

**Wolfeboro Police Commission
Meeting Minutes
February 21, 2019**

Members present: Chairman Steve Wood, Joe Balboni Jr. (via phone) and Ron Goodgame.

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

Chairman Wood called the meeting to order at 4:03 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 January 17, 2019 regular meeting.***

Commissioner Goodgame questioned page one and that he did not get clarity on if medical marijuana is legal or not and how much can you have?

Chief Rondeau replied it is legal and you can have one ounce.

Commissioner Ron Goodgame moved the Wolfeboro Police Commission to accept the public minutes of January 17, 2019 as submitted. Commissioner Joe Balboni seconded. Members voted, all in favor, the motion passed.

Activity Reports

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

Incidents: He reported 34 incidents.

Offenses by month: He reported 80 offenses for the month.

Arrest status report: He reported 28 arrests for the month.

Collisions YTD and Accidents by street name: He reported 16 accidents last month.

Traffic stops YTD and location breakdown report: He reported 237 traffic stops last month with only 17 summonses issued.

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

School Resource Officer (SRO): He provided the SRO report for the month, showing several arrests last month.

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

DISCUSSION:

Commissioner Goodgame stated he would like to keep the discussion of the need for a second SRO officer in the forefront. He questioned if the Department has ever considered establishing a Junior Patrol as a means to help out the Department's needs.

Chief Rondeau replied they have, but the issue with that type of program is liability. He stated they do send students to the Junior Police Academy. He also stated they feel strongly community policing is important and utilize as well as patrol as much as possible.

Commissioner Goodgame stated that he would like to see the Commission discuss ways to offset the sworn personnel in the future.

Paul O'Brien noted they will never have enough money in the town budget to solve all these problems from Police to Public Works; but stated more hands on these issues is better and if that is getting active citizen participation, it's a good start.

Chief's Items

See attached memo from the Chief.

2018 Budget End of Year Review

Chief Rondeau reported on the end of year budgets as follows; Police Budget 97.21% spent, which comes to about \$50,000 returned to the General Fund, Central Dispatch 99.79% spent, which comes to about \$1,000 returned to the General Fund and Animal Control was 89.95% returning about \$2,500 to the General Fund.

He also read a letter of testimony for the Senate Committee.

Questions from the Press

None

Commissioner's Items

None

Board of Selectmen's Representative

Paul O'Brien stated they have completed the Budget process, the Deliberative Session was February 5th, and the last step in the process is voting day March 12th at the Great Hall. He also stated they recently had fun event in town, the Food Network, came to town with their show the Great Food Truck Race and filmed a few days in town this week. He thanked Christine Collins, Director of Parks and Recreation, and all those who assisted this fun event. He noted that that series of the Great Food Truck Race has 44 million viewers and there was reported 54,000 shares and discussions on social media about this event. He stated that he knows that it seem like an inconvenience for a few days while they were filming the show, but it was great for the Community and Tyler Florence, the show host, went around and visited the business community and they were very appreciative of how accommodating and friendly Wolfeboro was to them.

Commissioner Goodgame questioned if you can park a vehicle on the snowmobile trail?

Chief Rondeau replied you cannot, it is for snowmobiles only.

Public Comment

None.

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

Commissioner Joe Balboni Jr. moved the Wolfeboro Police Commission to enter non-public session RSA 91 A to discuss personnel matters at 5:00 PM. Ron Goodgame seconded. Roll call vote: Joe Balboni Jr., Ron Goodgame and Steve Wood-yes, the motion passed.

The Commission re-entered public session at 5:36 PM.

Commissioner Joe Balboni Jr. moved the Wolfeboro Police Commission vote to seal the non-public minutes of 2/21/2019. Ron Goodgame seconded. Roll call vote: Joe Balboni Jr., Ron Goodgame and Steve Wood-yes, the motion passed.

Commissioner Joe Balboni Jr. moved the Wolfeboro Police Commission to enter non-public session RSA 91 A to discuss personnel matters at 5:00 PM. Ron Goodgame seconded. Roll call vote: Joe Balboni Jr., Ron Goodgame and Steve Wood-yes, the motion passed.

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

Commissioner Steve Wood moved the Wolfeboro Police Commission to adjourn at 5:37 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 (January 2019) for 21 February 2019 Commission Meeting

DATE: 05 February 2019

Non- Public: I have several items for Non-public Session under Personnel.

