

Wolfeboro Police Commission Meeting Minutes 6-27-2019

Members present: Chairman Steve Wood and Ron Goodgame.

Staff present: Chief Rondeau, Captain Livie, 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. He noted that Commissioner Balboni was excused from the meeting due to a death in the family.

➤ ***Pledge of Allegiance***

Chairman Wood entertained the Pledge of Allegiance.

➤ ***Public minutes of the May 16, 2019 regular meeting.***

Commissioner Bob O'Brien moved the Wolfeboro Police Commission to accept the public minutes of May 16, 2019 as submitted. Commissioner Steve Wood seconded. Members voted, all others in favor, the motion passed.

Activity Reports

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

Incidents: He reported 58 incidents which is a 6.4% decrease from last month.

Offenses by month: He reported 107 offenses for the month.

Arrest status report: He reported 31 arrests for the month, which is a decrease from previous month.

Collisions YTD and Accidents by street name: He reported 7 accidents last month, which is a 56% decrease from the previous month.

Traffic stops YTD and location breakdown report: He reported 154 traffic stops last month a 1.9% decrease from the previous month. He reported 18 tickets were issue out of those stops.

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, noting he was extremely busy with a number of tobacco, drug, assault, burglary and obscene matters last month.

Detectives Report: He provided the Detective's report for review. He carried 15 cases over from the previous month and closed 5 cases.

DISCUSSION:

Ron Goodgame addressed the Commission to discuss the importance of the data provided and how this data is an example of what is needed for the operations and the future need of additional officers, particularly in the summer. He suggested correlating the data that shows that need.

Chief Rondeau replied that it is a good point and that a lot of data is provided and this data focuses on “trend analysis” which helps guide them on how to use the resources; for example the radar trailer is a great tool to address speeding.

Commissioner O’Brien stated that he feels the data provides a snap shot of a moment in time and if they compare it to prior years maybe quarterly or bi-annual it may provide them with more information which then can be shared with the Budget Committee.

Chief’s Items

Chief Rondeau reported from Chief’s items from the attached memo. He also noted the following items additional to his memo:

- Public Safety Open House is June 29th from Noon to 2:00 PM rain or shine.
- The Board of Selectmen approves a parking ban in the downtown area of Wolfeboro from Mill Street to Glendon Street from 7:30 AM to 1:00 P. Molly the Trolley will be providing a shuttle for parking at Kingswood High School.
- He noted the CERT team will be on hand to assist with the Parade and Firework traffic which is a great opportunity.

Captain’s Items

Captain Livie stated that Benjamin Church was sworn in as the 14 Department Officer and reported the e-crash mobile data systems are working well and allowing the officers to do reporting on the road vs. coming back in to the station.

Questions from the Press

None

Commissioner’s Items

Chairman Wood reminded the public the upcoming Police Commission meetings will be July 25th and August 22nd.

Chairman Wood took this time to ask Ron Goodgame to join them as they present him with a plaque recognizing his 10 years of service to the Town of Wolfeboro serving on the Wolfeboro Police Commission.

Board of Selectmen’s Representative

None

Public Comment

None.

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

Commissioner Bob O'Brien moved the Wolfeboro Police Commission enter into non-public session RSA 91 A: 3, a to discuss personnel at 5:05 PM. Steve Wood seconded. Roll call vote: Bob O'Brien – yes and Steve Wood-yes, the motion passed.

The Commission re-entered public session at 6:13 PM.

Commissioner Bob O'Brien moved the Wolfeboro Police Commission to seal the non-public minutes of 6/27/2019. Steve Wood seconded. Roll call vote: Bob O'Brien-yes and Steve Wood-yes, the motion passed.

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

Commissioner Bob O'Brien moved the Wolfeboro Police Commission to adjourn at 6:14 PM. Commissioner Steve Wood 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 (May 2019) for 27 June 2019 Commission Meeting

DATE: 09 May 2019

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

BUDGET:

The Command Staff conducted two (2) internal FY 19 budget reviews this past month (May 2019). So far, we are coming in at just over 1 percent underspent for the end of the 2nd QTR. There will be an FY 19 Budget Review for the month ending June 2019 during the 25 July Police Commission meeting.

