

PORTSMOUTH POLICE COMMISSION

MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 19TH 2011 , 2010 MEETING

5:00 p.m. (Non-Public) – Office of the Chief of Police, Portsmouth Police Dept.
7:30 p.m. (Public) – Eileen Dondero Foley Council Chambers, Portsmouth City Hall

Gerald W. Howe, Chairman
John C. Russo
John F. Golumb

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** The chairman called the January 19th, 2011 monthly police commission public session to order at 5:04 p.m.

Action: Commissioner Golumb moved to go into non-public session for the purpose of discussing personnel issues as per RSA 91-A:3, II.

Seconded by Commissioner Russo.

On a Roll Call Vote: The board voted unanimously to go into non-public session at 5:05 p.m.

Action: Commissioner Russo moved to come out of non-public session.

Seconded by Commissioner Golumb.

On a Roll Call Vote: The board voted unanimously to come out of non-public session at 5:53 p.m.

Chairman Howe called the public session back to order at 7:01 p.m. in the Eileen Dondero Foley Council Chambers in Portsmouth City Hall.

Present during the public session: Commissioners Howe, Russo, and Golumb, Chief David Ferland, Deputy Chief Stephen DuBois, Captain Frank Warchol, Executive Assistant Kathleen Levesque

- II. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Commissioner Russo led the Pledge of Allegiance.

- III. **ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON:**
December 15th, 2010

Action: Commissioner Russo moved to accept the minutes and place them on file.

Seconded by Commissioner Golumb.

On a Roll Call Vote: The board voted to accept the minutes of the December 15th, 2010 police commission meeting and place them on file.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT: None

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

VI. NEW BUSINESS:

A. POLICE COMMISSION:

1. Personnel Items that require action:

Action: Commissioner Golumb moved to accept Officer George Williams' Notice of Retirement letter.

Seconded by Commissioner Russo.

On a Roll Call Vote: The board voted unanimously to accept the notice of retirement.

Chairman Howe noted that with 35 years on the job, Officer Williams is our most senior officer. He thanked Officer Williams for his years of service.

B. CHIEF OF POLICE:

- 1. Grants –** A VAWA grant, (Violence Against Women Act), in the amount of \$41,339 has been received from the Dept. of Justice. Our Victim/Witness Advocate position is completely funded by this grant. Both prosecutor experience and statistics demonstrate that the presence of a Victim/Witness Advocate in the court office increases the number of successful prosecutions, which in turn removes more criminals and violent individuals from the streets. Funding for this position was eliminated from the police department budget last year. The position was retained by securing grant funding from the state of New Hampshire.

Action: Commissioner Golumb moved to accept the grant in the amount of \$41,339 from the Dept. of Justice.

Seconded by Commissioner Russo.

On a Roll Call Vote: The board voted unanimously to accept the grant and forward to the city council for their action.

2. Administrative Services Division Report

- a. Financial Reports, by line item
- b. Overtime Report

- c. Personnel and Training Report
- d. Information Systems Report
- e. Records Division Report
- f. Fleet Report
- g. Communications Center Report

In finishing the administrative report, the Chief advised the commission that the detective unit was still working on the suspicious death that occurred out at Gosling Meadows over the weekend.

The next order of business taken up by the commission was to appoint the chair and the clerk of the commission for 2011.

Action: Commissioner Russo moved to appoint Gerald W. Howe to chair the commission.

Seconded by Commissioner Golumb.

On a Roll Call Vote: The board voted unanimously to appoint Gerald Howe to chair the police commission.

Action: Commissioner Russo moved to appoint John F. Golumb as Clerk of the Commission.

Seconded by Commissioner Howe.

On a Roll Call Vote: The board voted unanimously to appoint John F. Golumb as Clerk of the Commission.

3. Letters of Thanks & Appreciation from Outside the Department:

- a. A letter of thanks from Atty. Ralph Woodman, Jr. for the "...decent, good-humored, and professional manner..." of Officer Frederickson in his interaction with him while traveling through Portsmouth recently.

C. PATROL SERVICES DIVISION

1. Offense Report
2. Program/Self-Initiated Activity/Directed Patrol Report
3. Animal Control Report
4. Special Teams/Programs report
 - a. K-9 Program
 - b. Seacoast Emergency Response Team
 - c. Field Training Program
 - d. Auxiliary Unit
 - e. Community Relations

5. Personnel Out Sick or Injured

D. CITY PROSECUTOR REPORT

E. DETECTIVE DIVISION

VII. MISCELLANEOUS OTHER BUSINESS:

Action: Commissioner Golumb moved to accept the division and team reports and place them on file.

Seconded by Commissioner Russo.

On a Roll Call Vote: The board voted unanimously to accept the division and team reports and place them on file.

VIII. MOTION TO ADJOURN

Chairman Howe asked if there was any other business before the commission. There being none, the Chairman asked for a motion to adjourn.

Action: Commissioner Russo moved the January 19th, 2011 meeting of the police commission be adjourned.

Seconded by Commissioner Golumb.

On a Roll Call Vote: The board voted unanimously in favor of the motion at 7:18 p.m.

Chair extended condolences to K-9 Officer Scott Pearl for the sudden loss of his K-9 partner, "Wess" last evening.

IX. NEXT MEETING: *Wednesday, February 16th, 2011, at 6:00 p.m. – PLEASE NOTE NEW MEETING TIME. Eileen Dondero Foley Council Chambers, Portsmouth City Hall.*

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Respectfully Submitted By Kathleen Levesque, Executive Assistant

Reviewed By Commissioner Golumb, Clerk of the Commission

John F. Golumb