

Wolfeboro Police Commission Meeting Minutes March 21, 2019

Members present: Chairman Steve Wood, Joe Balboni Jr. (via phone) and Bob O'Brien.

Staff present: Chief Rondeau, Captain Livie, and Board of Selectmen representative Paul O'Brien, 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 February 21, 2019 regular meeting.***

Commissioner Joe Balboni Jr. moved the Wolfeboro Police Commission to accept the public minutes of February 21, 2019 as submitted. Commissioner Joe Balboni 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 44 incidents, a 33% increase from last month.

Offenses by month: He reported 90 offenses for the month, which is an increase from the previous month.

Arrest status report: He reported 30 arrests for the month, which is the same as the previous month.

Collisions YTD and Accidents by street name: He reported 5 accidents last month, which is 66% decrease from the previous month.

Traffic stops YTD and location breakdown report: He reported 170 traffic stops last month a 28% decrease from the previous month. He reported only 7 tickets were issued 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, showing 3 arrests last month.

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

DISCUSSION:

P O'Brien questioned clarity on the accidents and if that was more than one vehicle or just one.

Chief Rondeau replied that it would cover both single and multiple vehicle crashes.

Ron Goodgame questioned if the Department tracks any pothole damages.

Chief Rondeau replied they do if it is reported.

Captain Livie added that the information is also shared with NH DOT.

Chief Rondeau replied that is correct and noted that the Town can only address and repair Town Roads, the State is responsible for the State Roads, such as Rt. 28, Rts. 109 and 109 A.

Ron Goodgame questioned if the School District receives a copy of the SRO's report? He feels the one page summary would be good information to share with the district to track chronic issues.

Chief Rondeau replied it does not but would share it with them.

Chief's Items

Chief Rondeau reported the Chief's items from the attached memo.

Captain's Items

None.

Questions from the Press

Elissa Paquette of the Granite State News noted the roster on the Police Webpage needs updating.

Captain Livie replied they have plans to make some updates to the page.

Commissioner's Items

Chairman Wood stated since this the first meeting after the vote, it is past practice to vote the new Chairman in at this meeting.

Commissioner Joe Balboni Jr. moved the Wolfeboro Police Commission to elect Steve Wood as Chairman for the next year of the Police Commission. Bob O'Brien seconded. Members voted and all in favor, the motion passed.

Board of Selectmen's Representative

Paul O'Brien stated the budget passed and without the ink being dry we are already moving on to 2020. He stated the auditors are at the Town Hall reviewing the financials and lastly there are lots of potholes and roads to fix and to be patient as the road budget can only go so far.

Public Comment

Ron Goodgame addressed the Board and read the attached statement.

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 enter non-public session to discuss personnel at 4:59 PM. Bob O'Brien seconded. Roll call vote: Bob O'Brien-yes, Joe Balboni Jr.-yes and Steve Wood-yes, the motion passed.

The Commission re-entered public session at 5:18 PM.

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 5:18 PM.
Commissioner Joe Balboni Jr. 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 (February 2019) for 21 March 2019 Commission Meeting

DATE: 11 March 2019

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

BUDGET:

The Command Staff conducted one (2) internal FY 19 budget reviews this month (March)-the first was to look at the budget pre-election-the second, post-election. The purpose of this is to ensure that the PD's budget is correct after the Town adjusts the budget based on the FY 2019 election results. As you know budgeting is a complex process, and human mistakes can occur-we want to avoid-or at the very least mitigate these errors when they occur. More to follow.

PERSONNEL:

Officer Chris Dustin has been sworn in and he hit the road this week replacing officer Mike Fenton who left to take a SGT's position in Wakefield-we wish God Speed to officer Dustin as he prepares himself for the Full Time Academy in Aug; we wish SGT Fenton Fair Winds and Following Seas as he re-joins his comrades in Wakefield-good luck to both these fine Officers!.

Operations:

In terms of Police prosecution, it was a short month this month with snow days, holidays, and a short schedule issued by the Courts. With that being said ten (10) defendants responded to ten (10) charges. Of those ten (10) charges, eight (8) individuals, were found or plead guilty; and one (01) were Placed on File (POF) pending good behavior for six months or more, with diversion, education, and restitution component(s) added to their sentences; lastly, one case was "Nolle Prosed" (withdrawn by the State) as the defendant refused to testify and recanted his/her testimony. The conviction rate this month is: 90% with approximately \$3038.00 dollars in fines, penalties and restitution meted out.

