

Wolfeboro Police Commission Meeting Minutes November 21, 2019

Members present: Chairman Steve Wood, Bob O'Brien and Vice-Chair Joe Balboni Jr.

Staff present: Chief Dean 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.

➤ ***Pledge of Allegiance***

Chairman Wood entertained the Pledge of Allegiance.

➤ ***October 24, 2019 regular meeting.***

Commissioner Bob O'Brien moved the Wolfeboro Police Commission to approve the public minutes of and October 24, 2019 as written. Commissioner Joe Balboni Jr. 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 38 incidents a decrease from last month.

Offenses by month: He reported 70 offenses last month.

Arrest status report: He reported a decrease from previous month a total of 27 a 3% increase.

Collisions YTD and Accidents by street name: He reported 14 accidents last month which is an increase from the previous month.

Traffic stops YTD and location breakdown report: He reported 240 traffic stops last month and 8 tickets were issued out of those stops.

Personnel Analysis report: The report is a synopsis of each officer's reporting for the month. Noted this report includes the Animal Control officer and you'll note we track his activity.

School Resource Officer (SRO): The report summarizes the activity at the Governor Wentworth School complex; he noted that this was the highest month of investigations to date and only two months into the school year. He noted the number of vaping arrests on this report which is concerning.

Detectives Report: He provided the Detective's report for review 6 cases carried over, with 5 new cases for the month.

DISCUSSION:

Chief Rondeau noted that with regards to the Animal Control officer, having a civilian officer provides a great compliment to the department by handling all these calls for service. If did not have this it would have to be done by an officer and doing that can take an officer out of the patrol which is not a wise use of

resources. He noted that many of these calls come in at off hours or within normal workday. He is on call 24/7.

Captain Livie noted that he transports animals to the Humane Society and many animals have rabies so he handles all that.

Bob O'Brien noted he met him and discovered he did not have business cards and suggested having some made for him.

Chief's Items

See attached memo of the Chief's Items.

DISCUSSION:

Chairman Wood noted some discussion on Social Media that there were "speed traps" and that the intent is not to trap it is a measure to slow the traffic down and keep the public safe.

Chief Rondeau replied that the purpose of the mobile unit is to slow the traffic down and educate the public on the speed. He stated most operators follow the law.

Captain Livie noted that on December 6, 2019 he will be getting more information with regards to the "Code Red" emergency notification system. This will be a tool Central Dispatch can use it as a tool to notify the public of emergency. Captain Livie noted they are getting closer to having the ability to have this system in Wolfeboro, he noted this will be a free service.

J. Balboni Jr. questioned what happened to the Gator purchase.

Chief Rondeau replied that was a private donation inquiry that he will need to reach out to Mr. Plache about the status of that.

M. Livie stated with regards to the open position in the Department they have 47 resumes for that position that closes in December, with two certified Offices, one NH and one Massachusetts.

Questions from the Press

None

Commissioner's Items

None.

Board of Selectmen's Representative

Steve Wood welcomed Dave Senecal as the new Board of Selectmen's liaison to the Police Commission.

Public Comment

None.

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

Commissioner Bob O'Brien moved the Wolfeboro Police Commission enter into non-public session RSA 91 A: 3, a to discuss personnel and pending litigation at 4:45 PM. Joe Balboni Jr. seconded. Roll call vote: Joe Balboni Jr. - yes, Bob O'Brien-yes and Steve Wood-yes, the motion passed.

The Commission re-entered public session at 5:50 PM.

Commissioner Joe Balboni Jr. moved the Wolfeboro Police Commission to seal the non-public minutes of 11/21/2019. Bob O'Brien seconded. Roll call vote: Joe Balboni Jr. –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 Joe Balboni Jr moved the Wolfeboro Police Commission to adjourn at 5:51 PM. Commissioner Bob O'Brien 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 (October 2019) for 21 November 2019 Commission Meeting

DATE: 18 November 2019

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

GENERAL BUDGET ITEMS:

The Command Staff conducted two (2) internal FY 19 budget reviews this past month (October 2019). So far, we are coming in at just under 2 percent underspent for the end of the 47st week of the FY 19 Budget in the Police budget, and approximately 2 percent underspent in Dispatch. We have delivered our FY 2020 Budgets to both the BOS and the Budget Committees. Relative to the Budget, I thought both presentations went well. Next, we will present the Capital Outlay Request (One Cruiser) and the CIP request (Dispatch Console). To my knowledge, these presentations have yet to be scheduled. Also included in your packets are the warrant article request and the justifications for the CIP-I will need the Commission to vote on those as well and to instruct me to turn those in.

