

Wolfeboro Police Commission

Meeting Minutes

September 20, 2018

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

Staff present: Chief Rondeau, Captain Livie, Board of Selectmen Representative Paul O'Brien, Bob Loughman representative Wolfeboro Budget Committee and Amelia Capone-Muccio 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.

➤ ***Public minutes of the August 16, 2018 regular meeting.***

Commissioner Joe Balboni Jr. moved the Wolfeboro Police Commission to accept the public minutes of August 16, 2018 as submitted. Commissioner Steve Wood seconded. Members voted, Ron Goodgame-abstained, all others in favor, the motion passed.

Activity Reports

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

Incidents: He reported 54 incidents for the month, an 8% increase from last month.

Offenses by month: He reported 75 offenses for the month, which is a decrease.

Arrest status report: He reported 18 arrests for the month, which is a decrease from previous month.

Collisions YTD and Accidents by street name: He reported 20 accidents last month, which is 42% decrease from the previous month.

Traffic stops YTD and location breakdown report: He reported 287 traffic stops and from those only 12 resulted in tickets.

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

School Resource Officer (SRO): N/A.

Detectives Report: He provided the Detective's report for review.

Chief's Items

Commissioner Goodgame suggested that Chief Rondeau's report become part of the minutes.

It was moved by Ron Goodgame and seconded by Joe Balboni Jr. to attach Chief Rondeau's monthly Chief's Item memo to the minutes for the record. Members voted and being all in favor, the motion passes.

Chief Rondeau read the attached memo. (See attached four page memo) He also reviewed the proposed 2019 Budgets for the Police Department, Communications and Animal Control with the Commission. He noted the most notable changes to the Police Department budget is an increase in overtime, increase in department training and two new Tasers. In the Communications budget there is little changes except an increase in overtime and professional development. He noted none of the budgets include Union increases or COLA increases as of yet.

DISUCSSION:

Bob Loughman questioned why the Taser purchases would not be included in Capital Outlay?

Chief Rondeau replied the Finance Department indicated they could not do that.

Paul O'Brien suggest he check into that further and move them to Capital Outlay.

Captain's Items

None.

Questions from the Press

Elissa Paquette of the Granite State News questioned the other options of a Public Safety Building and does that include being separated from the Fire Department.

Chief Rondeau replied that it is part of the process to explore other options to find the most cost effective solution to meet the needs of both departments. He stated that each department has specific needs and it wouldn't be prudent to build a 20 year building, they should be building for the next 50 years. He stated once they have reviewed all the options they can settle on a project.

Bob Loughman stated that a price tag of \$9.1 million dollars for a building is a lot of money and it wouldn't be prudent not to explore all the options and after all options are explored this may be the best option.

Paul O'Brien agreed, that the Town has a duty to the Taxpayers to explore all the options to put the best project forward.

Commissioner's Items

None.

Board of Selectmen's Representative

Paul O'Brien thanked Chief Rondeau for taking the initiative to invite both he and Budget Committee member Bob Loughman to sit in on the Department's budget process. He made some suggestions on providing the backup information on why the increases are needed within the budget as well as explanation on the change to the Warrant Article for the detail revolving fund.

Public Comment

Jim Sheff of Cotton Valley Road addressed the Commission to discuss the recent paving to the road, although it is wonderful, it has turned the road into a racetrack. He questioned if the speed could be increased from 30 mph to 35 mph to make a more reasonable speed to allow motorist to adhere to.

Chairman Wood agreed, the same thing happened with Middleton Road when it was repaved. They will have to put the speed trailer and increase patrols in that area.

Chief Rondeau agreed, repaved roads are great but do create a speed problem and they will be increasing patrols in those areas. He noted Town road speeds are governed in ordinances and directed him to the Public Works Department and the Board of Selectmen to address such request.

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 into non-public session RSA 91 A: 3, a to discuss personnel and litigation at 5:20 PM. Steve Wood seconded. Roll call vote: Joe Balboni Jr. - yes, Ron Goodgame-yes and Steve Wood-yes, the motion passed.

The Commission re-entered public session at 5:30 PM.

Commissioner Joe Balboni Jr. moved the Wolfeboro Police Commission to seal the non-public minutes of 9/20/2018. Ron Goodgame seconded. Roll call vote: Joe Balboni Jr. – Ron Goodgame-yes and Steve Wood-yes, 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 5:46 PM. Commissioner Ron Goodgame seconded. Being none opposed, the motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Amelia Capone-Muccio

TO: Wolfeboro Police Commission

FROM: Dean J. Rondeau
Chief of Police

SUBJ: Chief's Items (August 2018) for 20 September 2018 Commission Meeting

DATE: 13 September 2018

Non- Public: I have one items for Non-public Session under Personnel and litigation.

BUDGET:

The Command Staff conducted two (4) internal FY 18 budget reviews this past month for August and September. The Captain, myself, and my executive secretary have begun the process of developing our FY 19 Budget. We submitted our FY 19 Budget ahead of schedule on 4 Sept, and will brief the Town Manager on 17 Sept. I will let the Commission know how that went. Copies of the Budget have been put in your boxes and you have them. I will review the Budget with you gentlemen following the completion of the Chief's items during this meeting. The inclusion of Mr. O'Brien (BOS) and Mr. Loughman, (Budget Committee) was very helpful and should be part of our Budget construction process from here on.

