10:00am to 5:00pm. Seeking use of Cottrell Street, Holmes Street, East Main Street and part of Willow Street; asking for exclusive use of these roads so that no peddlers or solicitors can use them, and also seek that their authorized vendors are exempt from peddlers and solicitors ordinance in the Town. In addition, hoping for approval of golf cart usage on certain roads as in the past; event will run just as in years past and seeking the exact same police presence as previous years. Will coordinate a joint meeting in July between Stonington Police Department & Groton Police Department to review action plan for the weekend.

- A motion was made by Commissioner Trebisacci to approve the 58th Annual Mystic Outdoor Art Festival scheduled for Saturday, August 8th and Sunday August 9th provided all requirements of the Chief are met, all necessary paperwork and insurance is in place, and all fees are paid. In addition, golf cart usage will be permitted within event boundaries, provided conditions set by the Administration are met. Motion seconded by Commissioner Holt, all in favor, motion approved.

e. Mystic Aquarium – Food Truck Rally

Tom Thompson, Mystic Aquarium Director of Safety & Security

In attendance to seek approval for the Food Truck Rally

Alcohol will be served by Ocean Blue Catering; permits in place, do not anticipate any issues; hoping to hire 1 to 2 Officers.

Chief Stewart stated that the Commission has to approve Officers working at events where alcohol is served.

- A motion was made by Commissioner Trebisacci to approve the Mystic Aquarium Food Truck Rally provided all requirements of the Chief are met, and all necessary insurance, paperwork, and fees for required Officers are in place. Motion seconded by Commissioner Holt, all in favor, motion approved.

5) Old Business

6) Traffic

- a. E-Mail Re: Installation of Center Line Rumble Strips
Follow Up; Chief Stated no negativity found in conversations with other Departments or discussions with DOT.
- b. E-Mail Re: Horizontal Curve Safety Project

7) Approval of Minutes for the February 12, 2015 Regular Meeting

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Agenda Item 6C should read:

6) Traffic

- c. Blessing of the Fleet 5K Race
Melissa Lestinsky & Ann Marie Houle
Route contained to Stonington Borough
 - A motion was made by Vice-Chair Moukawsher to approve the Blessing of the Fleet 5K race as a one-time event, provided all necessary insurance and paperwork is in place, the applicant has received all the necessary approvals required by the Borough of Stonington, and contingent upon the applicant agreeing to employ officers of the Town of Stonington, at their own expense, to manage traffic in a manner to be determined by the Chief of Police. Motion seconded by Commissioner Holt, Commissioner Trebisacci abstained; motion approved.

Upon above revision, a motion was made by Commissioner Trebisacci to approve the minutes from the February 12, 2015 regular meeting. Motion seconded by Commissioner Holt, all in favor, motion approved.

8) Approval of Minutes for the March 2, 2015 Special Meeting

A motion was made by Commissioner Trebisacci to approve the minutes from the March 2, 2015 special meeting. Motion seconded by Commissioner Holt, all in favor, 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. Memorandum of Understanding – Riverwalk Condominiums
- g. Hiring Update
- h. Rx Drop Box is in, awaiting DEA licensing

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

10) Consent Agenda

- a. Letter Re: Thank You – Pawcatuck Neighborhood Center
- b. Letters Re: Post Certification – Officers Armstrong & Emery
- c. Letters Re: Mystic Irish Parade
- d. Memo Re: Great Job – Background Investigations
- e. Letter Re: Blessing of the Fleet 5K Road Race
- f. Letter Re: Thank You – Pawcatuck Neighborhood Center
- g. Letter Re: Highway Safety Grant Applications
- h. Letters Re: Donahue Road Race
- i. Thank You Card – Chief Stewart
- j. Memo Re: Sgt. Morrison 10 Year Anniversary
- k. Memo Re: Sgt. MacCaffery 25 Year Anniversary
- l. Memo Re: Officer McDermott 10 Year Anniversary
- m. Memo Re: Officer Capalbo 10 Year Anniversary
- n. Propertyroom.com Check
- o. Letter Re: Thank You – Chief Stewart
- p. Highway User Permit – Mystic Irish Parade

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

11) Executive Session

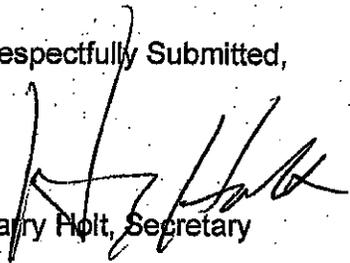
At 5:53PM Commissioner Holt made a motion to enter into executive session for the purpose of interviewing Dispatcher Candidates. Motion seconded by Commissioner Trebisacci, all in favor, motion approved.

At approximately 7:50 PM a motion was made by Commissioner Holt to exit out of executive session. Motion seconded by Commissioner Trebisacci, all in favor.

At approximately 7:51PM a motion was made by Commissioner Holt to extend a conditional offer of probationary employment to Michael Napolitano contingent upon successful completion of further background, psychological testing, and physical exam. Furthermore, the candidate must successfully complete all certification and field training including NCIC, COLLECT, EMD and obtain State telecommunicator certification. Candidate must also successfully complete field training. Commissioner Trebisacci seconded the motion, all in favor.

At 7:54PM a motion was made by Commissioner Trebisacci to adjourn. Motion seconded by Commissioner Holt, all were in favor, meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,


Harry Holt, Secretary