

Wolfeboro Police Commission Meeting Minutes March 15, 2018

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

Staff present: Chief Rondeau, Captain Livie 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.

➤ ***Pledge of Allegiance***

Chairman Wood entertained the Pledge of Allegiance.

➤ ***Reorganization of the Police Commission***

Commissioner Ron Goodgame moved the Wolfeboro Police Commission to re-appoint Steve Wood as Chairman for the 2018-2019 term. Commissioner Steve Wood seconded. Members voted, Joe Balboni-abstained, the motion passed.

Consideration of Minutes

- ***Public minutes of the January 18, 2018 regular meeting.***

Chairman Wood noted that it was pointed out after the minutes were approved that there were two minor clerical errors on the last page that have been corrected.

Commissioner Ron Goodgame moved the Wolfeboro Police Commission to accept the amended public minutes of January 18, 2018 as submitted. Commissioner Steve Wood seconded. Members voted, Joe Balboni-abstained, the motion passed.

- ***Public minutes of the February 18, 2018 regular meeting.***

Commissioner Ron Goodgame moved the Wolfeboro Police Commission to accept the public minutes of February 18, 2018 as submitted. Commissioner Steve Wood seconded. Members voted, Joe Balboni-abstained, the motion passed.

Activity Reports

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

Incidents: He reported 44 incidents for the month, a 15% increase from last month.

Offenses by month: He reported 61 offenses for the month, which is an increase.

Arrest status report: He reported 28 arrests for the month, which is a 47% increase from the previous month.

Collisions YTD and Accidents by street name: He reported 9 accidents last month, which is a 10% decrease from the previous month.

Traffic stops YTD and location breakdown report: He reported 156 stops last month, which is a 7% decrease. 9 tickets.

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

School Resource Officer (SRO): The SRO provided his monthly report.

Detectives Report: He reviewed the Detective's report, who reports he took on five new cases this month and noted he covered the school resource officer who was out on medical leave.

Chief's Items

Chief Rondeau reported the following:

- He reported one internal budget review for FY 2018 was done this past month.
- The Captain wrote the FY 2019 Federal Highway Safety Grants being the first agency to submit. He noted they were able to take advantage of additional funding for MDTs and E-Tickets systems.
- He reported that the planning for the new public safety building is underway and ongoing, currently they are awaiting floor plans.
- He and the Captain attended the Town's Deliberative session on February 6th.
- He, the Captain and Dispatcher Fullerton appeared on Coffee and Connections with the Chief on WCTV.
- He reported with regards to the Tina Fay Animal Cruelty case; the Jury reached a verdict of guilty on 17 of the 17 convictions and she is awaiting sentencing.
- The Prosecutor reports 19 defendants answered 21 charges; 18 plead guilty, 3 placed on file pending good behavior and \$4,700 was received in fines, penalties or assessments.
- The Department is continuing speed enforcement in the area of North Line Rd, Beach Pond Rd, Pine Hill Rd, Center Street, North Main Street and 109 East.
- The Police Department received recertification in SPOTS.
- He and the Captain continue to attend the Men's Breakfast Club meetings, Board of Selectmen meetings and Coffee and Connections on WCTV.
- He continues to sit on the Governor's Committee for Humane and Ethical Treatment of Animals and sit's on Senator Bradley's legislative committee to strengthen the State's animal cruelty laws. He and the Town Manager were invited to testify in front of Senator Avard's committee relative to Senate Bill 569-FN, an effort to close loop holes in the State's animal cruelty laws.
- He noted the Department completed two cases from 2016; one for Ron Lamarche on distribution of drugs resulting in an overdose and the other for Sarah Kelly for aggravated DWI case.
- He continues the pod cast with Jake on Lake Jake Quimby on WASR 1420 AM.
- He will provide the Commission with a budget review at the April Commission meeting.

Captain's Items

Captain Livie reported the following:

- The Department had an NCIC audit and the result was perfect with no deficiencies.
- A Highway Safety audit was conducted on the 2018 grants and was reported perfect and Wolfeboro was also noted as a "model agency" for these grants.
- The MPTs and E-ticket machines have been ordered they will arrive in about 2-3 weeks and then will be installed in the cruisers.

DISCUSSION:

Peter Pijoan question what the MPT's and E-ticket machines are?

Captain Livie replied they are new communication tools for the cruisers that will allow them to enter data in the cruiser and communicate and transmit data in a timelier manner.

Peter Pijoan questioned if Tina Fay will have to pay restitution to the Town.

Chief Rondeau replied yes at around \$17,000 but noted there is another separate civil case that will be seeking restitution through the Town's Zoning Department.

Elissa Paquette of the Granite State News questioned if the E-tickets send data to the State.

Captain Livie replied they do, but noted the Officers will still communicate with Central Dispatch.

Matt Plache questioned if the MDT's communicate over LTE-Verizon or First Net.

Chief Rondeau replied yes with Verizon as First Net has not come online yet.

Commissioner's Items

None.

Public Comment

Matt Plache provided a brief update on a previous discussion to purchase of a Gator specifically for the Police Department and noted that he and Chief recently checked out potential examples that would be suitable for the Department's needs. He stated that they would be able to get a Municipal discount and that the next step is to identify the vehicle to raise the funds and questioned if that would still be through the Police Benevolent Association.

Commissioner Goodgame stated the next step would be for the Chief, Mr. Plache and the President of the Police Benevolent Association to discuss if that is the proper funding mechanism to use.

Chief Rondeau replied he would set that up.

Matt Plache questioned the biggest problem facing Wolfeboro and that a year ago it was the opioid crisis and questioned if that was still valid.

Chief Rondeau replied that arrests relative to drug offenses is 53% of the volume of activity with a steady increase. He noted that Carroll County has always been hard hit with substance abuse activity; it was alcohol and now it is drugs. He noted prior to the distribution of Narcarn, overdoses were reported when those who overdoses received medical attention, now Narcarn is available to purchase so some overdoses go undocumented. He stated this is a society problem that needs more done with education in the elementary school systems and treatment facilities.

Board of Selectmen's Representative

n/a.

Questions from the Press

Elissa Paquette of the Granite State News noted there will be a RT. 28 Corridor meeting tonight at the Great Hall discussing the layout of RT. 28.

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 into non-public session RSA 91 A: 3, a to discuss personnel at 5:10 PM. Steve Wood. seconded. Roll call vote: Joe Balboni Jr.- did not vote, Ron Goodgame-yes and Steve Wood-yes, the motion passed.

The Commission re-entered public session at 6:12 PM.

Commissioner Steve Wood moved the Wolfeboro Police Commission to seal the minutes of the March 15, 2018 non-public meeting. Ron Goodgame seconded. Roll call vote, Chairman Wood- yes, Ron Goodgame and Joe Balboni Jr. – did not vote. Being none opposed, the motion passed.

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

Commissioner Steve Wood moved the Wolfeboro Police Commission to adjourn at 6:13 PM. Commissioner Ron Goodgame seconded. Being none opposed, the motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Amelia Capone-Muccio