

Wolfeboro Police Commission Meeting Minutes June 16, 2016

Members present: Chairman Steve Wood, and Ron Goodgame.

Staff present: Chief Chase, Captain Rondeau 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. He noted that Commissioner Balboni was excused from today's meeting due to a family commitment.

➤ *Pledge of Allegiance*

Chairman Wood entertained the Pledge of Allegiance.

Consideration of Minutes

- ***Public minutes of May 19, 2016 meeting minutes and June 6, 2016 special meeting minutes.***

Commissioner Ron Goodgame moved the Wolfeboro Police Commission to accept the public minutes of May 19, 2016 and June 6, 2016 as submitted. Commissioner Steve Wood seconded. Members voted and being none opposed, the motion passed.

Public Comment

Chairman Wood noted that a member of the public has made a request to speak to the Commission in writing and the Commission has allotted him sometime on this agenda to do that. He noted that he did speak to Mr. Jeff Mason prior to the meeting regarding his concern and request to address that concern at this meeting.

Jeff Mason addressed the Commission and stated that he was contacted by Mr. Pernokas owner of a parking lot downtown regarding a car registered to him being parked in this lot and requested him to move. Mr. Mason asked Mr. Pernokas how he got his cell phone number and Mr. Pernokas's response was "I have my ways", this caused concern from Mr. Mason that he was able to obtain his private cell phone number. Mr. Mason explained he contacted the Police Department was informed by the Captain that the Department did provide his cell phone number to Mr. Pernokas to allow Mr. Mason the opportunity to move the vehicle vs. having it towed as it was not a public parking lot. Mr. Mason stated that he checked with other Police Departments to see if this was in fact common to provide people's private information to the public.

Chairman Wood stated he understands Mr. Mason's concerns but noted that the Department did not violate any rules and referred to the Captain to explain.

Captain Rondeau replied it has been a practice of the Wolfeboro Police Department to provide this basic information for matters such as this (noting this is a private parking lot) with the best intentions

to save the vehicle owners the expense from getting towed. He apologized to Mr. Mason and noted they can update the data base to note, not to give his information out in the future. He stated the Department felt that he would appreciate the phone call, rather than being towed.

Chief Chase agreed there was not malicious intent, they have done this in the past to save the owner's the cost of getting towed from the private lot. He apologized and noted that would not give out his information again.

Mr. Mason stated he spoke to many others who felt the same way he did about giving out his personnel information and if his daughter need to learn a life lesson the hard way by getting towed, then that is what should have happened.

Chairman Wood questioned if when he provided the cell phone information originally in the database did he specify it was private information.

Mr. Mason replied, not he did not think he needed to do that. He stated his purpose of this inquiry was to see if the Police Department was providing someone with a favor.

Commissioner Goodgame noted that the information in the database would also be relative to if an accident should happen so if he removes it he would not be contacted.

Mr. Mason replied this is for a parked car not a life or death. He thanked them for their time.

➤ **Household Hazardous Waste**

Sarah Silk, site coordinator for Lakes Region Household Hazardous Product Facility, addressed the Board to state that the next Hazardous Waste Collections if June 18th from 8:30 to Noon in Wolfeboro. He thanked the Wolfeboro Police Department for their continued participation in this event. She also stated she would like to provide Captain Dean Rondeau with an accommodation for his continued dedication to this program and she read that accommodation. She also thanked those who attended the recent field day exercise for the Lakes Region Repeaters at Dan Morgan's Farm on Pleasant Valley Road.

Activity Reports

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

Offenses (State Law) by month: He reported 77 offenses for the month which is a 16% decrease from the previous month.

Arrest status report: He reported 27 arrests for last month, which is a 25% 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 for last month and a total of 54 year to date.

Prosecutor's report: He reported 26 defendants who answered 28 offenses, 7 pleas, 3 pretrial conferences, and 13 arraignments. He reported the received \$9,964 in fines/fees/assessments.

School Resource Officer (SRO): Officer Llewellyn reported the school complex is a busy place, with 32 investigations and various other activities at the complex.

Motor Vehicle Traffic Report: He reported 178 stops last month, which is an increase from the previous month and noted that most of the activity is on Center Street, North and South Main Street.

