

**STONINGTON BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
Thursday, August 10, 2017
5:00 P.M AT THE STONINGTON POLICE HEADQUARTERS**

MEETING MINUTES

Present: Chairman Harry Holt & Vice Chairman Raymond Trebisacci
Commissioners Henri Gourd, Robert O'Shaughnessy & Bob Tabor
Captain Todd Olson

Absent: Chief Darren Stewart

1. Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance

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

2. Remarks of Public

None

3. New Business

a. Planning & Zoning Special Use Permit Application: Greylock Property Group *COMMENTS NEEDED*

William Sweeney, Tobin, Carberry & Etal Law Firm, on behalf of Greylock Property Group, LLC
Eric Burns, Greylock Property Group, LLC

Mr. Sweeney informed the Commission that he presented the master plan for this project to this Commission at the February 2017 meeting. The master plan was approved by this Commission and was sent to Planning & Zoning and approved by them as well. Now he is presenting the site plan which is a more detailed plan. There are no changes from the original presentation. It is the same layout, design and concept.

The entire road buildout will be completed in the first phase. They have all the approvals from the fire department as well. All the construction equipment and material will be onsite. Before construction, all remediation work will be completed. During phase one all the infrastructure will be completed, phase two are the buildings along Harry Austin Dr. and phase three are the buildings along Amtrak.

Mr. Burns informed the Commission that the timeline for phase one is approximately one year and approximately nine months to a year for both phase two and three. Commissioner Tabor questioned if traffic flow would be impeded during construction to which Mr. Burns stated it would not. Commissioner Tabor still feels that this project, when completed, will add to traffic at Masons Island Road and Route 1 in the summer months. He was not convinced by the traffic study done in November and feels those numbers do not accurately reflect peak periods in the summer. Mr. Sweeney believes the study is pretty accurate. Commissioner Tabor asked if the buildings will have elevators to attract older buyers. Mr. Sweeney stated that some units may use elevators and some may have first floor living options for empty nesters. Each building will be slightly different and they are offering flexible floor plans.

Commissioner Gourd made a motion to forward Greylock Property Group's site plan concept for 2 Harry Austin Drive to Planning & Zoning with the Police Commission's approval. Motion seconded by Commissioner Tabor. No discussion, all in favor, motion approved.

b. Pequotsepos Nature Center

Maggie Jones, Executive Director of the Denison Pequotsepos Nature Center

Ms. Jones stated that she is back in front of the Police Commission to prove that the Coogan Farm property located at 162 Greenmanville Ave. has adequate parking for events. She stated that they have partnerships with surrounding organizations such as Masonicare, The Mystic Seaport, Precious Memories and Elm Grove Cemetery. Ms. Jones also stated that they can accommodate 75 cars on the Coogan Farm property.

Chairman Holt informed Ms. Jones that the Police Commission is concerned with traffic, parking and safety. The Commission's concern is with the number of parking spaces available on the Coogan Farm property. He noted that partnerships with surrounding neighbors may not always be favorable in the future and that the Commission would like to see a detailed schematic showing the designated parking spaces, overflow parking availability, emergency vehicle access and safety lighting.

Commissioner O'Shaughnessy expressed his concerns with larger events at Coogan Farm which will put additional traffic strain on Route 27 especially since the Boathouse will also be opening. People like to drive their own vehicles and prefer not to take shuttle buses. The larger events in the Coogan Farm proposal, for example weddings, will more often than not take place on weekends during the summer when traffic is already at its peak on Route 27.

Captain Olson reiterated that Coogan Farm needs to show the Commission a true representation of parking available onsite since relationships with neighbors can fall through. He also does not want to see parking across the street and people crossing Route 27. He also noted that Coogan Farm is a great place and there have been no issues.

Chairman Holt asked Ms. Jones to send the Commission a schematic in advance of the next meeting so the Commissioners will have time to review it before the meeting.

c. Tractor Supply Alarm Fines *POSSIBLE ACTION*

Chairman Holt informed the Commission that he called Tractor Supply's corporate office and he thinks that the fine will be paid soon. Captain Olson noted that Sergeant Diamanti met with the manager at Tractor Supply and encouraged them to maintain a good alarm system in order to keep false alarms to a minimum. They are making the necessary efforts.

