

**STONINGTON BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
Thursday, December 13, 2018
5:00 P.M. at the Stonington Police Headquarters**

MEETING MINUTES

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

Absent: Chief Darren Stewart

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. Blessing of the Fleet 5K Race *VOTE NEEDED*

Michelle Crowley, Committee Member, Blessing of the Fleet 5K Race

This is the 5th annual race which will be held on Thursday, July 25, 2019. It takes place entirely in the Borough starting and ending at the Town Dock. Approximately 180-200 runners/walkers. No changes from last year.

Commissioner O'Shaughnessy made a motion to approve the Blessing of the Fleet 5K Race as presented subject to the requirements the Administration and the Chief may deem necessary and upon proof of proper insurance. Motion seconded by Commissioner Tabor. No discussion, all in favor, motion approved.

b. Mystic Half Marathon *VOTE NEEDED*

Beth Schluger, Hartford Marathon Foundation Glastonbury, CT

This is the 5th year for this event which will be held on Sunday, May 19, 2019. This is the weekend before Memorial Day weekend. 2200 participants are expected. Notifications to residents will be sent out in a post card two weeks prior to the event, signage will go up one week prior. Route 27 is expected to be shut down for approximately 15 minutes during the event.

Commissioner Tabor made a motion to approve the Mystic Half Marathon as presented subject to the requirements the Administration and the Chief may deem necessary and upon proof of proper insurance. Motion seconded by Commissioner Elmer. No discussion, all in favor, motion approved.

c. Planning & Zoning Zone Change Amendment Application Re: Perkins Farm Complex *COMMENTS NEEDED*

NOTE: Listed as Coogan Farm on the agenda, should be Perkins Farm

David Lattizori, Lattizori Development LLC

David Lattizori came before the Commission to discuss plans for the 1st phase of the Perkins Farm Complex project which consist of a medical facility and townhouses.

Commissioner O'Shaughnessy made a motion to forward comments to Planning & Zoning that all safety and parking issues have been addressed. In addition, there are concerns about the placement of cameras and bi-directional antennas for communication with in the facilities and for first responders and medical personnel. Motion seconded by Commissioner Tabor. No discussion, all in favor, motion approved.

d. Letters & E-Mail Re: Mystic River Boathouse Park *POSSIBLE VOTE/ACTION*

Parking and safety concerns will be addressed with a discussion group. Tabled.

4. Old Business

a. Revised Stonington Harbor Management Plan

No one in attendance for this item. Tabled.

b. Zoning Regulation Amendment – Accessory Dwelling Units *COMMENTS NEEDED*

Jason Vincent, Stonington Planning & Zoning

The presentation to the Board of Police Commissioners in regard to the accessory dwelling units was based on the understanding that the accessory dwellings are for family members and that the primary residence is owner occupied. Based on this understanding, the following motion was made:

Commissioner Elmer made a motion to forward comments to Planning & Zoning that safety concerns have been addressed; however, there are concerns that a type of system be implemented to let the police department know that someone is living in a separate unit/building on a property, and also concerns about adequate parking. Commissioner O'Shaughnessy seconded the motion. No discussion, all in favor, motion approved.

c. Zoning Regulation Amendment – Flood Hazard Overlay District Regulations *COMMENTS NEEDED*

Jason Vincent, Stonington Planning & Zoning

Already adopted, no concerns, no motion/comments.

5. Traffic

a. E-Mail Re: Intersection of Route 2 @ Route 1

No one in attendance for this item. Tabled.

b. E-Mail Re: Areas of Concern on Mistuxet Avenue

No one in attendance for this item. Tabled.

**6. Approval of Minutes from Thursday, November 8, 2018 Regular Meeting
*VOTE NEEDED***

Commissioner Elmer made a motion to approve the minutes for the Thursday, November 8, 2018 Regular Meeting. Motion seconded by Commissioner Tabor. All in favor, motion approved.