PERSONNEL:

Benjamin Church is scheduled to graduate the Police Academy on 20 December at 1400 hours (2:00 P.M.). Both the captain and I will be in attendance. All is going well. With him and he has approximately another four weeks left to go! We wish him well.

Operations (Criminal Investigations and Prosecutions):

In terms of Police investigations, and prosecution, October continued to be heavy month for the Wolfeboro PD. The PD worked closely with the State's Drug Task Force on cases and developing information which may lead to further arrests. I expect that these matters will persist into the early spring. In terms of Police Prosecutions; this past month was particularly heavy with forty-two (42) defendants responding to forty-two (42) Charges; of those forty-two (42) Charges, thirty-nine (39) plead or were found Guilty at trial; three other (3) defendants 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 100 % with approximately \$2,870.00 dollars in fines, penalties and restitution meted out-crime does not pay.

Our national Drug Take Back event was held on 26 October. We took in approximately 174.5 pounds or 195 Gallons of pharmaceuticals and other controlled drugs. This is a collaborative PD effort coordinated with Central Dispatch, Wolfeboro Police and the U.S. DEA. These events form a pillar of my Counter Drug strategy and a very important to the success we have achieved during this drug and opioid epidemic. I am grateful for everyone who participates, and a special thanks to Wolfeboro Central Dispatch for helping to coordinate these efforts, and in getting the word out on these all too important events. The next one scheduled for be for the Town sometime time in Feb. The next DEA collection effort will be in April 2020, dates TBD

Safety and Security matters: Myself and other members of the PD attended Brewster Academy's "Stake Holders Meeting" on Safety and Security, held on 8 October 2019. Partners from throughout Wolfeboro and other Law Enforcement Agencies came together at Brewster Academy to discuss safety and security matters of importance for the school. It was well done and well attended.

Dispatch: Dispatch continues to work hard, and Sept and October were "no fooling busy!" Year to date, with just over 42, thousand calls for service (CFS) and walks ins under their belt, our Dispatch Center sees and answers a lot of calls and questions from the general public. Additionally, this year, as in years past, they and our Fire Department handed out glow sticks to the little ghouls and goblins who came a calling during Halloween. It was a fun time for all, and it is a great way for folks to see a side of Dispatch.

Motor Vehicle Enforcement: 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: Lehner Street, 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, Bay Street 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 posted speed limits.

Training:**Police:**

Sgt. Strauch – K-9 Training
Officer Llewellyn – ICAC Training
Officer Swift – ICAC Training
Officer LaRochelle – Communicating to resolve conflict.
Mandatory Use of Force Training- entire PD

Dispatch: Supervisor Lyons – Supervisor Seminar

OUTREACH AND MATTERS OF INTEREST:

Both the Captain and I conducted a Department Staff meeting to put out new guidance.

Both the Captain and I met with concerned citizens regarding a wide range of issues and community involvement topics

The Captain spoke on Wolfeboro Community TV this past month with guest speaker Principle James Reilly.

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

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: Winter Driving. Winter is fast approaching, please leave home with a few minutes to spare each day when traveling about. Remember, snow and ice will cause the roadways to be treacherous. If you have a four-wheel drive equipped vehicle are having difficulty, please engaged your four-wheel drive to improve your traction. Todays' 4x4 systems are much better than the old ones in use 30 or more years ago, please don't be afraid to use this system to help you maintain control of your vehicle in sloppy conditions, but please remember, just because you have four-wheel drive, does not mean you will stop any faster than you normally do-just use caution-thanks.

Captain's Items: Code Red

