

Wolfeboro Police Commission Meeting Minutes November 16, 2017

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

Staff present: Chief Rondeau, Captain Livie 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.

➤ *Pledge of Allegiance*

Chairman Wood entertained the Pledge of Allegiance.

Consideration of Minutes

- ***Public minutes of the October 16, 2017 regular meeting.***

Steve Wood amended page 2, the first bullet to correct “deficiencies”.

Commissioner Joe Balboni Jr. moved the Wolfeboro Police Commission to accept the public minutes of October 16, 2017 as amended. Commissioner Ron Goodgame seconded. Members voted, and being none opposed, the motion passed.

Activity Reports

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

Incidents: He reported 50 incidents for the month, a 4% increase from last month.

Offenses by month: He reported 84 offenses for the month, which is a decrease.

Arrest status report: He reported 35 arrests for the month which is a 5% decrease from the previous month.

Collisions YTD and Accidents by street name: He reported 14 accidents last month, which is a 6% decrease from the previous month.

Traffic stops YTD and location breakdown report: He reported 177 stops last month a 70% decrease, which is due to the completion of the summer grants. \$2,584.80 in fines, fees, and/or assessments were received by the State of NH.

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

School Resource Officer (SRO): The SRO provided his monthly report noting a very busy schedule.

Detectives Report: He reviewed the Detective’s report, who reports to have closed 89% of his cases this past month.

Chief's Items

Chief Rondeau reported the following:

- He and the Captain continue to receive many accolades about the officers and encourages the public to let them know about how the officers are doing good and bad, as they can reward good behavior and correct deficient acts. The feedback is greatly appreciated.
- He and the Captain conducted two internal budget reviews for all three budgets and have briefed the proposed 2018 budget to the Board of Selectmen and are schedule to present it to the Budget Committee on November 27th at 6:00 PM.
- He reported that the Town has received \$15,000 in grant funds from the State of NH and are still awaiting \$ 8,000.
- The Department continues to prosecute the Christina Fay case and recently received a huge win in District Court on the defenses second challenge to the State in an effort to dismiss and suppress evidence; all of which were dismissed by the court. The State closed the case and the final hearing was November 14th and the case is now awaiting the Judges decision.
- The Prosecutor reports 18 defendants who answered 20 charges; of those 14 were found or plead guilty; 4 charges were place on file pending good behavior, 1 complaint was withdrawn and 1 case the court ruled the defendant was incompetent to stand trial and was remanded to the State hospital. The conviction rate for the month was 95% with \$ 4,494.00 received in fines, penalties and restitution.
- He reported the Department participated in the National Drug take back day and collected over 65 gallons in unwanted or expired medications. He noted there will be another collection by LRHHW in February and the Department has installed a drug collection box at the station and can now collect unused or unwanted medications anytime.
- The Department is conducting speed enforcement operations in the following areas; North Line Road, Beach Pond Road, Center Street, North Main Street and 109 East.
- The Department's participation in Operation Granite Hammer has commenced again. This is a federally funded traffic initiative to stop drug trafficking in NH and the grant will run from October 2017 to September 2018.
- Training for the month is as follows; the Captain attended an eight hour class as part of his ongoing executive development on budget presentation, Sgt. Maloney attended a drug recognition training and they held a supervisor's staff meeting.
- In the area of outreach and matters of interest; both he and the Captain continue to speak to Wolfeboro Community TV, he met with the CIP Committee and the Fire Chief on the need for a new Public Safety Building, he and the Captain attend the monthly Men's Breakfast meetings, he and the Captain attend the Board of Selectmen meetings, he and the Captain met with members of Brewster Academy, he continues to serve on the Governor's Committee for the Humane and Ethical Treatment of Animals and serve on Senator Bradley's legislative committee seeking to strengthen animal cruelty laws, he is working with WASR and Jake on the Lake speaking on topics and matters of interest, he spoke to Chris Kenniston's math class about applied mathematics in the real world, he, the Captain and Sgt. Archambault assisted in a service training at Huggins, the Captain attended this month's Department head meeting, he, Commissioner Goodgame, and the Captain met with Paul O'Brien regarding CIP efforts, and lastly he and the Captain met with Bob Loughman from the Budget Committee.

Captain's Items

Captain Livie stated that the only item he has is that the Department is continuing to update the business contact list which assists the department with contact information should there be an after-hours emergency at your business and such form is on the website.

Commissioner's Items

None.

Public Comment

John Rouillard of 4 Olson Lane addressed the Board and stated that he likes to attend the meetings and share what is happening at the weekly Dinner Bell and afternoon senior meals and hopes they continue to allow comment at the front portion of the meetings, so he may leave early to attend the dinner.

Commissioner Goodgame thanked him for his input and remind him and the public the Police Commission takes calls anytime on issues, concerns, etc and to feel free to reach out to them.

Matt Plache addressed the Board to note in recent discussion with the Chief, he understands the need for an off road utility vehicle, such as a John Deer gator, that could fill a void of transportation where a vehicle cannot. In order to not burden the tax rate he would like to assist in a fundraising effort to gift this utility to the department.

Chairman Wood noted he appreciates such offer and agrees it could be utilized and provided an example of the Bridge Falls Path. He explained there is a process to accept such donations and that would be done through the Board of Selectmen.

Commissioner Balboni questioned the cost.

Mr. Plache replied he would expect it to cost about \$25,000, but such would depend on the specifications and set up of the purchase.

Commissioner Goodgame questioned why they would not fundraise for this through the Police Benevolent Association and they could donate it to the department.

Chief Rondeau replied he would be happy to look into the options and discuss this idea further.

It was moved by Ron Goodgame and seconded by Joe Balboni Jr. for the Wolfeboro Police Commission to authorize Matt Plache and Chief Rondeau to discuss the possible purchase through donations of a John Deer EUV. Members voted and being all in favor, the motion passed.

Board of Selectmen's Representative

n/a.

Questions from the Press

None.

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

Commissioner Joe Balboni Jr. moved the Wolfeboro Police Commission enter into non-public session RSA 91 A: 3, a & d to discuss personnel and ongoing litigation at 4:35 PM. Ron Goodgame 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 5:28PM.

Commissioner Steve Wood moved the Wolfeboro Police Commission to seal the minutes of the November 16, 2017 non-public meeting. Joe Balboni Jr. seconded. Roll call vote, Chairman Wood– yes, Ron Goodgame and Joe Balboni Jr. – yes. Being none opposed, 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 5:29 PM. Commissioner Ron Goodgame seconded. Being none opposed, the motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Amelia Capone-Muccio