

**STONINGTON BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
Thursday, June 14, 2018
5:00 P.M AT THE STONINGTON POLICE HEADQUARTERS**

Present: Chairman Raymond Trebisacci
Commissioners Robert O'Shaughnessy, Bob Tabor & Bob Elmer
Chief Darren Stewart & Captain Todd Olson

Absent: Vice Chairman Henri Gourd

1. Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Trebisacci called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

2. Remarks of Public

None.

3. New Business

a. St. Michael School 5K Road Race & 1 Mile Fun Run/Walk *VOTE NEEDED*

Linda Cunningham, Race Director

Ms. Cunningham informed the Police Commission that this will be the 9th year for the St. Michael School 5K Road Race and Fun Run. It runs very smoothly and last year there were over 200 participants. Ms. Cunningham stated that the support of the Police Department is greatly appreciated. Chief Stewart noted that this is a very good event with no issues.

Commissioner O'Shaughnessy made a motion to approve the St. Michael School 5K Road Race & 1 Mile Fun Run/Walk as requested on Saturday, October 13, 2018, upon submitting proof of proper insurance and subject to the requirements the administration and the Chief may deem necessary. Motion seconded by Commissioner Tabor. No discussion, all in favor, motion approved.

b. Stonington Village Fun Runs *FYI*

Chief Stewart noted that the majority of this event is held in the Stonington Borough and only enters about 50 feet into the Town of Stonington. The Town of Stonington still requires proper insurance. Police officers will also be necessary at the events.

Commissioner Tabor made a motion to approve the 19th Annual Battle of Stonington 5K, on Tuesday, August 21st starting at 6 p.m., and the Fun Runs as requested upon submitting 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.

c. Stonington Historical Society Gala *FYI*

Chief Stewart informed the Police Commission that this is an FYI for an upcoming event that requires two officers to monitor the traffic and crowds. Parking can become an issue. According to Chief Stewart, this is one of the few events that the police assist with that has been grandfathered in and allowed to serve alcohol.

4. Traffic

a. Request for "No Outlet" Sign – Moss Street @ Locust Street, Pawcatuck *VOTE NEEDED*

Commissioner O'Shaughnessy stated that installing a "No Outlet" sign on Moss St at Locust St is a logical request. Chief Stewart agrees. Captain Olson noted that motorists try to get to West Enterprise Ave via East Enterprise Ave but the two do not connect. A "No Outlet" sign may reduce the number of lost motorists. Chairman Trebisacci asked Chief Stewart how much a sign would cost, to which Chief Stewart replied approximately \$200.

Commissioner O'Shaughnessy made a motion to approve the installation of a "No Outlet" sign on Moss Street at Locust Street as requested. Motion seconded by Commissioner Elmer. No discussion, all in favor, motion approved.

b. Request for "No Outlet" Sign – Williams Street, Mystic *VOTE NEEDED*

Charlene & Stephen Bowen, 21 Williams St. Mystic, CT

The Bowen's informed the Police Commission that there is a "No Outlet" sign on Williams Street, however, it is not visible from Greenmanville Ave. Motorists have to turn around and have struck the Bowen's mailbox multiple times. Recently a school bus had trouble turning around in their driveway and damaged the mailbox. Chairman Trebisacci thanked the Bowen's for their comments.

Chief Stewart noted that there would be some sightline issues if the sign were to be moved right at the intersection, however, he feels it is a reasonable request to move the sign from its current location closer to Greenmanville Ave.

Commissioner Tabor made a motion to have the administration look into relocating the "No Outlet" sign on Williams Street, Mystic so that it is visible from Greenmanville Ave. Motion seconded by Commissioner O'Shaughnessy. No discussion, all in favor, motion approved.

c. Mistuxet Avenue / Cove Road Intersection *VOTE NEEDED*

Julie & Bart Purcell, 306 Cove Rd. Stonington, CT

Chairman Trebisacci recalled that there has been prior discussion about this intersection and there is a proposal to make the Mistuxet Ave. / Cove Rd. intersection a three way stop. The Purcell's attended this meeting to voice their concerns with this intersection and to show their support of installing a three way stop. According to Chief Stewart, they will also be installing advanced warning signs in addition to the three way stop.

Commissioner Elmer made a motion to approve the recommended three-way stop at the Mistuxet Ave / Cove Rd intersection as determined by the administration. Motion seconded by Commissioner Tabor. No discussion, all in favor, motion approved.

d. E-Mail Re: Route 1 @ Long Wharf Road

According to Chief Stewart, a copy of CT DOT Transportation Engineer Kevin Ng's email to the Treasurer of the Village at Long Wharf in regard to a left turn lane heading east on Route 1 was included in the Police Commissioners packet. A turning lane will not be installed by the State of CT during the upcoming repaving project, however, at the expense of the development, the road can be widened to accommodate a left turn lane if they wish to pursue the issue. Chief Stewart would rather see a left turn lane at Mason's Island Rd light before one is put in at Long Wharf Road.

