

Wolfeboro Police Commission Meeting Minutes June 22, 2017

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

Staff present: Chief Rondeau, Captain Livie and Recording Secretary Amelia Capone-Muccio.

Chairman Wood called the meeting to order at 4:02 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 May 18, 2017 meeting.***

Commissioner Goodgame noted edits on page two relative to typos.

Commissioner Joe Balboni Jr. moved the Wolfeboro Police Commission to accept the public minutes of May 18, 2017 as amended. Commissioner Ron Goodgame seconded. Members voted and being none opposed, the motion passed.

Activity Reports-March

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

Offenses (State Law) by month: He reported 52 offenses for the month.

Arrest status report: He reported 45 arrests for the month a 45% 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 11 accidents last month, which is an increase from the previous month.

Prosecutor's report: Provided in Chief's report.

School Resource Officer (SRO): The SRO provided his monthly report noting numerous investigations for the month.

Motor Vehicle Traffic Report: He reported 208 stops last month at 8% decrease, he noted that Operation Granite Hammer has ended so this will reflect data.

Detectives Report: He reviewed the Detective's report noting he took on 7 new cases for the month, he added 3 new cases and carried over 6 cases.

Central Dispatch: n/s.

DISCUSSION:

Commissioner Goodgame noted that the reports do not include those cases investigate by officers and feels such report is information to the Commission for future planning of the department. He explained this data will determine if there is a need for an additional detective as patrol officers should not be taking away from patrol time doing paperwork and investigations. Part of the Commission's mission it be sure they are utilizing the departments assets.

Chief Rondeau replied that he can provide some data on that and suggested a quarterly report at this time.

Chief's Items for March

Chief Rondeau reported the following:

- He noted he had four items for non-public session under pending litigation and personnel.
- The Police Sergeant oral boards were completed and results have been forwarded to the commission for review. He thanked those serving on the oral board, Chief Robert Brennen from Palo Alta CA, Lt Ronald Haley from MA State Police, Detective Sgt. Erick Bradbury from Gilford Police Department, and Sgt. Andy Maceoni from NH State Police for all their assistance. After the second interview process with the Wolfeboro Police Commission, he is happy to announce that Detective Guy Maloney has been promoted to Sgt.
- The two new part time police officers, Christopher Dustin and Garrett Anthony have started and are on patrol. They will be mostly covering the downtown area and helping with any shortages.
- The Bike patrol has begun again after a 12 year hiatus. The patrol is under the leadership of Sgt. Archambault and Officers Swift and Laroche with also be covering this patrol. The patrol will be support by a Foot Patrol and Pedestrian Grant to provide more coverage as in years past.
- He and the Captain conducted two internal reviews of the budget for Police, Central Dispatch and Animal Control and plan to review the budget every two weeks.
- Operation grants have begun, there will be an increase in patrolling as they take part in federal funded grants for DWI, speed enforcement, distracted driving, pedestrian and crosswalk safety grants and participating in Granite Hammer drug interdiction campaign.
- Twenty four defendants responded to 25 offenses this past month and of those nineteen were found guilty, six charges place on file pending good behavior and two of those were from to the town or payment to the clerk's office. He noted \$3,411.50 fines fees and assessments were received from those cases.
- He stated as the public is aware the Police Department was involved in a major Animal Cruelty investigation on June 16ht, were 84 Great Danes were rescued from the De La Sang Monde Great Danes in Wolfeboro NH. He could not emphasize enough of the great work done by the Lakes Region and Conway Humane Societies, the United States Human Society, and Pope Memorial Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA) for all their help and assistance in this case. He also thanked Attorney Tim Morgan, Senior Patrol Officer Strauch, Detective Maloney, ACO Earl Clough, and Animal Cruelty investigator Tona MacCarthy who worked long hours on this case. He explained this is a case of animal

neglect and the owner acquired more dogs than she was able to care for and he introduced Lindsey Hendricks of the NH Humane Society, who will provide a brief summary of the case momentarily.

Ms. Hendricks thanked the Wolfeboro Police Department and the team for the work on this case and noted how serious this case was. She stated they had rented a tractor trailer truck to reschedule what they thought was 40 dogs, but turned out to be 84, so they had to rent more trailers to rescue these dogs. She explained that these dogs will remain at the humane society for the duration of the case as they are still the property of the owner. The dogs are in a confidential location that is staffed to treat them and care for them including the medical needs. She stated that dogs were alive when they were rescued and all have survived.

Commission Balboni questioned the adoptability of the dogs.

Ms. Hendricks replied if the owner relinquishes her rights at the end of the case, then they can place but for now they will be cared for by the Human Society throughout the case.

Chairman Wood questioned if they are all in one place.

Ms. Hendricks replied, yes the Wolfeboro dogs are. The nine puppies that are in Conway were surrendered by the owner to Conway and are property of the Conway Humane Society and will be available for adoption when they are medical cleared.

Commission Goodgame questioned keeping the dogs during the trial and what does that prove, noting they have been referred to as “evidence”.

Ms. Hendricks replied they were all assessed about seizure and are being treated, but under the law they are still Ms. Fay’s property at this time.

Chief Rondeau noted this is very unique case, the animals were not cared for and the condition of the dogs at the time of seizure is measurable information for the case.

Captain’s Items

Captain Livie reported the following for the month:

- He noted that the Bike Patrol program has started under the leadership of Sgt. Archambault and both Officers Swift and Laroche have been trained as well.
- He noted that although Sgt. Maloney has been promoted he will cover the Detective case load for the summer while the department reviews promotion for that position.
- The radar trailer has been deployed on North Main Street which is where they seem to receive the most complaints.
- He noted the Public Safety Day open house will be July 1st from 12 PM to 2 PM.

Commissioner’s Items

None.

Board of Selectmen’s Representative

None.

Public Comment

Elissa Paquette of the Granite State News questioned if another officer will take over the Detectives position or while Sgt. Maloney be doing both positions.

Chief Rondeau replied that Sgt. Maloney will cover the position until the Detective's position is filled.

Jim Rouillard of 4 Olson Lane questioned the enforcement of loud exhaust.

Chief Rondeau replied in order to enforce it, it requires a meter to determine the level. He noted that it is a common problem and the level is quite high for the law so surprisingly many are not in violation.

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

Commissioner Joe Balboni Jr. moved the Wolfeboro Police Commission enter non-public session RSA 91 A: 3 a, b & c to discuss personnel and ongoing litigation at 4:48 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 5:07 PM.

Commissioner Ron Goodgame moved the Wolfeboro Board of Selectmen to seal the minutes of the June 22, 2017 non-public meeting. Joe Balboni Jr. seconded. Roll call vote, Chairman Wood- yes, Ron Goodgame – yes, and Joe Balboni Jr. – yes. Being none opposed, the motion passed.

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

Commissioner Joe Balboni Jr. moved the Wolfeboro Police Commission to adjourn at 5:08 PM. Commissioner Joe Balboni Jr. seconded. Being none opposed, the motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Amelia Capone-Muccio