

Wolfeboro Police Commission Meeting Minutes January 16, 2020

Members present: Chairman Steve Wood, Bob O'Brien and Vice-Chair Joe Balboni Jr. (on the phone)

Staff present: Chief Dean Rondeau, Captain Livie, and Amelia Capone-Muccio Recording Secretary, Sherri Moore Recording Secretary

Chairman Wood called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM and introduced the Commissioners, staff in attendance and noted a quorum was present.

➤ ***Pledge of Allegiance***

Chairman Wood entertained the Pledge of Allegiance.

➤ ***December 19, 2019 regular meeting.***

Commissioner Bob O'Brien moved the Wolfeboro Police Commission to approve the public minutes of and December 19, 2019 as amended. Commissioner Joe Balboni Jr. seconded. Members voted, all others in favor, the motion passed.

Activity Reports

Chief Rondeau reported on the following activity reports for the month:

Incidents: He reported 42 incidents, an decrease from last month.

Offenses by month: He reported 59 offenses last month.

Arrest status report: He reported an decrease from previous month a total of 15 a 44% decrease.

Collisions YTD and Accidents by street name: He reported 21 accidents last month which is a 25% increase from the previous month. Chief Rondeau reported that the department takes notice where accidents occur patrol in those areas.

Traffic stops YTD and location breakdown report: He reported 131 traffic stops last month and 4 tickets were issued out of those stops. The Department is education minded to warn, give information and not give summons.

Personnel Analysis report: The report is a synopsis of each officer's reporting for the month. Noted this report includes the Animal Control officer and you'll note we track his activity.

Detectives Report: He provided the Detective's report for review 8 cases carried over, with 3 new cases for the month.

School Resource Officer (SRO): The report summarizes the activity at the Governor Wentworth School complex; he noted that this is a very busy facility with 23 investigations.

Chief's Items

See attached memo of the Chief's Items.

DISCUSSION:

Chairman Wood asked if the detective is still pulling shifts?

Chief Rondeau answered yes. Since we are a 24/7 operation and due to having an officer vacancy the open shift still needs to be filled. Due to having one of the officers recently graduate from the Police Academy Chief Rondeau also explained the Police Academy process.

Chairman Wood replied that he would like the public to be aware that even when an officer is at the academy the Department is still down and officer.

Captain's Items

The Captain update the Commission on the following:

- Code Red training status; is still a work in progress.

Questions from the Press

None

Commissioner's Items

Chairman Wood stated that Chris Dustin had to blackout of his full time position and go back down to part time due to a medical issue. This left the Department with another opening. The Department had 57 applicants and 46 of the applicants were scheduled to come to the Physical Agility testing – having morning and afternoon sessions. However, the turnout was very disappointing due to out of 46 only 10 came. Out of the 10 that participated in the testing 5 were successful candidates.

The Department met with the 5 candidates on January 10, 2020 and gave a offer. The new officer will come on April 1, 2020 and attend the August academy.

Chief Rondeau noted that Officer Ben Church is a great officer. He also noted the candidates today are not typically fit.

Commissioner O'Brien mentioned that witnessing the process of Physical Fitness testing helps to give an appreciation for the whole process.

Board of Selectmen's Representative

None.

Public Comment

None.

Being no further business before the Commission, Chairman Wood entertained a motion to enter non-public session to discuss personnel.

Commissioner Bob O'Brien moved the Wolfeboro Police Commission enter into non-public session RSA 91 A: 3, a to discuss personnel at 4:56 PM. Joe Balboni, Jr. seconded. Roll call vote: Joe Balboni Jr. - yes, Bob O'Brien-yes and Steve Wood-yes, the motion passed.

The Commission re-entered public session at 5:24 PM.

Being no further business before the Commission, Chairman Wood entertained a motion to adjourn.

Commissioner Bob O'Brien moved the Wolfeboro Police Commission to adjourn at 5:25 PM. Commissioner Joe Balboni Jr. seconded. Being none opposed, the motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherri Moore

TO: Wolfeboro Police Commission

FROM: Dean J. Rondeau
Chief of Police

SUBJ: Chief's Items (December 2019) for 16 January 2020 Commission meeting

DATE: 09 January 2020

Non- Public: I have one item for Non-public Session under Personnel hiring (new candidates.)

GENERAL BUDGET ITEMS:

The Command Staff conducted four (4) internal FY 19 budget reviews this past month (December 2019). So far, we are coming in at just under 1.7 percent underspent for the end of the 52nd week of the FY 19 Budget in the Police budget, and approximately 2 percent underspent in Dispatch. We have delivered our FY 2020 Budgets to both the BOS and the Budget Committees. Relative to the Budget, I thought both presentations went well. The final Capital Outlay Budget Request (One Cruiser) and the CIP request (Dispatch Console) to the Budget Committee were delivered on 30 December and 6 January respectively, both presentations went well. The Final Budget hearing was held on 9 January. The next hard date for the FY 2020 budget will be on 4 Feb with the Deliberative Session at the Great Hall (Town Hall), and then it is onto the Town Vote scheduled for 10 March.

Once I have the final numbers for the FY 19 Budget final expenditures, I will take the Wolfeboro Police Commission through a final end of year summary of our execution of the FY 19 Budget-this will be scheduled for February 20th 2020 after the presentation of the Chief's items. I will have the FY 19 Budget documents emailed to you gentlemen for your review well before the meeting so that you have time to review, analyze, and develop questions as you see fit.