Working with our partners in the LRHW program, the PD conducted a drug take back event at the All Saints Episcopal Church on 16 February from 0800-approximately 1300 hours-all went well and we took pack approximately 35 Gallons of unwanted pharmaceuticals and other controlled drugs-these drugs will later be turned over to the DEA and destroyed. The next DEA Collection is 27 April 2019 at the Wolfeboro PD. The event will essentially be all day-so please come on in and drop off your unwanted

pharmaceuticals and let's keep them out of our landfills, water supplies, and let's keep them being diverted and onto the streets where someone can get hurt or addicted-thanks.

Earlier this month, 1 March 2019, I conducted a training class with CERT (Community Emergency Response Teams.) in Moultonborough from 1830 until 2130 hours. I teach the blocks of instruction for Terrorism, and other CBRN related areas. The teams are federally funded and are certified through FEMA training programs through Federal Grants. These teams form an integral part of our County's volunteer emergency response efforts should a disaster or bad event befall the area. This year, we will be working with these volunteers even more closely than ever and will be bringing some of them in to assist us during our busy Four July festivities-more to follow on this so stay tuned! If you would like to be a CERT Team member, please contact Jane or Jeff at the Carroll County Coalition of Public Health at 603.301.1252, ext. 304

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 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. Also please keep in mind that after the long "winta" we just had, the roads are showing signs of disrepair due to frost heaves, water run-off, and other cold and seasonal issues-this is common, and is what we have come to expect living in the North East-when you travel, please keep this in mind and drive slowly until our very talented highway crews can get out there to repair this damage-it does not take much for a car to sustain steering or wheel damage due to hitting one of these holes or ruts caused by the snow thaw cycle-thank-you!

BUDGET: Awaiting results from Vote

Training:

Police:

Mary Swift – One day supervisory course at Primex

Mike Strauch –Three day supervisory training with Granite state police career counseling

Dspatch: Nothing Significant to Report (NSTR)

OUTREACH AND MATTERS OF INTEREST:

I spoke at Brewster Academy's Civil Rights class on 28 February this past month just before the students went to the State of Alabama to study the Civil Rights movement there during the 1960s and 1970s. I think the students enjoyed by lecture, I know I enjoyed meeting and interacting with them before their trip.

This past month Officers, Dispatchers, and staff (Mike Strauch, Mia Lyons and Sherri Moore) attended Career Fair. participated in a Career Fair held at Kingswood regional High School. Perhaps you saw the photos of the event-as always K-9 Riggs stole the show-fun was had by all and our Officers and Dispatchers enjoyed interacting with the young men and women considering Law Enforcement and public Administration as a career.

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.

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

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

Safety Tip of the Month: While driving, continue to keep an eye out for poor road conditions as the "winta" abates and the Spring thaws arrive; continue to watch for poor ice conditions if you are out on our area's ponds and lakes-Spring is arriving, and the ice is melting.

Captain's Items

To the Commission:

With my role as a Police Commissioner now having drawn to a close, I want to thank Steve Wood, Joe Balboni and our Assistant Amy Muccio for the opportunity to have served with you. It was a pleasure and an honor. We didn't always agree, but we agreed we could disagree with civility, understanding and respect. I wish there were more of that in the world today.

It was not without a great deal of thought and consideration that I decided not to seek reelection to the Wolfeboro Police Commission. It was time for new blood, new ideas and getting my health back in order.

This Commission of which I was a part has had a tremendous run and I'm proud of our accomplishments. It's been an honor to serve. I told the Chief the other day that I'm proud to say we hired or promoted most everyone of our current officers.

We have a splendid and very professional Police Department and Central Dispatch in Wolfeboro and I'm proud to have been on the Commission with Messrs. Wood and Balboni for these last many years. Our efforts have been directed at helping our Department be the best.

Community Policing as now know it has created trust and promoted a feeling of safety and care for the well-being of our citizens. Those efforts of our Commission in working with Chief Rondeau and Captain Livie must continue to be paramount in its guidance to the Police Department.

I am confident that the addition of Bob O'Brien to the Commission will aid in those efforts. For the record, I'm not going to "fade away". I'll be watching.

Thank you all!

Ron Goodgame

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