

**Wolfeboro Police Commission
Meeting Minutes
June 17, 2021**

Members present: Chairman Steve Wood, and Vice-Chair Bob O'Brien (via phone), and Commissioner Shawn Coope

Staff present: Chief Dean Rondeau, Captain Livie, and Sherri Moore Recording Secretary

Chairman Wood called the meeting to order at 3:32 PM.

Commissioner Steve Wood moved the Wolfeboro Police Commission enter into non-public session RSA 91 A: 3, a to discuss personnel at 3:33 PM. Shawn Coope seconded. Roll call vote: Bob O'Brien - yes, Shawn Coope-yes and Steve Wood-yes, the motion passed.

The Commission re-entered public session at 4:00 PM.

Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Wood entertained the Pledge of Allegiance.

Consideration of Minutes

Commissioner O'Brien moved the Wolfeboro Police Commission to accept the May 20, 2021, public minutes as written. Commissioner Coope seconded. Roll call vote: Bob O'Brien – yes, Shawn Coope – yes, and Steve Wood – yes, Members voted, the motion passed.

Chairman Wood shared that while in non-public, the Police Commission made a conditional offer of employment to a certified NH candidate. We look forward to him joining us later this summer.

Chairman Wood also informed the members at the meeting that Commissioner O'Brien is joining us via phone while he is away on vacation. He is listening in and will be participating in votes.

Activity Reports

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

Incidents: He reported 49 incidents, a decrease from the previous month.

Offenses by month: He reported 105 offenses last month.

Arrest status report: He reported an increase from previous month, a total of 47.

Collisions YTD and Accidents by street name: He reported 12 accidents last month. This is up 500% in May, which is indicative of lots of things and what happens in Wolfeboro in summer.

Traffic stops YTD and location breakdown report: He reported 355 traffic stops last month and 34 tickets were issued out of those stops. Resulting in a 9.577% chance of getting a ticket.

Personnel Analysis report: The report is a synopsis of each officer's reporting for the month. Report included in the Commissioners report only.

Detectives Report: Report attached

School Resource Officer (SRO): No report for the month of May.

Chief's Items

Chief Rondeau read his report. Please see attached.

DISCUSSION:

None

Captain's Items

None

Questions from the Press

None

Commissioner's Items

Chairman Wood asked if Commissioner Bob or Commissioner Coope had any questions. Neither had questions.

Board of Selectmen's Representative

None

Public Comment

Tom Bell commented that with regard to the revenue that the Animal Control Officer brings in, he thinks it would be a good idea to let the public know what those revenues are.

Captain Livie replied that the Animal Control revenue is captured in the Town Clerk's revenue.

Chief Rondeau responded that the current finance director is very talented and has a report that shows the Police revenues. This is a welcomed report and happy to see this continue. She does monthly reports on the Town Department budgets and the Chief can share with the Commission.

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

Commissioner Coope moved the Wolfeboro Police Commission to re-enter into non-public session RSA 91 A: 3, a to discuss personnel at 4:36 PM. Commissioner O'Brien seconded. Roll call vote: Bob O'Brien - yes, Shawn Coope-yes and Steve Wood-yes, the motion passed.

The Commission re-entered public session at 5:25 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 5:26 PM.
Commissioner Shawn Coope seconded. Being none opposed, the motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherri Moore

Monthly Activity for May 2021

Fifteen cases were carried over from April 2021.

For the month of May 2021, Det. Emerson investigated four new cases. The cases below and they represent all the incident and arrests for the month of May.

Two cases were investigated as felony felonies, and two cases were investigated as misdemeanors.

Detective Emerson assisted Effingham Police Department with locating a subject suspected of fleeing the scene of a Motor Vehicle Crash in Effingham that resulted in serious bodily injury to a passenger in the vehicle. Detective Emerson notified Effingham Police that he had located the sought-after individual, and Effingham Police came to the Wolfeboro Police Department to interview the suspect-charges may be forthcoming from the Effingham PD and the County Attorney's Office.

Detective Emerson assisted the FBI by checking known locations of a male subject who had escaped from a facility he was in down in southern NH where he was receiving treatment (Chris Kelly).

Detective Emerson assisted with a runaway Juvenile that Detective Emerson was able to locate, and the child's mother came to take PD to take custody of the youth.

Cases Assigned/Investigated

- 1 Theft of services by deception
- 1 Forgery
- 1 Harassment
- 1 Run away.

