

**Wolfeboro Police Commission  
Meeting Minutes  
July 20, 2017**

**Members present:** Chairman Steve Wood and Vice-Chair Joe Balboni Jr.

**Staff present:** Chief Rondeau, Captain Livie and Recording Secretary Amelia Capone-Muccio.

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.

**Consideration of Minutes**

- ***Public minutes of the June 20<sup>th</sup> special meeting and June 22, 2017 regular meeting.***

Commissioner Wood noted edits on page one, adding the reference to Operation Granite Hammer to the second to last paragraph, page two, and page three relative to typos.

**Commissioner Joe Balboni Jr. moved the Wolfeboro Police Commission to accept the public minutes of June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2017 as submitted and June 22, 2017 as amended. Commissioner Steve Wood seconded. Members voted and being none opposed, the motion passed.**

**Activity Reports**

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

**Offenses (State Law) by month:** He reported 96 offenses for the month.

**Arrest status report:** He reported 27 arrests for the month a 40% decrease from the previous month.

**Personnel Analysis report:** The report is a synopsis of each officer's reporting for the month.

**Accidents by street name:** He reported 22 accidents last month, which is a 100% increase from the previous month.

**School Resource Officer (SRO):** The SRO provided his monthly report noting numerous investigations for the month.

**Motor Vehicle Traffic Report:** He reported 200 stops last month at 6% decrease, only 12 resulted in tickets.

**Detectives Report:** He reviewed the Detective's report noting he took on 7 new cases for the month, he added 3 new cases and carried over 6 cases.

## Chief's Items

Chief Rondeau reported the following:

- Detective Maloney has been promoted to Sergeant, but still covering detective's cases until August.
- The Department continues to receive many accolades about the officers and received many thank yous for their service. The Department appreciates the feedback good or bad which allows them to award good behavior and correct deficiencies.
- The Bike Patrol has received positive feedback and is a great supplement to the foot patrol downtown.
- Thanks to grants, the public will see an increase in patrols for DWI, Speed and Opioid patrols, distracted driving, Pedestrian and Crosswalk safety. These extra patrols supplement the officers on duty during the busiest time of the year.
- He reported that the Animal Cruelty case that took place in Wolfeboro on June 16<sup>th</sup> has cost the town \$13,000 in man power and equipment expenses and the town hopes to recoup some of that cost through the criminal justice process and a trial is set for October 25, 2017.
- The Prosecutor reports that 21 defendants answered 26 charges this past month. Of those 17 were found or plead guilty, 7 placed on components to their sentence, one complaint was withdrawn, and one was found not. He reported the conviction rate was 90% with \$ 4,319.61 in fines, penalties and restitution.
- He reported Captain Livie and Sgt. Archambault attended Osha Training, Sgt. Archambault attended Supervisor training at Primex, Officer Llewellyn attended Autism Risk and Safety training, Officer Swift and Larochelle attended Mt. Bike Training and all of Central Dispatch conducted Emergency Dispatch in-service training.
- He and the Captain spoke on WCTV this past month.
- He provided annual training to the Lifeguards for Park and Recreation.
- He and the Captain continue to provide coverage for the Board of Selectmen meetings.
- The Public Safety Open House was held July 1<sup>st</sup> with participation from Wolfeboro Fire Rescue, Lakes Region Hazardous Waste, Pope Memorial SPCA, the Conway Humane Society of the United States and the Town Health Department. It was a great event with 300 visitors to the Public Safety Building. He thanked the following sponsors of the event: Garwood's, Hunter's IGA, Harvest Market, Market Basket Rochester North, Hannaford's Alton, Baily's Bubble, Morrissey's Front Porch and last but not least Mill Street Meat Market who donated 35 lbs. of Mill Street Chicken wings! Events like this are an important part of community policing.
- On June 10<sup>th</sup> he had the honor of giving retired US Army Captain and former Wolfeboro Police Officer Bernard Rattigan's eulogy.
- June 30<sup>th</sup> he attended the NH Youth Police Cadet Graduation, for three youths from Wolfeboro; Connor Alard, James Huckman, and Bailey Savage.
- He noted that in recent press releases the department has had some major investigations. He stated that if you plan to try and sell drugs in Wolfeboro, you will go to prison. If you drink and drive expect to get caught and if you plan to sponsor an underage drinking party, don't. If you are caught the consequences are severe and we ask as citizens to voluntarily comply with the law.
- He and the Captain have conducted two internal budget reviews. He provided a brief review of all three budgets; Police Department, Central Dispatch and Animal Control reporting they all



are on target for expenditures to date. He noted the overtime budget reporting is inaccurate as all reimbursements have not been received to date.

### **Captain's Items**

Captain Livie reported the following for the month:

- He noted they are starting to do some Police interaction at the Farmer's Market next month will be a K9 demonstration.
- Selection for a new Detective is underway and they have two candidates, Officer Swift and Officer Emerson. The Department will announce the selection by August 28<sup>th</sup>.
- The radar trailer has been out in different areas of town, he noted it is being serviced in locations requested by the public. He noted the trailer can take a photo of those who are traveling above the speed limit.

### **DISCUSSION:**

Commissioner Balboni questioned if the town should purchase another one.

Chief Rondeau replied he believes they should, there is currently a waiting list for locations for the trailer. He noted there are grants for it and feels they should look into purchasing another.

### **Commissioner's Items**

Steve Wood noted that the 4<sup>th</sup> of July is a very busy day for the Town and the entire Police Department works that day. He noted for the public's information that those coming to visit for the parade and/or fireworks that day should plan accordingly, meaning if you come from Tuftonboro direction, it would be easier to exit town if you park on that side of town. He heard many compliments on the Police Department on how they handled the high volume of traffic that day as well as those who spoke to them dis-respectively.

### **Board of Selectmen's Representative**

None.

### **Public Comment**

Elissa Paquette of the Granite State News questioned the K9 demo at the Farmer's Market.

Captain Livie replied it will be the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday in August at 2:30 PM.

Mrs. Paquette questioned what they do with the photos taken from the radar trailer.

Chief Rondeau replied they have a manner to deal with them but this information provides how to use their resources such as many high speeds in an area would mean they would need to add a patrol vehicle to that location.

Jim Rouillard, resident, noted he had a recent interaction with Officer Belleau and commended him on his personality and professionalism.

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

**Commissioner Joe Balboni Jr. moved the Wolfeboro Police Commission enter into non-public session RSA 91 A: 3, a & d to discuss personnel and ongoing litigation at 4:49 PM. Steve Wood seconded. Roll call vote: Joe Balboni Jr.-yes and Steve Wood=yes, the motion passed.**

The Commission re-entered public session at 5:09 PM.

**Commissioner Steve Wood moved the Wolfeboro Police Commission to seal the minutes of the July 20, 2017 non-public meeting. Joe Balboni Jr. seconded. Roll call vote, Chairman Wood– yes, and Joe Balboni Jr. – yes. Being none opposed, the motion passed.**

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

**Commissioner Joe Balboni Jr. moved the Wolfeboro Police Commission to adjourn at 5:10 PM. Commissioner Steve Wood seconded. Being none opposed, the motion passed.**

Respectfully submitted,  
**Amelia Capone-Muccio**