Vice Chairman Trebisacci made a motion to suspend police response to alarms at Tractor Supply as of September 10th, 2017 unless the alarm fines in the amount of \$375 are paid prior to that date. Motion seconded by Commissioner Tabor. No discussion, all in favor, motion approved.

Not an agenda item, however, at this time, the Commission entertained Ms. Ferrier from 42 Holmes Street who asked the Commission if there was a resolution to the issues on Holmes Street that were addressed during the July 13th, 2017 Regular Meeting (Agenda Item #5 Traffic a. Letter Re: Request for Stop Signs – Holmes Street and Bay Street). Captain Olson stated that the Department sent an officer to the area to monitor the speed which was found not to be excessive. Ms. Ferrier believes that the reason for this is because the officer was too obvious and people slowed down. Captain Olson noted that the cruiser needs to be in certain positions in order to properly radar and ticket offenders. He also noted that Chief Stewart is in talks with Town Highway to put in a stop sign and stripe the road. Commissioner O'Shaughnessy also noted that he spoke to Chief Stewart and additional speed limit signs will also be installed. The time frame for this project is relatively soon. It needs to be coordinated with Chief Stewart and Town Highway. Chairman Holt apologized for any confusion.

4. Traffic

a. E-Mail Re: Stop Sign Palmer Street and Courtland Street *POSSIBLE ACTION*

Captain Olson noted that he spoke with Dan Oliverio the tree warden and there is no need to remove the tree. The best solution is to move the sign out a bit closer to the curb and put a stop ahead sign up prior to the tree.

A letter will be sent.

b. E-Mail Re: Speed Limit Signs on Clara Drive

This is an FYI. Chief Stewart has started the process.

c. E-Mails & Letter Re: Bay Street/Isham Street

There will be "No Parking" signs put in place on Bay Street at Isham Street.

d. E-Mail Re: Speeding Cars on Pheasant Run *POSSIBLE ACTION*

There are currently no speed limit signs on Pheasant Run. Captain Olson went out and measured the road to make sure it met the .3mi minimum for the State DOT to establish a speed limit in order for signage to be installed. Captain Olson noted that there is not much traffic on the road, mainly residents and the occasional lost motorist. He suggests, once DOT sets the speed limit, to put in the signs and also add "Drive Like Your Kids Live Here" signs as well.

A letter will be sent to DOT to establish a speed limit for Pheasant Run.

e. E-Mail Re: Fernando & Asher *POSSIBLE VOTE*

Captain Olson informed the Commission that Lieutenant Schneider went out to the area to observe the issue. The best solution is to take out the stop sign on Asher Ave. and put a "Sharp Curve Ahead" sign up, then install a stop sign on the dead-end part of Fernando Dr. The Commission will review this with Chief Stewart before executing the change.

f. Preliminary Report of Meeting – Route 49

Chief Stewart attended the meetings regarding the milling and paving on Route 49.

g. Report of Construction Meeting – Route 49

5. Approval of Minutes from Thursday, July 13, 2017 Regular Meeting *VOTE NEEDED*

Commissioner O'Shaughnessy made a motion to approve the minutes for the July 13, 2017 regular meeting as presented. Motion seconded by Vice Chairman Trebisacci. No discussion, all in favor, motion approved.

6. Report of the Captain

a. Budget Report

Captain Olson reported that we are 1.9% through the year and 6% through the budget which is due to the fact that money has been taken out for incumbrances and to pay known bills. The boat use is at 16.3%. The CSO's are being utilized and they are doing a good job. He sees no issues so far.

b. Monthly Report

There has been an uptick in the traffic numbers due to all the speed checks. There has been an officer strictly assigned for motor vehicle enforcement. The number of accidents is lower. There were 191 summonses issued. Commissioner Tabor asked what constitutes a marine incident to which Captain Olson replied anything from missing kayaks to incidents involving the police boat patrols. The Department works with local marinas in order to get the boat out at the best possible times and also during certain special events. The number of motor vehicle stops are up from 223 last year to 486 this year and the number of DUI's are down.

