

Wolfeboro Police Commission Meeting Minutes July 21, 2016

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

Staff present: Chief Chase, Captain Rondeau 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 June 16, 2016 meeting minutes***

Commissioner Joe Balboni Jr. moved the Wolfeboro Police Commission to accept the public minutes of June 16, 2016 as submitted. Commissioner Ron Goodgame seconded. Members voted and being none opposed, the motion passed.

Activity Reports

Chief Chase reported on the following activity reports for last month:

Offenses (State Law) by month: He reported 75 offenses for the month which is a 3% increase from the previous month.

Arrest status report: He reported 21 arrests for last month, which is a 22% 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 54 accidents year to date.

Prosecutor's report: He reported 27 defendants who answered 37 offenses, 14 pleas, 5 hearings, and 16 arraignments. He reported the received \$10, 857 in fines/fees/assessments.

School Resource Officer (SRO): Officer Llewellyn reported the school complex is a busy place, with many investigations and various other activities at the complex.

Motor Vehicle Traffic Report: He reported 218 stops last month, which is an increase from the previous month and noted that most of the activity is on Center Street, North and South Main Street.

Detectives Report: He stated the Detective carried over 5 cases from last month, he had 13 new cases added, and 10 were closed with 2 cases going into the next month.

Geographical Analysis: N/A

Central Dispatch report: N/A.

Chief's Items

Chief Chase reported the following:

- Office LaRochelle is continuing field training under the guidance of Senior Patrol Officers Livie and Strauch and overall managed by Sgt. Archabault.
- Office Fenton has begun his duties as part-time patrol officer downtown. The Department was unable to fill the second position, but have been able to add to the patrol downtown with safety grant funding.
- Captain Rondeau has reached his 20th year mark in his career at Wolfeboro Police Department.
- The new police vehicles have arrived, the leasing documents have been finalized.
- The Finance Department has completed the paperwork for the purchase of the traffic data and radar trailer. Delivery is expected in about 10 days and there will be a webinar training for this equipment.
- The combine Police and Fire open house was a success with several hundred visitors. He thanked the “friends” of the Department who supported this day with overwhelming community support.
- Children bicycles were assemble at a recent “team building” event and were given to some grateful families at the open house. He thanked Mike Rogers for his help in the project and those who helped identify some community members for potential recipients and to the Town Mechanic crew for their help in ensuring they were properly put together.
- Budget season will soon be on us and the guidelines have been approved by the Board of Selectmen. The State retirement contribution for employers will increase by 11.56%, health insurance is project to increase 4.5% as well as expected increase in workers compensation and liability insurance. The same guidance over the last several years has been issued at 0% increase in the total of discretionary line items relative to the final approved 2016 operating budgets.
- Prosecutor Morgan has been experimenting with “distance” suspension hearings with the DMV, through a “Skype” hook-up. Previously the hearing required traveling to Concord or Dover. Once this program is fine-tuned there will be a tremendous savings in travel time and costs.
- The Town will launch an improved website in August and the employees will receive training.
- The Town has been working with the Port Wedeln Association, through their attorney, in an effort to resolve the issue of golf carts on public ways. This matter will be discussed at a public hearing on September 7th.
- The Captain presented an overview on NH laws and safety to the staff at Camp Bernadette and he also provided a similar presentation at the Abenaki Lodge for the Parks & Recreation staff. He also represented the Department at the annual field day event for the Lakes Region Repeater Association.
- He attended the Town department Head meeting and he and the Captain continue to attend the Board of Selectmen meetings.
- He noted that Josephine Amatucci made a request with regards to his employment but such will be reviewed by Town Counsel.

DISCUSSION:

Chairman Wood noted they had a cost savings in outfitting the new cruisers by utilizing the repurpose and sharing program with other departments.

Questions from the Press

Elissa Paquette of the Granite State News questioned clarity on the term “acetyl fentanyl” that is used.

Captain Rondeau replied it is the term for the synthetic form, medical vs. it being counterfeit version. It is a very dangerous substance.

Board of Selectmen’s Representative

None.

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

Commissioner Ron Goodgame moved the Wolfeboro Police Commission enter non-public session RSA 91 A: 3 a & c to discuss personnel at 4:23 PM. Joe Balboni Jr. 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 5:31 PM.

It was moved by Ron Goodgame and seconded by Steve Wood to seal the minutes of July 21, 2016. Members voted and being all in favor, the motion passed.

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 5:32 PM. Commissioner Joe Balboni Jr. seconded. Being none opposed, the motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Amelia Capone-Muccio