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TO: Wolfeboro Police Commission

FROM: Dean J. Rondeau
Chief of Police

SUBJ: Chief's Items (May 2021) for 17 June 2021 Wolfeboro Police
Commission meeting

DATE: 09 June 2021

Non- Public: I have two (2) items for Non-public Session under personnel, hiring, and litigation.

GENERAL BUDGET ITEMS:

There will be an end of second QTR. FY 21 Budget review following the presentation of the Chief's Items in July 2021. This briefing will mark the halfway point of the FY 21 budget execution process. Also tied to this will be a "Status of the Wolfeboro PD Report" which will discuss our FY 21 Goals and Objectives at the half-way point of our budget. For the public's information, I produce each year a Goals and Objectives report which outlines our annual goals and objectives. This document forms the basis of our FY budget request to the Town each year. In short, my budget is tied directly to our goals and objectives. Additionally, I will also brief the initial stages of the FY 22 Budget construction process and our potential FY 22 Goals and Objectives.

Presently, I am happy to report that I have no major issues with the FY 21 budget-though we are only just short of half-way through at the time of this writing; so, keep your fingers crossed-as always I will continue to keep the Commission informed.

The budget appears to be moving along fine, and with no major issues forecasted at this time. Bottom line up front, the PD is still underspent by approximately 2.5 percent with approximately two (2) Qtrs. of the year remaining in the FY; this is good-but we are now moving into our busy season. I will keep the Commission informed.

PERSONNEL:

Sadly, I must announce that Corporal Jason Boucher, is retiring effective 1 August 2021 after 20.8 years of service in Law Enforcement; and will be on terminal leave starting on or about 17 June 2021. Though he has been with us just over a year, he has been a tremendous asset and has helped us immensely. I have plans for the CPL. that I wish to discuss with the Police Commission in Non-public.

With the departure of CPL. Boucher on 17 June (Terminal Leave) we will be looking to hire an Officer to replace him. Options have been presented to the Police Commission, and I hope we can make an announcement soon.

Operations (Criminal Investigations and Prosecutions):

In terms of Police investigations and Operations, the month of May has shown us a significant uptick in activity. This can be seen in our monthly activity reports I just briefed.

The department also remains involved in the five (5) car motor vehicle crash investigation on South Main Street; and as the Commission knows, we have charged several young adults in the fatal crash that took the life of a local young man. Both of those investigations are still ongoing-they take time.

In terms of Police Prosecutions, this past month was very busy. We had eighteen (18) defendants respond to eighteen (18) charges. Of those charges, seventeen (15) were found or plead guilty at trial. Additionally, another two (2) cases were placed on file pending good behavior, with other court ordered or directed actions, such as restitution or alcohol and drug treatment added as part of their sentences; one (1) case was nolle prossed (Nolle Pros) as part of a negotiated sentence. We can still bring this case forward if we must.

The conviction rate is this past month is near one hundred percent (99.82%) with \$5,432.00 dollars in fines, restitution, and penalties meted out by the Courts.

Safety and Security matters: We have already seen an increase in traffic volumes, and they are at historic highs for this time of year in Wolfeboro, I think we are in for a very busy summer! I have seen data from the FY 2020 census that suggests our population density has increased; additionally, we are seeing large increases in the tourist and visitor populations in Wolfeboro, this can be seen in our traffic data and M/V stop slide presented earlier in this briefing.

With that being said: Summer is here, so please pay attention to the pedestrians out and about, and the children who will soon be out of school playing, riding their bikes, and walking on our busy town roads and byways. Additionally, please pay attention to our very talented work crews, who are taking advantage of the fine weather to repair and fix our roadways and getting ready for the next year's winter! All these activities represent potential hazards for the motorists traveling our roads-indeed these activities may make the roads a bit more crowded. Please drive carefully and allow extra time when going to and from your daily activities.

Lastly, during significant weather events if you don't have to go out-don't. A vast majority of our crashes occur during periods of inclement weather. Plan for needs

ahead of these storms, cancel non-important appointments or events if possible, please be safe.