PERSONNEL:

Officer Chris Dustin continues to make progress as he prepares for the New Hampshire Police Academy. He and I are doing PT on a regular basis to prepare him for the rigors of the State of NH Police Academy. He and Officer Benjamin Church, our newest hire, will be attending the 180th Academy Class together, the start date is TBD but should be sometime around 2 or 3 Sept or so." In the meantime, both continue to work with SSG Maloney and myself on their fitness regimes and basic training tasks and skills.

Officer Clair Briggs, our newest part-time hire-is a full time Certified Officer and has successfully completed her FTO program. She is out on the road just in time for the summer season. I am happy to report she is doing a great job!

I, along with several staff members, completed our Radio Frequency (RF) and Cell coverage map of the geographical area (layout) of the Town. The purpose of this study is to locate and map out our dead spots and coverage gaps and seams in order to properly provided emergency communications. Our study was completed ahead of schedule and was submitted for peer review-all of which came back very positive. We will look to update this in July after the use of the AT&T Colt van with its cow; and the use of the 5G technology and accompanying phones. There will be more to follow on this so stay tuned.

Operations:

In terms of Police investigations, and prosecution, May was a very busy month for us, and all our officers are working what I consider Major Investigations at this time. I will

brief the Commission on a case by case basis as these matters are completed and forward for prosecution. In terms of Police Prosecutions; this past month we saw twenty (20) defendants who responded to twenty-four (24) Charges. Of those twenty-four (24) Charges sixteen (16) were found Guilty at trial, and one (1) was found Not Guilty. Seven defendants (7) agreed to have their cases 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 past month is 95 % with approximately \$6400.00 dollars in fines, penalties and restitution meted out-crime does not pay.

Speaking of this last point I just want to talk a bit about crime. The United States is a Nation of laws, we are indeed governed by the Rule of Law (ROL). This last comment should invoke memories of your sixth-grade civics class-if not please bear with me. As such, the State of New Hampshire, a political sub-division of the United States, which too has its own Constitution, is also governed by the Rule of Law. The Police are the executors of that law. When laws are violated, penalties ensue. Some laws, when broken, carry stiffer consequences than others. When individuals in society transgress against the common good (the law) and are caught-they are prosecuted. Certain crimes, like Drug Distribution garner more exacting penalties than other, more minor crimes, like Disorderly Conduct, for example-which is a violation level offense, and a fairly minor transgression. If the Wolfeboro Police Department investigates and prosecutes individuals for Drug Possession and Distribution-especially when there has been history of recidivist behavior, don't expect us to be very compassionate. We will augur for the toughest of consequences-I have said this before, and I am not lying! Drug dealing, for example, is a very serious crime, and requires serious penalties be meted out; because we are trying to prevent recidivist behavior. The time for friends and family to get involved in these matters is before the individual goes down a "bad road" and embarks on a career path of selling dangerous drugs of abuse, not at the twelfth hour when the subject is facing a potentially long jail or prison sentence. The Police have a job to do, which is to execute the laws of this nation and state which are designed to keep Society safe. The illicit desires of an individual, and the turning of a blind eye by a family, to bad acts, does not trump Societies need for public safety. New Hampshire is in the throws of a drug abuse epidemic the likes of which have never been seen in this State's history. I promise everyone that drug dealing, and distribution, will be met with the swiftest of action, and the most punitive of penalties-so as a word of advice, just don't it, and if you do, be prepared to suffer the consequences.

Speed issues continue to be a problem in our community. Please pay attention to the posted speed limits on our Town roads-speed complaints represent some of the most common quality of life issues we receive at the PD. Please be courteous of your friends and neighbors and don't speed. We will be monitoring our roads very carefully-if you are speeding-please slow down, the life you save may be your own-thank-you!

That being said: The Department is continuing its enhanced speed enforcement operations in the following areas: Forrest Road, 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

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 and or I continue to attend all the BOS meetings.

The Captain continues to be part of the Master Planning process, the Technical Review and Joint loss committees.

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

Safety Tip of the Month: School is out on 25 June; watch out for our youngest and most vulnerable citizens; our youth and our future-Thank-you and please be safe-all!

Captain's Items