PERSONNEL:

Benjamin Church has indeed graduated from the NH the Police Academy. He did so on 20 December-thank-you for attending. It was a long 16 weeks. Now he has begun a 12-week Wolfeboro Field Training Officer (FTO) program. All is going well, and by early summer Officer Church is scheduled to be on patrol by himself with supervision.

Operations (Criminal Investigations and Prosecutions):

In terms of Police investigations, Dec continued to be heavy month for the Wolfeboro PD. We continue to work closely with our local, County, State and Federal partners in a host of different investigative efforts. In terms of Police Prosecutions; this past month, December was light due to the Holidays. Fourteen (14) defendants responded to fourteen (14) Charges; of those fourteen (14) Charges, twelve (12) plead or were found Guilty at trial; and two (2) defendants agreed to have their cases Placed on File (POF) pending good behavior for six months or more, with diversion, education, and restitution component(s) added to their sentences. The conviction rate this past month is 100% with approximately \$3314.00 dollars in fines, penalties and restitution meted out-crime does not pay.

Safety and Security matters: As we get into the Winter months, many take to our frozen bodies of water for recreational purposes. Ice fishing, snowmobiling, cross country skiing are just a few of the activities many enjoy. When doing so-please, be mindful of the ice conditions-specifically the ice thickness. Our bodies of water require quite a bit of time to thicken and harden up, and even though we may have many cold days, just a few warm ones can make quite a bit of difference-it is all really about thermal dynamics!

Dispatch: Dispatch continues to work hard; Nov and Dec are months in which we see our Dispatchers gear up for the annual Wolfeboro Children's Christmas Fund drive. This program is approximately 40 years old and is run completely out of the Dispatch Center and is headed up each year by Mia Lyons. This past Dec was no exception, and were hard at work, assisted by our very capably Officers and Fire-Fighters gathering and moving toys and clothing for our recipients. This year, Mia and her able-bodied elves were able to help 27 families and 77 children-good job to all who took part or donated to this very worthwhile program. If you would like to donate to this very worthwhile program, please call in and speak to Dispatch Supervisor Mia Lyons at 569-1444. She can tell you how you may help or donate. Additionally, the program is a NH AG and Dept of Sate Registered 5013-c and tax deduction slips are available for your donations. Thanks for helping!

Motor Vehicle Enforcement: So last month, Commissioner emeritus Ron Goodgame made a solid recommendation. Aside from briefing simply about crashes and motor vehicle enforcement issues tell the public what you are doing to mitigate such events-Great suggestion Ron. With that being said, and in an effort to mitigate the traffic crashes we realize on a monthly basis, I am making plans to deployed enhanced patrols in specific areas we are realizing the most collisions. So please pay close attention and watch you speeds. Additionally, we will be gearing up traffic safety tips and recommendations on our websites and Facebook pages. These will be great resources for young or inexperienced drivers to take advantage of and to help educate the motoring public. These efforts are designed to help folks avoid traffic collision. Safety First!

Speed and traffic crash issues continue to be a problem in our community. Please pay attention to the posted speed limits on our Town roads, and please drive safely-speed complaints represent some of the most common quality of life issues we receive at the PD. Please be courteous of your friends and neighbors and don't speed. We will be monitoring our roads very carefully, especially our high traffic roads such as North-South Main Streets, Center Street, and 109-East. If you speed-please slow-down, the life you save may be your own-thank-you!

That being said: The Department is continuing its enhanced speed enforcement operations in the following areas: Lehner Street, Forrest Road, Cotton Valley and College Road areas, Beach Pond Road with a focus on the area between Pine Hill Road and North Line Road, Center Street, North Main Street, 109 East, Bay Street and Sewell Road. The reason for these speed enforcement operations is due to citizen complaints and data collected and analyzed by our radar trailer. We will continue our efforts in these areas until we are sure that the speeds have come down. If you travel these roads, please be mindful of the posted speed limits.

Training:

Police:

Police

Officer Llewellyn – NHJPOA meeting in Concord.

Officer Martineau – PSTC emotionally Disturbed person dynamics

Sgt. Strauch – K-9 Training.

Detective Emerson - 4-hour use of force training with Ossipee PD

Benjamin Church graduated from the NHPA on December 20th after 16 weeks of training.

Dispatch:

Supervisor Lyons and Heather Calligandes -Special Olympics of NH Conference

OUTREACH AND MATTERS OF INTEREST:

Both the Captain and I met with concerned citizens regarding a wide range of issues and community involvement topics.

Both the Captain and I attended a wide range of Budget meetings with various groups and committees as we proceed through the budget process.

The Captain attended and participated as an advisor in two school lock-down drills this past month. As an aside the DP has been very active this past year with school lock down drills and emergency planning, and we enjoy the opportunity to assist.

The Both the Captain and I spoke on Wolfeboro Community TV this past month with a member of the public about topics of interest.

The Captain and I continue to be regulars at the Men's Breakfast meetings each month.

The Captain and or I continue to attend all the BOS meetings.

The Captain continues to be part of the Master Planning process, the Technical Review and Joint loss committees.

Lastly, please be our guest on Coffee and Connections with the Chief.

Safety Tip of the Month: Winter Driving. Winter is here. Please remember to use your four-wheel drive if your vehicle is so equipped. Today's vehicles, unlike yesteryear's vehicles are equipped to go into and out of 4-wheel drive quickly and effortlessly. If your vehicle is not so equipped, take extra precautions not to get stuck and drive with the appropriate care that you need to arrive safely at your destination.

Captain's Items: Code Red Update