Dispatch: NSTR

Motor Vehicle Enforcement: In an effort to mitigate the traffic crashes we realize monthly, we will be continuing a strong proactive approach to motor vehicle enforcement, and traffic stops-this can be seen in our monthly briefing slides. As a warning to those residents in the North Wolfeboro Area, I have received many complaints about speeders on College Road and Stoddard Road. We will be conducting aggressive speed reduction patrols in those areas of Town-so please, if you are in a habit of speeding up there, don't! Lastly, we continue to deploy assets and patrols to our identified problem areas-Safety First!

That being said: The Department is continuing its enhanced speed enforcement operations in the following areas: Lehner Street, Forrest Road, Cotton Valley and College Road to Stoddard Road; Beach Pond Road with a focus on the area between Pine Hill Road and North Line Road, Center Street, North Main Street, 109 East, Bay Street 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 posted speed limits.

Lastly, "speeding" represents a danger on Town roads. All our roads are posted accurately. Our speed limit signs, and radar warning devices are there to keep driver's safe. Recently, during a road patrol of Bay Street, I stopped a young 17-year-old driver, who, in my opinion, was "racing" one of our posted radar warning signs, and I observed a vehicle moving a what I estimated to be well above 70 MPH! That individual was stopped, and written several tickets for speed, and negligent driving. I will be seeking to have his driving privileges revoked by the State's DMV. Please let this stand as a warning to those who wish to partake of this dangerous practice. I said last month if I catch you speeding on our roads, or racing our radar warning signs, you will be issued several summonses and have your license to drive revoked-a license is a privilege-not a right. Please obey the posted speed limit signs-they are there for your safety, and that of the public.

Training:

Police:

SGT pat Spera-basic Sex Crime Investigations
SGT Mike Strauch-K9 Training
SSG Maloney and Dispatch Supervisor Mia Lyons-Mental Health First Aid,

As of the end of March, almost all the PD members have met their annual training requirements in terms of non-discretionary training.

DISPATCH: NSTR

Training note: **We do have on-line Training through Lexipol/Police One-it is available to all for training* Dispatch as well as Officers.

We now can train anytime, anywhere.

Online learning allows you and your department to train when it's convenient. Complete courses on your phone, tablet, or computer 24x7 365 days a year.

OUTREACH AND MATTERS OF INTEREST:

SSG Maloney and I head back to the NH Police Academy on 04 and 07 June to teach block zero of the Technical Crash Investigation Course to the recruit class-it was very hot-fun was had by all!

On 27 May 2021, the PD participated in the "Horses Over America" event in Wolfeboro with Retired LTC. Gerry Scott and his Horse Hercules and his dog Molly. We escorted the team to the SAU 49 High School Complex and let both the Molly and Hercules visit and mingle with the school children. Later, we escorted the team to Huggins Hospital and Genesis, and allowed the team to mingle with those patients, faculty, and staff. Lastly, the team conducted a public Horse swim event at the Town Docks. This is a very worthwhile endeavor, and we look forward to working with this team in the future.

Mental Health issues represent some of our most significant challenges to society, anything we can do to manage these maladies are always a blessing, and we hope to sponsor more of these events in the future.

Both the Captain and I met with concerned citizens regarding a wide range of issues and community topics.

I am now conducting a weekly talk radio show with Erick Scot of WASR. The show is a one-hour feature with call in and we discuss relevant topics of interest. Please be our guest on this show each Monday at 12 Noon. Please call in and ask your questions and join in the discussion-let's get involved and solve community issues or simply have a good time! All are welcome!

Both the Captain and I attended a wide range of Budget related and Town meetings with various groups and committees as we proceed through the budget process.

The Both the Captain and I spoke on Wolfeboro Community TV this past month.

Captain Livie continues to be part of the Master Planning process, the Technical Review and Joint loss committees; based on our event on 27 May 2021, both the Captain and I presented at the Town's 16 June Joint Loss Committee with strong recommendations and ideas at how to prevent such situations from occurring in the future.

I continue to serve on the Governor's Commission for the humane and ethical treatment of animals.

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

Safety Tip of the Month: It is warming up, however, please keep your eyes and ears tuned on the weather. Summer Thunderstorms and flash lighting can cause injury to those not prepared to deal with the impending storm or severe weather which it may bring. Because we live on one of the largest Lakes in New England, many of our summertime activities are conducted at or near large bodies of water, this can prove dangerous during a thunderstorm. Please be safe and listen to your favorite weather channels and or monitor NOAA Weather radio for updates in conducting outside activities.

Gentlemen, subject to your questions, that is all I have.