

Wolfeboro Police Commission Meeting Minutes October 20, 2016

Members present: Chairman Steve Wood, Joe Balboni Jr. and Ron Goodgame.

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

Chairman Wood called the meeting to order at 4:00PM 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 September 15, 2016 meeting minutes***

Commissioner Joe Balboni Jr. moved the Wolfeboro Police Commission to accept the public minutes of September 15, 2016 as submitted. Commissioner Ron Goodgame seconded. Members voted and being none opposed, the motion passed.

Activity Reports

Chief Chase reported on the following activity reports for last month:

Offenses (State Law) by month: He reported 114 offenses for the month which is a decrease from the previous month. He noted that compared to this time last year, the offenses are up 16%.

Arrest status report: He reported 37 arrests for last month, which is a 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 9 accidents last month, which is a decrease from the previous month. He noted there have been 113 accidents year to date.

Prosecutor's report: He reported 20 defendants who answered to 23 charges 18 arraignments, 4 and 1 pre- trials. He reported \$43,960.00 in fines/fees/assessments were paid to the State of NH.

School Resource Officer (SRO): The SRO provided his monthly report noting 11 investigations for the monthly and the Chief referred to his narrative on the report.

Motor Vehicle Traffic Report: He reported 132 stops last month, which is a decrease from the previous month and \$1,546 was received for summonses.

Detectives Report: He stated the Detective carried over 8 cases from last month and he had 6 new cases added.

Geographical Analysis: N/A

Central Dispatch report: N/A.

Commissioner Goodgame commented on the police cruiser at the High School and that having it parked at the school is helpful for awareness.

Chief Chase noted that it is the oldest vehicle in the fleet and thanked the school's automotive department for making some necessary repairs to the vehicle.

Chief's Items

Chief Chase reported the following:

- He noted reports of telephone scams involving IRS and Electric accounts and reminded the public neither of these entities will contact you via telephone for payment.
- He reported the following training for the month; officers completed firearms training this month under the direction of Sgt. Moore and Senior Patrol Officer Spera, Senior Patrol Officer Livie received certification through Police Standards & Training in conducting on-going physical fitness testing of the officers, Supervisor Lyons held a staff meeting with Central Dispatch staff,
- Sgt. Moore attended an administrative class at the Municipal Police Institute in Grafton, MA and many Department members attended the webinar training on the recently acquired radar/traffic analysis/ data trailer and Sherri Moore, Administrative Assistant, attended the Microsoft Excel, Power User class in Portsmouth.
- He noted a grant funded opioid interdiction will be held in Carroll County and seven hours of training for law enforcement personnel precedes that event. A majority of the department's officers attended the training at the court complex in Ossipee on October 19th.
- The Department of Safety has informed us that we have been approved and funded for the following grants in 2017: Pedestrian/Bicycle Safety, Distracted Driving, Driving While Intoxicated (patrols) and Radar Reimbursement(s). The writing and management of these grants has been the responsibility of the Captain and his attention to detail and timely submissions has helped assure the proper funding of these public safety initiatives.
- He stated a National drug take-back event on Saturday, October 22nd where the public can safely discard unwanted or expired medications by simply depositing them in a receptacle that will be in the lobby of the public safety building.
- He noted the last of the new police SUV's was placed into service this week and he thanked Senior Patrol Officer Livie for overseeing the department's fleet and for the work put into outfitting the cruisers.
- The Department presented the 2017 budget proposals to the Board of Selectmen on October 12th with all items approved. The Budget Committee presentation is scheduled for Monday, November 14th at 6:30PM in Great Hall at Town Hall.
The Department received the following letters of appreciation last month; Officer Swift for her kindness and assistance during a recent medical emergency, The library, for the donation of bicycles to the summer reading program, Huggins Hospital for fingerprinting and processing forty four employees for state registration of medical assistants, Sgt. Archambault for his help

during a medical aid call involving a visitor to Wolfeboro, the Children's Center for the Department's participation in the "Touch a Truck" program at The Nick and from the Special Olympics for the Departments' participation in the Annual Torch Run.

- K9 Officer Strauch and K9 Riggs completed a successful track earlier this week after an impaired driver was clocked on radar on North Line Road at 70 mph in a 30 mph zone and failed to stop for Officer Spera. The suspect abandoned the car and fled into the woods. Riggs made short-work of the search when he found the man hiding in a shed.
- He stated Halloween will be celebrated on October 31st from 5-7:00PM. He reminded the public to stop by the public safety building where personnel will be distributing candy to trick or treaters.
- Lastly he stated that although it is still October, the Holiday season will soon be upon us. With that in mind, the Wolfeboro Children's Christmas Fund will be kicking off another year of helping families in need. We remind our supporters that this is a truly "grass roots" endeavor and we rely on the good will of our residents and the business community to make this successful. If you are considering end of year giving, we would appreciate your support once again. Last year, the Fund helped fifty six Wolfeboro families by purchasing winter coats, boots, and cold weather apparel for children. The generosity of our benefactors has expanded the program to toys and games as well.

Commissioner Goodgame questioned when the grant would be implemented and if the public is advised of when those additional patrols beginning.

Captain Rondeau replied they begin on or about June 1st and yes they do notify the public of the additional patrols.

Commissioner Goodgame questioned if details are used for the grants.

Captain Rondeau explained that the patrols are open to the patrol officers at three hours per patrol for a total of 120 hours and the town is reimburse at an overtime rate.

Chairman Wood questioned if the distracted driving grant is new as it appears many drivers have not got the message on this new law.

Captain Rondeau replied it is.

Questions from the Press

None.

Board of Selectmen's Representative

Luke Freudenberg thanked the Captain and the department for addressing and cleaning up a dumping area on the Bridge Falls.

Other Business

A member of the public requested to read a statement to the Commission and since this was not requested prior to the Commission meeting, Chairman Wood asked for a brief recess.

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

Commissioner Joe Balboni Jr. moved the Wolfeboro Police Commission enter non-public session RSA 91 A: 3 to discuss personnel and collective bargaining with the Town Manager at 4:40 PM. Ron Goodgame seconded. Roll call vote: Ron Goodgame- yes, Joe Balboni Jr.-yes and Steve Wood-yes, the motion passed.

The Commission re-entered public session at 5:40 PM.

It was moved by Ron Goodgame and seconded by Steve Wood to seal the minutes of October 20, 2016. Members voted and being all in favor, the motion passed.

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

Commissioner Ron Goodgame moved the Wolfeboro Police Commission to adjourn at 5:41 PM. Commissioner Joe Balboni Jr. seconded. Being none opposed, the motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Amelia Capone-Muccio