

Wolfeboro Police Commission Meeting Minutes September 15, 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 4:00PM and introduced the Commissioners, staff in attendance and noted a quorum was present.

Commissioner Joe Balboni Jr. moved the Wolfeboro Police Commission enter non-public session RSA 91 A: 3 a & c to discuss matters that affect reputation at 4:01 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 4:19 PM.

➤ *Pledge of Allegiance*

Chairman Wood entertained the Pledge of Allegiance.

• *Announcement*

Chairman Wood announced that the Police Commission met on several occasions to discuss the replacement of Chief Chase upon his retirement in January. The Commission felt it important to continue to remain an approachable and transparent Police Department and did not feel the need to spend taxpayer's money to search for a candidate when they have a quality candidate in house. The also sought the advice of Chief Chase and all agree that Captain Rondeau will be promoted to Chief of Police in January of 2017. Based on the Captain's experience and education, they expect this to be a seamless transition.

Commissioner Goodgame noted that it has been a goal of the Commission and Chief to get the Department organized and training in order to promote from within the Department.

Consideration of Minutes

• *Public minutes of August 18, 2016 meeting minutes*

Commissioner Joe Balboni Jr. moved the Wolfeboro Police Commission to accept the public minutes of August 18, 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 noted that August was the busiest month on record. He reported 121 offenses for the month which is a 116% increase from the previous month.

Arrest status report: He reported 51 arrests for last month, which is a 168% increase 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 21 accidents last month, which is an increase from the previous month.

Prosecutor's report: He reported 33 defendants who answered to 35 charges 17 arraignments, 13 pleas, 3 trials and 1 nol process. \$12,764.00 in fines/fees/assessments.

School Resource Officer (SRO): N/A.

Motor Vehicle Traffic Report: He reported 332 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. Out of that only 12 received summons.

Detectives Report: He stated the Detective carried over 8 cases from last month and he had 7 new cases added.

Geographical Analysis: N/A

Central Dispatch report: N/A.

Chief's Items

Chief Chase reported the following:

- Seasonal Officer, Mike Fenton, will be continuing over the next several weeks on a per diem basis. Past experience has shown us that the Downtown area will continue to see considerable traffic and activity from tour buses and Mount Washington passengers.
- Central Dispatch is looking to hire two part-time dispatchers to bring us back to full strength in Central Dispatch. Supervisor Lyons is accepting resumes and will do the initial screening.
- The Department celebrates a few milestones in the patrol officer ranks: Officers Pete Llewellyn and Pat Spera have reached the five-year mark and are now Senior Patrol Officers. The rank is identified by one gold chevron on the sleeve(s) and attendant collar pins.
- Sgt. Moore has completed Firearms Instructor Re-Certification at Police Standards & Training. The annual firearm qualification program is scheduled for this fall.
- He noted that 2016 will be remembered as "very busy" from our perspective with many visitors and guests in Wolfeboro and an informal survey with restaurateurs, merchants, marinas and those in the hospitality business confirms that observation. The key local, economic indicators for Wolfeboro (gallons of ice cream sold at Bailey's Bubble and tons of trash processed through the transfer station) are yet to be examined!
- The Department has completed our 2017 budget requests, absent salary adjustments, and have been submitted to the Town Manager's office. The collective bargaining process is schedule to begin in September. He reported the Town-retained consulting firm who will be

presenting the results of the recently completed wage and job classification study on Friday, September 16th here in the library.

- The Department continues working with Fire/Rescue Chief Pineo on plans for improvements to the public safety building and appreciative of his support and interest.
- The Department has completed the 2016 grant-funded patrols and he thanked Captain Rondeau for administering them.
- Captain Rondeau spoke at the 911 ceremonies held at the Library.
- The Department was present at the annual, "Touch a Truck" event at the Nick. The new Ford, SUV's were on hand for the static display.
- Two officers participated in the hazardous waste collection program this month at the Town site.
- Several officers provided protection and traffic control for the annual Granite Man Race.
- Officers were assigned to the primary election in Great Hall at the Town offices. Typically a one-officer detail, we had an additional presence outside for parking control and placement of candidate workers.
- A combined effort by a neighborhood association, private counsel, the Board of Selectmen and our department has resulted in a conflict resolution of sorts for Port Wedeln area residents on the issue of golf carts being operated from homes to the community beach and back. Last week our Board passed an ordinance governing the use of these vehicles. Rather than taking a strict, legalistic approach to complaints, the Department actively provided input in the development of a plausible solution that while not agreeable by all, gave relief to the association residents. This as an important role for our Department and note that it is certainly in keeping with the principles of "community policing."

Questions from the Press

None.

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 and litigation.

Commissioner Steve Wood moved the Wolfeboro Police Commission enter non-public session RSA 91 A: 3 b and d at 4:41 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 5:20 PM.

It was moved by Ron Goodgame and seconded by Steve Wood to seal the minutes of September 15, 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 5:22 PM. Commissioner Joe Balboni Jr. seconded. Being none opposed, the motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Amelia Capone-Muccio