

**STONINGTON BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
Thursday, February 8, 2018
5:00 P.M AT THE STONINGTON POLICE HEADQUARTERS**

MEETING MINUTES

Present: Chairman Raymond Trebisacci & Vice Chairman Henri Gourd
Commissioners Bob Tabor & Bob Elmer
Chief Darren Stewart & Captain Todd Olson

Absent: Commissioner Robert O'Shaughnessy

1. Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Trebisacci called the meeting to order at 5 p.m.

2. Remarks of Public

None.

3. New Business

a. Raffle/Bazaar/Bingo Forms & Fees *VOTE NEEDED*

Chief Stewart informed the Commission that Natalie Mitchell did a great job refiguring the forms and fees. The Police Commission needs to vote on approving the fee schedule and forms that are included in the Police Commissioners packet. The fee schedule presented is in compliance with the State. Previously, the fees were split between the State and the Town but now the fees will go directly to the Town. Chief Stewart noted that the biggest issues are with big dollar raffles.

Vice Chairman Gourd made a motion to allow the use of the forms and fees included in the Police Commissioners packet with respect to raffles, bazaars and bingos. Motion seconded by Commissioner Tabor. Discussion: Vice Chairman Gourd asked Chief Stewart if the State will still be involved, Chief Stewart answered that if there is an issue the Department of Consumer Protection will get involved, otherwise the Town manages the forms and fee schedule. No further discussion, all in favor, motion approved.

b. Mystic Outdoor Art Festival *VOTE NEEDED*

Peggy Roberts, President, Greater Mystic Chamber of Commerce
Lauren Gilliberto, Co-Chairwomen, Mystic Outdoor Art Festival
Amanda Arling, Co-Chairwomen, Mystic Outdoor Art Festival

Chief Stewart noted that the representatives of the Mystic Outdoor Art Festival have proposed an idea for a change to the current layout. Chief Stewart believes that the proposed plan is a police friendly traffic plan, however, there may be some challenges, particularly with parking for residents.

There was a discussion about moving the artists booths off of Route 1 and onto Washington Street, Willow Street and Church Street. This will give the festival a better flow. The representatives of the Mystic Outdoor Festival realize that this layout change will create a challenge with the neighboring

residents and they will need to work on reserving parking for those residents. They plan to market and advertise the new layout prior to the event. Safety is their main concern. There was further discussion on getting feedback from the artists about the proposed change, the use of signage during the festival, concerns about residents accessing their homes, the use of golf carts during the festival and the closure of streets between Saturday morning and Sunday night the weekend of the festival.

Chairman Trebisacci and the Commission would like to hear feedback from residents and surrounding businesses before they approve any changes to the current layout of the festival. They suggest that a letter go out to all those who will be affected by the change and inform them that this item will be on the March 8th Board of Police Commissioners meeting so people will be able to voice their concerns to the Commission. Chief Stewart noted that this proposed layout is much simpler for police, however Mystic Fire Department will have to sign off on the change as well.

Tabled to next meeting at which time the proposed layout changes will be reviewed upon hearing the response of residents. At the next meeting, the Commission will also decide on the use of golf carts at the festival.

c. Letter Re: Good Friday Walk *VOTE NEEDED*

Chief Stewart noted that the walk starts at the Mystic Congregational Church and heads over the drawbridge and into Groton. He has no issues with this event as it all takes place on the sidewalks. A police reserve is usually available to help pedestrians cross the street.

Vice Chairman Gourd made a motion to approve the Mystic Area Ecumenical Council's Good Friday Walk held on Friday, March 30th, 2018 as submitted upon proof of proper insurance and subject to the requirements the administration and the Chief may deem necessary. Motion seconded by Commissioner Elmer. No discussion, all in favor, motion approved.

d. Tractor Supply Alarm Fines*POSSIBLE ACTION*

Chief Stewart will follow-up on this issue.

Tabled.

4. Old Business

a. Five Guys Alarm Fines *STILL TRYING TO MAKE CONTACT*

Chief Stewart is still working on this issue.

Tabled.