Additionally, the Town negotiating Committee has already met with the Police Union twice and are in the process of developing the FY 19 personal contract-once this process is finalized, I will let the Wolfeboro Police Commission know. This is a long process so don't expect any type of finalized product until about November or December 2018.

I will review the FY 19 Budgets with the Town Manager on 17 Sept at 10:00 AM; that will be followed by a BOS review on Wednesday, October 24th at 1900 Hours; followed by a review with the Budget Committee on Wednesday, November 28th at 1830 PM. All meetings will take place at the Great Hall.

PERSONNEL:

Mr. Christopher Dustin, one of our part-Time Police Officers, has been added as a Part Time Dispatcher. This gives us a bit more redundancy and coverage for the Dispatch Center, which has traditionally been difficult to fill.

Operations:

This month thirteen (13) defendants responded to fourteen (14) charges. Of those fourteen (14) charges, thirteen (13) were found or plead guilty; one (1) charge was

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Placed on File (POF) pending good behavior for six months or more, with diversion, education, and restitution component added to his sentence; The conviction rate this month is: 100% with approximately \$2896.00 dollars in fines, penalties and restitution meted out.

This month our Operational grants through NH Highway Safety will be completed. Next year's FY 19 Grants will start in October 2018.

This past month, we completed one medicine collection event, the next is scheduled for 27 October from 0800-1700 at the PD, come and drop off your unwanted medicines at that time; or take advantage of our 24 hour drug collection box here at the PD. We completed many Federal Grant patrols this past month, and our radar warning trailer and new signs are up in our areas of concerns. Please pay attention to the speed limits-speed complaints represent some of the most common quality of life issues complaints we receive at the PD. Please be courteous of your friends and neighbors and don't speed. In addition to this we have received a new complaint of speeders on Cotton Valley and College Roads. We will be monitoring those areas very carefully-if you are speeding-please slow down-thank-you!

That being said: The Department is continuing its enhanced speed enforcement operations in the following areas: 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 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 speed limits.

Deputy Chief Thomas Zotti and I presented our opinions and thoughts on the BOS suggestion(s) of looking at other options for the Public Safety Building to be built on or about 2022; at the 5 September BOS meeting. It went well, and we await the BOS decision as to how they would like to proceed. This will be a long progression and we are just in the infancy of this process-stay tuned for more information as it becomes available.

TRAINING:

Police: The entire Department participated in Active Shooter training at the High School. The block of instruction was four hours long; included members of the SAU 49 and was conducted By Senior Patrolman Pat Spera and Senior Patrolman Peter Llewellyn. The training was very good and focused on current lessons learned from recent shooting events, Use of Force policies, and active and dynamic room clearing drills. The training was well presented and very good.

Dispatch: None

There is no SRO report as this is summer vacation.

BUDGET:

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OUTREACH AND MATTERS OF INTEREST:

The Captain, and I spoke on Wolfeboro Community TV this past month. Additionally, I spoke on WASR as our continuing series of POD casts about topics of interest and NH laws.

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

Both the Captain and I continue to be a presence at the BOS meetings.

I continue to serve on both the Gov's committee for the Humane and Ethical treatment of Animals and serve on Senator Bradley's legislative committee seeking to strengthen the State's Animal Cruelty Laws.

The Captain continues to be part of the mater Planning process and the Technical review and Joint loss committees; I continue to serve on the Emergency preparedness Committee as we review and update our EOC Plans and procedures-the process is slow-but steady!

Lastly, please be our guest on Coffee and Connections with the Chief. This Wolfeboro TV Community show entails the Captain, I and other members of our department meeting and speaking with various groups or individuals on Wolfeboro Community TV at local area venues while discussing various community topics of interest. If you would like to be on TV or want to have us come down to your group or area to talk, simply contact Peter or Tim at Wolfeboro Community TV and be part of Coffee and Connections with the Chief.

Please turn into our very own WASR 1420 on your AM dial for our monthly POD casts to catch up on topics of interest and matters of importance. Soon, the public will be able to call in and take part of the Radio show-that should be very exciting.

Safety Tip of the Month: fall is upon us. IF you are out and about enjoying the beautiful fall weather and colorful leaves, please be mindful of two things: first the Children are back in school, please keep that in mind; secondly, the animals

are now out in force foraging for food and actively crossing roads and path ways. Animals don't look twice before crossing the roadways, so motorists need to be extra vigilant as they are out and about. Follow the speed limits posted, they are designed to give you time to react to an unexpected Moose, Bear, or Deer crossing in front of you-thank you very much for your due diligence.

Budget Review: There is an FY 19 budget review scheduled this month. The next FY 18 Budget review will be October 18th, 2018. This is will be the Town's fourth QTR review and the 1st QTR Federal FY 19.

Captain's Items...