BUDGET:

The Command Staff conducted one (1) internal FY 18 budget review this past month. The good news is that we are landing the helicopter square on the deck for the second year in a row for all three budgets-which is better than anticipated! My attended the FY 19 recording of the Budget and the Town's warrant articles on 15 January 2019. I attended the School Department's Deliberative Session on 2 February this month, and both the Captain and I attended and presented the PD Budget and warrant articles at the Town's Deliberative session on 5 February. So far, all is moving ahead as scheduled, and I am anticipating no issues. The next hard dates for the FY 19 Budget will be on 12 March 2019 for the Town Vote. Polls open at 0730 and stay open until 1900 hours. Please get pout and vote for the Town's budget-thanks.

PERSONNEL:

Operations:

In terms of Police prosecution, it was a short month this month with the past holiday season and the Martin Luther King Holiday. This past month there were eighteen Defendants (18) defendants who responded to eighteen (18) charges. Of those eighteen charges, (18) charges, eleven (11) individuals, were found or plead guilty; and seven (07) were 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 month is: 100% with approximately \$6658.00 dollars in fines, penalties and restitution meted out.

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.

BUDGET:

The Commission Chairman, Stephen Wood, myself and the Captain attended the FY 19 Town Deliberative Session. I briefed the two PD warrant articles. All went well. The next hard date is 12 March 2019 for the Town's Vote-0730-2000 hours. Get out and vote!

Training:

Police: SGT Strauch- 2-day course on Liability Training for Supervisors, Senior Patrolman Llewellyn, recert for child seats and safety, Officer Swift-Sexual Assault Response Training (SART).

Dispatch: Nothing Significant to Report (NSTR)

OUTREACH AND MATTERS OF INTEREST:

I testified in front of the State of NH Senate Natural Resources Committee on Thursday 7 Feb regarding support for Senator Bradley's Senate Bills 77 and 161 aimed at ensuring that the State does not have a repeat of the Christina Fay cases; and to address short comings in the State's animal cruelty laws

The Captain, and I spoke on Wolfeboro Community TV this past month.

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, the CIP Meetings and other Town committees as requested.

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

Safety Tip of the Month: Getting out on the lakes. Wolfeboro offers the unique ability to be able to get out on the many lakes, ponds, and other bodies of water we have here during the “winta” months. When doing so, please be mindful of the ice thickness. Also, please be very careful of driving any vehicle out on the frozen waters of our area lakes, especially after the repeated freeze-thaw cycles that we have just experience. Often, ice shifts, and freezes at different thicknesses during the winter-creating uneven and weak areas which may cause a heavy vehicle or sled to crash through the ice into the icy depths below. Before venturing out please always check with NH Fish and game to ensure that they recommend taking a vehicle out onto the area you wish to visit. As always-stay safe.

Captain's Items



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New Hampshire Association of Chiefs of Police

Testimony By: Chief Dean Rondeau, Wolfeboro Police Department

Presented To: NH Senate Energy & Natural Resources Committee

In Support Of: SB 161: Relative to the Definition of a Pet Vender

Date: February 6, 2019

Dear Madame Chair Fuller-Clark, and Honorable Members of the Senate Energy & Natural Resources Committee, thank-you for your time and for hearing me today.

I am here today in support of Senator Jeb Bradley's comprehensive and bi-partisan legislation aimed at strengthening the animal cruelty laws here in the great State of New Hampshire. This bill, once enacted, goes a long way at closing the State's many loop holes which have allowed large scale and commercial animal breeders to skirt the intent of New Hampshire's laws, negatively impacting NH residents and our animals. Specifically, this bill creates an enforceable definition of a "pet vendor" as an entity that transfers 20 or more dogs or cats in a 12-month period. Under our current definition, a pet vendor applies to animal shelters, rescue organizations, breeders and pet stores and SB 161 doesn't change this. Rather, it creates an even regulatory field for all four entities by setting the bar at 20 animals or more transferred in one year.

The bill also goes a long way to assist those legitimate breeders who wish advice, assistance, and support from State agencies and law enforcement organizations in staying on the right side of the law, through inspections and or upon complaint. Additionally, compliance inspections help to curb both animal disease and prevent zoonotic disease outbreaks, moreover, they aid in keeping our public, and our animals safe from harm. Incidentally, almost all of our State's major and costly animal cruelty investigations over the last few years, could have been prevented or mitigated through inspections-as the problems most certainly would have been brought to the attention of the relevant authorities long before any seizures or criminal investigations would have commenced-saving the cities, towns, State and indeed, the perpetrators, thousands of dollars in cost of care and legal expenses.

For all these reasons, the NH Association of Chiefs of Police urges your support of Senate Bill 161.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dean J. Rondeau". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Chief Dean J. Rondeau
Wolfeboro Police Department, for the New Hampshire Association of Chiefs of Police