

Wolfeboro Police Commission Meeting Minutes December 15, 2016

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

Staff present: Captain Rondeau (for portion of the meeting) David W. Owen, Town Manager, (for a portion of the meeting) and Recording Secretary Amelia Capone- Muccio.

Chairman Wood called the meeting to order at 1:03 PM. He called for a motion to enter non-public session to discuss personnel and collective bargaining.

Commissioner Ron Goodgame moved the Wolfeboro Police Commission enter non-public session RSA 91 A: 3 a, b & c to discuss personnel and collective bargaining at 1:03 PM. Ron Goodgame seconded. Roll call vote: Ron Goodgame- yes, Joe Balboni Jr.-yes and Steve Wood-yes, the motion passed.

The Commission re-entered public session at 3:50 PM.

It was moved by Ron Goodgame and seconded by Joe Balboni Jr. to seal the minutes of December 15, 2016. Members voted and being all in favor, the motion passed.

The Commission took a brief recess at 3:50 PM.

Chairman Wood called the meeting to order at 4:03PM 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 November 17, 2016 meeting***

Commissioner Ron Goodgame moved the Wolfeboro Police Commission to accept the public minutes of November 17th, 2016 as submitted. Commissioner Joe Balboni Jr. seconded. Members voted and being none opposed, the motion passed.

Activity Reports

Captain Rondeau reported on the following activity reports for last month:

Offenses (State Law) by month: He reported 68 offenses for the month which is a decrease from the previous month.

Arrest status report: He reported 14 arrests for last month, which is a decrease from the previous month.

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

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

Prosecutor's report: He stated the Prosecutor's report has been provided for review and noted that \$2,599 was received in restitution to victims and \$924 was received in penalty assessments. He noted that those funds are not paid to the Town but to the state of NH.

School Resource Officer (SRO): The SRO provided his monthly report noting numerous investigations for the month and he referred to his narrative on the report.

Motor Vehicle Traffic Report: He reported 92 stops last month, which is a decrease from the previous month. He noted out of those stops there were 7 summons resulting in over \$1,400 in fines, mostly on Middleton Road as a result of the radar trailer.

Detectives Report: He reviewed the Detective's report noting that 82% of the cases have been closed, which is great work by Detective Maloney.

Geographical Analysis: N/A

Central Dispatch report: N/A.

Chief's Items

Captain Rondeau reported the following:

- The Chief of Police oral boards for interviews for the position of Police Captain were held Wednesday, November 30th at 9:00 AM and those results were forwarded to the Police Commissioners for review.
- He stated that Chief Chase's retirement celebration was well attended on December 9th and commended Administrative Assistant Sherri Moore for her work in planning this event as well as a great presentation by Detective Maloney.
- Robert Gagnon has joined the part-time staff at Central Dispatch and is currently undergoing training.
- He noted he will be out of the office from December 16th to December 26th, but is available by cell phone if needed.
- Use of Force training was held recently under the direction of Sgt. Moore and Officer Spera.
- He participated in training for CERT in Conway, which is an initiative of Carroll County Coalition of Public Health to train members of the communities in Carroll County mostly from the medical and emergency response fields in emergency event training.
- The Wolfeboro Police Department participated in the Christmas parade, provided coverage to the Board of Selectmen meetings, provided coverage at the Town elections and attended two meetings on projects dealing with Public Works.
- He recently spoke at a Rotary meeting.
- The Budget Committee review of the department's budget is complete and the NEPBA contract has been finalized.

- The new radar trailer has been out on Middleton Road and North Main Street both areas with complaints of speed. He noted the highest speed recorded on Middleton Road was 77 mph.
- Lastly he reminded the public that the Wolfeboro Children's Christmas Fund is nearing the close for the season and if you still wish to donate contact the Police Department at 569-1444. He wished the public a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Commissioner's Items

Chairman Wood noted that Officer Mary Swift just celebrated her second anniversary with the Department and noted she has been a great attrition to the staff.

Questions from the Press

None.

Board of Selectmen's Representative

None.

Public Comment

Joe Melanson addressed the Commission to discuss some concerns he had with finding minutes of the meetings and that he tried to get minutes from the website and town hall there was none listed since July.

The Secretary noted that the website has been updated and still needs more updates since the transfer in July. In the past she has been using e-mail to record and send minutes, but there have been some issues with that system, so the minutes will be recorded in hard copy form at the Town Clerks office as well as forward the minutes to the Town Manager's secretary to be uploaded to the Town website.

Mr. Melanson questioned if the Commission is aware of the role of the Police Commission.

Commissioner Goodgame replied there are many aspects of the role of the commission he is not sure what he is speaking to and did not bring the RSA with him today, but had he known he was going to ask this questions he would have been more prepared.

Mr. Melanson replied he feels that the Commission is missing an aspect of the role such as the Community is the Police and the Police is the Community and but no having a public portion of the meeting and requiring 48 hours' notice to be on an agenda, you are not getting that interaction with the public. He feels having a public session to the meeting can be productive.

Chairman Wood noted that they very rarely have public attend the meetings and explained the reason for the notice is to allow the Police Commission to be prepared to address any issues, but noted that they cannot allow disparaging comments that would affect someone's reputation at the meetings.

Commissioner Goodgame replied they do not need to have public input, but in the past when they have had public, those in the public raise their hand to ask a question. He stated but most of the

inquiries to the Police Commission very rarely come from a meeting, as most of his public inquiries come from e-mails he receives and seeing people face to face in the community.

Mr. Melanson questioned the department's status on body cameras.

Chairman Wood noted that subject has been discussed, the department is waiting on what the Attorney General's office recommends for such program and then it will discuss the future of that for the department.

Captain Rondeau added that body cameras have a very significant cost and there is not a lot of grant funding available to cover the cost for them. He stated they would be nice to have, but he feels that due to the large expense it would be a hard sell to the Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee. He also stated he is not a fan of purchasing those items that are expensive and great to have over other not as costly items needed for the department. He feels at this time the department should wait until the Attorney General's office creates a policy and best management practice for the cameras before they explore the purchase.

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

Commissioner Ron Goodgame moved the Wolfeboro Police Commission to adjourn at 5:00 PM. Commissioner Joe Balboni Jr. seconded. Being none opposed, the motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Amelia Capone-Muccio