c. Alarm Report

Sergeant Diamanti is staying on top of the delinquent alarms and alarm registrations.

d. Special Event Schedule

The Maria Assunta Processions and the Mystic Art Festival are lined up for this weekend.

e. Domestic Violence Policy Update *VOTE NEEDED*

This update in the Domestic Violence Policy is required to maintain compliance with the State of Connecticut and Office of Victim Services model plan. It was necessary to adopt anything that was not currently in our policy. Lieutenant Peckham has updated our policy and has brought us into compliance. One major change is that before, respondents in ex parte restraining orders did not have to turn in firearms, now they automatically have to turn them in to local law enforcement.

Vice Chairman Trebisacci made a motion to approve the updated Domestic Violence Policy as presented. Motion seconded by Commissioner Gourd. Discussion: Commissioner Tabor asked Captain Olson what would happen if a policy is not updated and not in compliance. Captain Olson noted that we would just adopt the State policy which we basically did but in our policy format. No further discussion, all in favor, motion approved.

f. Boiler Bid *VOTE NEEDED*

Captain Olson attended the out loud reading of the boiler bids. SK Mechanical out of Manchester had the lowest bid of \$51,400 to fix the boilers and add a separate Viessman instant water heater so no cold water will go into the boilers. Train came in at \$54,000 to do the entire project. The highest bid was \$118,500. Captain Olson spoke with Finance and usually the lowest bid is accepted unless there are unusual circumstances or the bid is not in compliance. Captain Olson reached out to Manchester Police who have used SK Mechanical and they have favorable reviews on the company. Captain Olson feels, after extensive review, that SK Mechanical has met our requirements and have supplied insurance and bonding. They will also provide service.

Vice Chairman Trebisacci made a motion to extend a contract to SK Mechanical, being the lowest qualified bidder, subject to whatever requirements are imposed by the administration. Motion seconded by Commissioner O'Shaughnessy. No discussion, all in favor, motion approved.

g. West Vine Street School Fire Lanes *POSSIBLE VOTE*

Captain Olson informed the Commission that Pawcatuck Fire Chief Kevin Burns has concerns about the placement of the fire lanes while West Vine Street School is an active construction site. The fire lanes may not

be in the best place as the site work progresses. Chief Burns asked if he can have the ability to move the no parking fire lanes during construction in order for them to be in the safest areas.

Commissioner O'Shaughnessy made a motion to allow Pawcatuck Fire Chief Burns to move the fire lanes only during the construction phase at West Vine Street School. Motion seconded by Vice Chairman Trebisacci. No discussion. All in favor, motion approved.

There was some discussion regarding the ongoing construction at Dean's Mill and West Vine Street Schools.

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

7. Consent Agenda

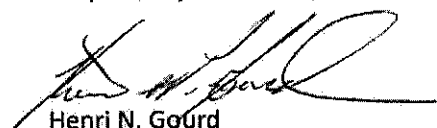
- a. Letter Re: Public Act No. 17-99
- b. Letters Re: Legends Smoke Shop Alarm Fines
- c. Letter Re: Sergio Franchi Concert
- d. Letters & Highway Use Permit: Maria Assunta Processions
- e. Letter Re: Mystic Eats
- f. Memo Re: Good Job – Officer Hersh
- g. Letter Re: Olde Mistick Village Garlic Festival
- h. Letter Re: Removed Signs
- i. PAC Membership Application: Officer Browning
- j. Memo Re: Great Job – Sergeant Marley
- k. Letter Re: Thank You – Law Enforcement Memorial
- l. Letter Re: Thank You – Bay Street
- m. Letter Re: Columbus Day Parade
- n. Memo Re: Great Job – Detective Howard
- o. Memo Re: Great Job – Officer Brummund
- p. Memo Re: Great Job – Officer Hersh
- q. Letter Re: Thank You – Groton Long Point Police
- r. Thank You Note: Cherenzia Family
- s. Semi-Annual Training Report for Chief Stewart

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

9. Adjourn

At 6:05 p.m., Vice Chairman Trebisacci made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Gourd, all in favor, motion approved. All in favor. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,



Henri N. Gourd
Secretary