Detectives Report: He stated the Detective carried over 5 cases from last month, he had 2 new cases added, 1 was closed by arrest and one closed by other means, continuing with 5 cases going into the next month.

Geographical Analysis: N/A

Central Dispatch report: N/A.

DISCUSSION:

Commissioner Goodgame questioned if the total amount of cases for the Department is available on a monthly basis to provide some data for future needs. He questioned how cases are assigned to the Detective vs. stating with a patrol officer.

Chief Chase replied that they can provide such information and that cases are assigned based on a number of things such as time needed to investigate and geography of the case.

Chief's Items

Chief Chase reported the following:

- Officer LaRoche took the "oath of Office", on June 7th, and has begun his field training program under the direct supervision of Senior Patrol Officer Livie.
- Officer Fenton was given a conditional offer of employment after the Commission appointed him a seasonal officer on June 6th. They expect his background check and other preliminary matters to be completed soon and to start patrol at the end of the month. Officer Fenton is an 8 year veteran of the Wakefield Police Department holding the rank of Sergeant. He is a graduate of Plymouth State University and holds several certifications.
- Sherri Moore is adapting nicely to her role of administrative assistant.
- Officer Llewellyn, our School Resource Officer, spent the last three days hiking in the White Mountains with our own Police Commission Chair, Steve Wood, and the Team Vista students from the High School.
- The cell phones have been programmed and are now being utilized by patrol officers. A general order on their use and has been distributed and Sgt. Archambault has distributed a helpful primer to assist officers.
- The trade-in cruisers were de-commissioned by our own staff and brought to Irwin Ford. The new Ford, Explorers were delivered to 2-Way Communication in Newington Monday morning for outfitting and graphics. It takes about a week to complete one car and he understands there are several ahead of us but we hope to have them in service soon.
- C. G. Roxanne bottling company in Moultonborough has once again donated a palette of spring water to the Department for the summer months ahead. We are grateful for their continued generosity and community spirit – an annual gift that has been repeated for about ten years now.

- Several Department members participated in the Town's pay and classification study in anticipation of the next round of contract negotiations. He is scheduled to be interviewed by MRI on June 16th to further discuss the duties and responsibilities of the Chief of Police position.
- There have been many meetings since the last Commission report to include: Board of Selectmen, prospective employee interviews, Planning Board – Families in Transition, Town Department heads, and Port Wedlen Board of Directors.
- For outreach, personnel participated in: the annual Torch Run, Walk & Bike to School Day, Cornerstone Christian Academy golf tourney, scholarship presentations at KRHS, awards day at Children's Center, and the annual Memorial Day procession.
- The Captain assisted several students at Brewster with a class project, addressed the VNA on personal safety during home visits, the Alton Rotary on the opioid crisis and was interviewed by girl scouts on government matters.
- He and Fire Chief Pineo will be meeting in the near future to discuss the physical security of the public safety building. Input from our staff has provided some positive ideas on how to better protect our civilian employees, particularly in central dispatch.
- The Public Safety Building Open House is scheduled for July 2, 2016 from 11 AM to 1 PM and some great activities are planned for the event.

DISCUSSION:

Commissioner Goodgame questioned the permit for the beaches.

Captain Rondeau replied that no permits are needed for the Town Beaches and the Board of Selectmen provided an update to the ordinance reflecting such as well as an expanded curfew.

Board of Selectmen's Representative

Luke Freudenberg stated as always the Board of Selectmen appreciate the support of the Police Department at their monthly meetings.

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

Commissioner Goodgame noted at some point the Commission needs to discuss in public the impact of a certain litigant the cost to the Town for the ongoing cases.

Commissioner Ron Goodgame moved the Wolfeboro Police Commission enter non-public session RSA 91 A: 3 a & c to discuss personnel and litigation at 4:45 PM. Steve Wood. seconded. Roll call vote: Ron Goodgame- yes and Steve Wood-yes, the motion passed.

The Commission re-entered public session at 5:11 PM.

It was moved by Ron Goodgame and seconded by Steve Wood to seal the minutes of June 16, 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 5:12 PM. Commissioner Steve Wood seconded. Being none opposed, the motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Amelia Capone-Muccio