

Wolfeboro Police Commission Meeting Minutes August 16, 2018

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

Excused members: Ron Goodgame

Staff present: Chief Rondeau, Captain Livie, Board of Selectmen Representative Paul O'Brien, 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 Commissioner Goodgame was excused from the meeting as he is on vacation.

➤ ***Pledge of Allegiance***

Chairman Wood entertained the Pledge of Allegiance.

➤ ***Public minutes of the July 26, 2018 regular meeting.***

Commissioner Joe Balboni Jr. moved the Wolfeboro Police Commission to accept the public minutes of July 26, 2018 as submitted. Commissioner Steve Wood seconded. Members voted, being all in favor, the motion passed.

Activity Reports

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

Incidents: He reported 51 incidents for the month, a 10% increase from last month.

Offenses by month: He reported 91 offenses for the month, which is an increase.

Arrest status report: He reported 39 arrests for the month, which is no change from the previous month.

Collisions YTD and Accidents by street name: He reported 14 accidents last month, which is 33% decrease from the previous month.

Traffic stops YTD and location breakdown report: He reported 566 traffic stops and from those only 27 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 and reports a busy month.

Chief's Items

Chief Rondeau reported the following:

- He stated that the preparations for the 2019 Budget process is commencing with a first meeting next week. He has invited Board of Selectmen representative, Paul O'Brien, and Budget Committee representative Bob Loughman to attend this meeting.
- He reported 13 defendants responded to 15 charges; of those 12 were found or plead guilty, three were placed on file and approximately \$3,200.00 in fines, penalties and/or assessments was meted out.
- He reported that the operational grants through NH Highway Safety will be completed this month and next year's FY 2019 grants will start in October.
- The Department continues enhanced speed enforcement in the areas of Beach Pond Road, Pine Hill Road, North Line Road, Center Street, North Main Street, 109 East and Sewall Road.
- The presentation of the Public Safety Building project was presented to the Board of Selectman on July 25th and more discussion will take place as it is not scheduled for construction until 2022.
- NH Police Benevolent contract negotiations are underway with Town Management.
- He recently provided a tour of the Public Safety Building to a life skills group.
- He and the Captain continue to attend Board of Selectmen's meetings and the Men's Breakfast club meetings.
- He continues to serve on the Governor's Council for Humane and Ethical treatment of animals and Senator Bradley's Committee to help strengthen animal cruelty laws.
- He continues to do pod casts on the local station WASR.
- He and the Captain along with other officers continue to do the Coffee and Connection segment with WCTV and are always looking for new topics to discuss.
- He provided his safety tip of the month reminding the public to take slow on the Town roads, please be aware of your surroundings, the summer is busy with pedestrians, walkers, bikers, children, etc.

Captain's Items

He stated an Active shooter training is scheduled at Kingswood on August 22nd, from Noon to 4:00 PM and he noted school is not in session at this time.

Questions from the Press

Elissa Paquette of the Granite State News noted the Master Plan Committees will be hosting a public forum, Tuesday, August 21st at 6:30 PM at the Great Hall. She noted the transportation chapter may be of interest the Commission or the Police Department.

Commissioner's Items

Steve Wood noted the Department has been updating the job descriptions and the commission has been adopting such updates. The Commission received an update to the K9 Officer Job description for adoption.

Commissioner Joe Balboni Jr. moved the Wolfeboro Police Commission to adopt the K9 Officer Job description as submitted. Commissioner Steve Wood seconded. Members voted, being all in favor, the motion passed.

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 thinks is important for committee and board members to understand how the departments operate. He noted the CIP process will be begin this week and the Board of Selectmen have selected the dates in October for budget hearings with the departments a schedule of that should be forthcoming in the near future. He noted the Town has hired Deb Zabkar as the new Finance Director.

Chairman Wood agreed, in order to provide a more streamlined process and avoid any uncomfortable situations going forward the idea is take a more proactive approach.

Public Comment

John Ross, resident, address the Board to speak about the speed issues on North Main Street and how effective the patrols have been in that area. He stated the sign was effective to a point, but actually having the officers out their pulling people over has been very helpful. He commended the Department on their community policing and professionalism.

Chairman Wood thanked him for the feedback and agreed that both the patrols and the mobile speed unit have been effective.

Captain Livie added having the mobile data units in the vehicles has also helped allowing the officers to remain in the field.

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

Commissioner Joe Balboni Jr. moved the Wolfeboro Police Commission enter into non-public session RSA 91 A: 3, a to discuss personnel and the hiring of a public employee at 4:53 PM. Steve Wood seconded. Roll call vote: Joe Balboni Jr. - yes, and Steve Wood-yes, the motion passed.

The Commission re-entered public session at 5:45 PM.

Commissioner Joe Balboni Jr. moved the Wolfeboro Police Commission to seal the non-public minutes of 8/16/2018. Steve Wood seconded. Roll call vote: Joe Balboni Jr. - 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 Steve Wood seconded. Being none opposed, the motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Amelia Capone-Muccio