7. Report of the Chief of Police

a. Budget Report

b. Monthly Report

c. Alarm Report

d. Special Event Schedule

e. FY 2019-2020 Budget

Captain Olson discussed the potential new network manager position. It still needs to be determined which department budget this will come out of.

f. Radio Update

Captain Olson stated that the Police Department tower is now active. He is also testing portable radios at various locations in town. The Groton Town tower is up which strengthened the Mystic section of town.

Richard LaSaracina – Wireless Design Group Radio Systems Consultant

Mr. LaSaracina discussed the pros and cons of the different brands of portable radios. He is recommending the Kenwood portable radio. He is confident that this will best fit the operation and financial needs of the police department.

1. E-Mail Re: Proposed RFP for Portable Radios *POSSIBLE VOTE*

Commissioner O'Shaughnessy made a motion to approve the proposed RFP for the portable radios. Motion seconded by Commissioner Tabor. No discussion, all in favor, motion approved.

2. Article: "Norwich to join Stonington, Groton Town police in state radio system partnership"

3. BDA Discussion

g. Chapter 47, Chaplain Program Policy *VOTE NEEDED*

This was combined with 7h.

h. Approval of Rules & Regulations to Comply with POST Requirements *VOTE NEEDED*

With regard to the Rules and Regulations, the Police Academy is requiring compliance of policies with 16 areas and needs as set forth by CT POST-C Compliance to Law Enforcement Standards and Practices Program. Officer Theresa Hersh, who has been on

light duty, has worked on updating these policies to meet the requirements. Commissioner O'Shaughnessy thanked Officer Hersh and stated that she did a great job.

Commissioner Elmer made a motion to approve Chapter 47 Chaplain Program Policy and to approve the Rules & Regulations as presented to comply with the POST requirements, and also thanks Officer Theresa Hersh for all of her hard work. Motion seconded by Commissioner Tabor. No discussion, all in favor, motion approved.

At this time, Chairman Trebisacci recognized former Commissioner Frank Pucci who was in attendance for the entire meeting and thanked him for all of his services.

i. 2019 JAG Grant

j. E-Mail Re: Disposal of Impound Vehicles *VOTE NEEDED*

Request to dispose of three vehicles in the impound lot that are in poor condition and unable to be used.

Vice Chairman Gourd made a motion to approve the request to dispose of the three impounded vehicles noted. Motion seconded by Commissioner Elmer. No discussion, all in favor, motion approved.

FYI to Commission - Captain Olson noted that the Department will be getting four new cruisers and originally planned to trade in four existing cruisers including an unmarked silver Crown Victoria. The trade in on this vehicle would only have been \$500, so it was decided that only three cruisers would be traded in. The silver Crown Victoria will be kept to be used for road jobs. The Department receives \$25/hour for vehicles used at road jobs.

k. E-Mail Re: 2018 Form 10 UCR Summary

Commissioner Tabor made a motion to accept the Report of the Chief of Police. Motion seconded by Commissioner Elmer. No discussion, all in favor, motion approved.

8. Consent Agenda

a. Letter Re: Renewal of Permits for Pedestrian Safety Signs

b. Letter Re: Kelley's Pace Events

c. POST Letters *FYI*

d. Memo Re: Thank You – Sergeant Marley

e. Memo Re: Good Job – Detective Howard

f. Letter Re: Thank You – Chief Stewart

g. Letter Re: Crash Data Request *FYI*

h. Crosswalk Pedestrian Sign Permits

Commissioner O'Shaughnessy made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion seconded by Vice Chairman Gourd. No discussion, all in favor, motion approved.

9. Adjourn

Commissioner Tabor made a motion to adjourn. Motion seconded by Commissioner O'Shaughnessy. No discussion, all in favor, motion approved. Meeting adjourned at 6:44 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert J. O'Shaughnessy

Robert O'Shaughnessy
Secretary