5. Traffic

a. Route 27/195 Area Crosswalks

According to Chief Stewart he has received numerous complaints from an individual about motorists not stopping at the crosswalks on Route 27 near Interstate 95. The Chief has contacted DOT and has increased patrols in that area.

No action taken at this time.

6. Approval of Minutes from Thursday, January 11, 2018 Regular Meeting *VOTE NEEDED*

Commissioner Tabor made a motion to approve the minutes for the Thursday, January 11, 2018 regular meeting as presented. Motion seconded by Commissioner Elmer. No discussion, all in favor, motion approved.

7. Report of the Chief of Police

a. Budget Report

Chief Stewart informed the Commission that we are 56.1% through the fiscal year and have used 54.2% of the budget. Everything is looking good and the bottom line is healthy.

b. Monthly Report

Chief Stewart noted that January is usually a slower month. There were 179 Ill/injured calls and 10 DUI's. Accidents were up a little due to the snow. There were 50 criminal arrests. There was some discussion regarding the number of fire calls and the nature of those calls.

c. Alarm Report

d. Special Event Schedule

e. Radio Update

Chief Stewart noted that there will be a lot of moving parts for a while in regard to the new radio system. They will be relying heavily on Richard LaSarcina's advise. Chief Stewart and the Commissioners agreed that special meetings may need to be called in order to keep the radio project running smoothly.

Commissioner Tabor suggests that Mr. LaSarcina document the improvements that have been made to the existing system and also what needs to be completed. Chief Stewart also noted that any emergency repairs are part of the maintenance costs and do not necessarily go out to bid.

1. Dispatch Furniture Quote & Bid Waiver *VOTE NEEDED*

Chief Stewart informed the Commission that Mr. LaSarcina advises to use Watson for the dispatch furniture. There was some discussion on whether or not there are other dealers of Watson dispatch furniture. After further discussion on the bid process, there was a general consensus that Chief Stewart speak with Mr. LaSarcina and get the specifications for the dispatch center and forward them to Finance Director Jim Sullivan in order for this part of the project to go out to bid.

2. Final Memorandum of Understanding

There was a copy of the Memorandum of Understanding by and between the Connecticut Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection and the Town of Stonington provided to the Police Commissioners in their packet.

f. RFQ/Invitation to Bid – Mobile & Portable Radios *VOTE NEEDED*

According to Chief Stewart, this item will need to be voted on once the bid is received.

g. Budget Commentary

Chief Stewart noted that this information provided to the Police Commissioners in their packets was based on a meeting with First Selectman Rob Simmons.

h. Letter Re: Resignation – Crossing Guard Herb Bump *VOTE NEEDED*

Vice Chairman Gourd made a motion to accept the resignation of Crossing Guard Herb Bump. Motion seconded by Commissioner Tabor. No discussion, all in favor, motion approved.

Vice Chairman Gourd made a motion to accept the Report of the Chief of Police. Motion seconded by Commissioner Tabor. No discussion. All in favor, motion approved.

8. Consent Agenda

- a. Memo Re: Thank You – Human Services Donation to K-9 Fund
- b. Memos Re: 2017 Perfect Attendance
- c. Letter Re: Easter Seals Walk With Me Mystic 2018
- d. Letter Re: Mystic Memorial Day Bearathon
- e. Letter Re: Blessing of the Fleet 5K Race
- f. Letters & Highway Use Permit Re: Mystic Irish Parade
- g. State of Connecticut PSAP 2018 Information
- h. Letter & Highway Use Permit Re: Memorial Day Parade
- i. Letter Re: Thank You – Radio System Project
- j. Highway Use Permit: Duck Race
- k. POST Rehiring/Reinstatement Procedure
- l. Thank You – Deans Mill Great Kindness Challenge
- m. POST Letter: Officer Long
- n. Memo Re: Good Job – Officer Rathgaber
- o. Letter Re: Lion's Club Race

Commissioner Tabor made a motion to accept the Consent Agenda. Motion seconded by Commissioner Elmer. No discussion. All in favor, motion approved.

9. Adjourn

At 6:23 p.m., Vice Chairman Gourd made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Tabor, all in favor, motion approved. All in favor. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,



Henri N. Gourd
Vice Chairman