

**STONINGTON BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING**

Thursday, November 9, 2017

5:00 pm. at the Stonington Police Headquarters

AMENDED MEETING MINUTES

Present: Commissioner Raymond Trebisacci, Commissioner Henri Gourd,
Commissioner Bob Tabor, Commissioner Robert O'Shaughnessy
Commissioner Bob Elmer, Chief Darren Stewart,
Captain Todd Olson

Commission members welcomed Bob Elmer.

1. Call to order/Pledge of Allegiance

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

2. Remarks of Public

Harry Holt, retired Chairman of the Board of Police Commissioners expressed the tremendous pleasure he had serving the Town.

3. Election of Board of Police Commissioner Officers (Chairman, Vice Chairman & Secretary)

Commissioner Gourd made a motion to nominate Commissioner Trebisacci as Chairman. Commissioner O'Shaughnessy seconded the motion. All in favor, motion approved.

Commissioner O'Shaughnessy made a motion to nominate Commissioner Gourd as Vice Chairman. Commissioner Tabor seconded the motion. All in favor, motion approved.

Commissioner Tabor made a motion to nominate Commissioner O'Shaughnessy as Secretary. Commissioner Elmer seconded the motion. All in favor, motion approved.

4. Approval of Minutes from Tuesday, October 10, 2017 Special Meeting

VOTE NEEDED

Commissioner O'Shaughnessy made a motion to approve the minutes from the Tuesday, October 10, 2017 Special Meeting. Motion seconded by Commissioner Tabor. All in favor, motion approved.

5. New Business

a. Kelley's Pace Races 2018 * VOTE NEEDED*

Chief Stewart stated that permission and police presence has been requested and is required for this event. There is usually fewer than 200 Participants. Commissioner O'Shaughnessy made a motion to approve Police presence at this event given all requirements with regard to insurance, etc are met. Commissioner Tabor seconded the motion. All in favor, motion approved.

b. Planning & Zoning Special Use Permit application – Hendels Mystic, LLC & Hendels Washington St., LLC *COMMENTS NEEDED*

Bill Sweeney of Tobin, Carberry, O'Malley, Riley & Selinger, and P.C. was present along with Project Engineer Clinton Brown, P.E. to discuss construction of a 14,157 sf mixed use building with associated site improvements at 3 Roosevelt Ave. & 48 Washington St., Mystic. Improvements would include refurbishing of the gas station, retail and high end rental units at new property. This project would include shared parking. Kermit Way, Traffic Engineer was also present to address Commissioners concerns with adverse effects. Commission members also questioned the type of retail, how rental parking spots would be monitored, employee parking and shared parking with gas station and possible drive thru for local traffic, sight lines concerns and safety. After discussion, Commissioner Gourd made a motion to support the Special Use Permit application urging the Planning & Zoning commission to consider pedestrian or one way going North through the parking lot connector as well as security cameras. Commissioner O'Shaughnessy seconded the motion. All in favor, motion approved.

6. Old Business

a. Potential Crosswalk – Mystic Color Lab Site *POSSIBLE VOTE*

Tabled to December meeting

b. Event Parking for Denison Pequotsepos Nature Center at Coogan Farm *POSSIBLE VOTE*

After discussion Chairman Trebisacci made a motion to table this item so the Commission could more thoroughly deliberate. Commissioner O'Shaughnessy seconded the motion. Tabled to December meeting.

At this time, 6:30 p.m., Chairman Trebisacci ceased the meeting for a short break, Commissioner Tabor left the meeting. Chairman Trebisacci reconvened the meeting at 6:37 p.m.

7. Traffic

a. Request for Handicap Parking – Haley Street, Mystic *VOTE NEEDED*

Tabled to December meeting

b. Letter Re: Downtown Parking limits

Chief Stewart submitted letter dated November 3, 2017 to Connecticut Department of Transportation

c. Request for School Bus Stop Sign – Lantern Hill Road, Old Mystic *VOTE NEEDED*

Captain Olson spoke to the need for the signage going north, prior to first driveway. Commissioner O'Shaughnessy made a motion to accept Captain Olson and Stonington Public Schools Facilities Manager's recommendation to install School Bus Stop sign as requested. Commissioner Elmer seconded the motion. All in favor, motion approved.

8. Approval of 2018 Regular Meeting Schedule *VOTE NEEDED*

Commissioner Gourd made a motion to approve the 2018 Regular meeting schedule. Commissioner O'Shaughnessy seconded the motion. All in favor, motion approved.

9. Report of the Chief of Police

a. Budget Report

b. Monthly Report

c. Alarm Report

d. Special Events Schedule

e. Vehicles

Purchase order submitted November 2, 2017 for three marked and one unmarked vehicle.

f. First Response Certificate

g. Taser

h. Radio/Tower Project Update

Chief Stewart reported that that the telephone conference with Motorola went well and hopes to get a quote as early as next week. This will be interfaced with the State.

Chief Stewart reported that the new hires are doing well. He also commended his officers with recent impressive arrests.

Commissioner Gourd made a motion to accept the Report of the Chief of Police. Commissioner O'Shaughnessy seconded. All in favor, motion approved.

10. Consent Agenda

a. Thank You – Haley Street & Bay Street, Mystic

b. Memo Re: Job Well Done – Lt. Schneider

c. Veterans Day parade – Paperwork & Highway Use Permit

d. Thank You – Chief Stewart

e. Letter Re: Santa's Arrival – Downtown Westerly/Pawcatuck

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

11. Executive Session

a. Interview of Candidates for the position of Patrol Officer

Chairman Trebisacci adjourned the Regular meeting to enter into Executive Session.

At approximately 9:15 p.m. Commissioner O'Shaughnessy made a motion to come out of Executive Session. Motion seconded by Commissioner Elmer. All in favor, motion passed.

At approximately 9:16 p.m. Commissioner Gourd made a motion to extend a conditional offer of probationary employment to Joshua Jordan conditional on a successful completion of further background, polygraph, psychological and physical tests as well as academy requirements. Motion seconded by Commissioner O'Shaughnessy. No further comments, all were in favor.

Furthermore the Commission discussed that one applicant failed the interview and the remaining two applicants would be placed on a standby list. Additionally, they requested that another group of candidates be brought forward to the Commission on a future date for consideration.

12. Adjourn

Meeting unanimously adjourned at 9:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Robert O' Shaughnessy
Secretary