Commissioner O'Shaughnessy commented that the widening of the road at the Mason's Island light has definitely helped alleviated some of the backups that affect this area.

5. Old Business

a. E-Mail Re: Perkins Farm

FYI for the Police Commissioners.

6. Approval of Minutes from Thursday, May 10, 2018 Regular Meeting *VOTE NEEDED*

Commissioner O'Shaughnessy made a motion to approve the minutes for the Thursday, May 10, 2018 regular meeting as presented. Motion seconded by Commissioner Tabor. No discussion, all in favor, motion approved.

7. Report of the Chief of Police

a. Budget Report

Chief Stewart reported that we are 91% through the fiscal year and have used 86% of the budget. He also informed the Police Commissioners that this year, the Director of Finance does not want any of the line items in the negative so Chief Stewart has been submitting Line Item Transfer Request forms to keep all line items in the black.

b. Monthly Report

According to Chief Stewart, the Police Department has been very busy the last couple of weeks. The summer season has arrived.

c. Alarm Report

d. Special Event Schedule

e. Line Item Transfer Request

This is an FYI for the Police Commissioners.

f. Officer Peter Sieckiewicz End of Probation *VOTE NEEDED*

Commissioner O'Shaughnessy made a motion to end the probation of Officer Peter Sieckiewicz and make him a permanent member of the Department as recommended by Chief Stewart. Motion seconded by Commissioner Elmer. No discussion, all in favor, motion approved.

g. E-Mail Re: Captain Olson Vacation Time

FYI for the Police Commissioners.

h. Letter Re: L.E.C. FY2018-2019 Assessment

FYI for the Police Commissioners.

i. Crimes Analysis Unit Survey

FYI for the Police Commissioners.

j. Generator Invitation to Bid

According to Chief Stewart, this invitation to bid went out today.

** Chief Stewart updated the Police Commissioners on the following items, DOT put out the curve signs on Route 1A, the State will not be moving the speed limit signs as requested on Route 234 since they were already moved once before and the Route 1 paving project is complete except for some of the line striping. There were some comments about the quality of the Route 1 paving project. The Police Commission authorized Chief Stewart to send a letter to State DOT regarding the paving project. Chief Stewart informed the Police Commissioners that the graduate breakfast put on by the Lions will be Friday, June 22nd at the Stonington High School. The COMO is looking for volunteers at the Village Fair. The Law Enforcement Memorial is July 25th at the Aquarium. The Taste of Mystic event went well.

Chief Stewart further stated that he attended a meeting regarding the Elm Tree Inn which lead into a conversation about the potential development of Downtown Pawcatuck. Chief Stewart also mentioned that there is an upcoming project at Seaport Marine in Mystic which may present some parking and traffic concerns. There are also plans for a 12,000 square foot medical building at the former Maple Breeze site. It is important to have the appropriate man power to handle the increase in calls for service that will be generated due to new development.

Chief Stewart noted that, after fourteen months, the State is coming to look at changing the signage for the parking time limits in Downtown Pawcatuck as decided in a previous Police Commission meeting. He informed the Police Commissioners that the no parking signage on Isham Street and Willow Street needs to be addressed and will be an item on next month's agenda. The Department is still looking for CSO candidates. The Robert Sundman will be joining the Department soon.

Chief Stewart finally gave the Police Commissioners a brief update on the ongoing radio project and possible grants that may be available.

Commissioner O'Shaughnessy 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

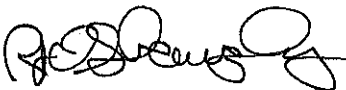
- a. Letter Re: Taste of Mystic**
- b. Memo Re: Officer Brett Cody End of Probation**
- c. Memo Re: Destruction of Property**
- d. Letter Re: Sergio Franchi Concert**
- e. Letter Re: Request for Rocking Chairs, Cottrell Street, Mystic**
- f. Letter Re: Five Guys Alarm Fines**
- g. Application for Tax Exempt Transfer and Registration of Firearm**
- h. Card of Congratulations to Chief Stewart and Department**
- i. Fireworks Permit Application: Mason's Island Yacht Club**
- j. Letter from Waltham Services**
- k. Letter from North Stonington Ambulance**

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

9. Adjourn

At 5:52 p.m., Commissioner Tabor made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Elmer, all in favor, motion approved. All in favor. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,



Robert O'Shaughnessy
Secretary