

PORTSMOUTH POLICE COMMISSION

MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 26TH, 2011 MEETING

8:30 a.m. (Non-Public) – The Little Theater Room, Portsmouth High School

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Gerald W. Howe, Chairman

John C. Russo

John F. Golumb

*****UNAPPROVED*****

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** The chairman called the October 26th, 2011 monthly police commission public session to order at 8:40 a.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 8:41 a.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 9:10 a.m.

Chairman Howe called the public session back to order at 9:30 p.m. in the Little Theater Room of Portsmouth High School.

Present during the public session: Commissioners Howe, Russo, and Golumb, Chief Dave Ferland, Deputy Chief Stephen DuBois, Captain Corey MacDonald, Executive Assistant Kathleen Levesque, teachers and students of Portsmouth High School social studies classes

- II. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Captain MacDonald led the Pledge of Allegiance.

- III. **ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON:** September 21st 2011.

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 September 21st, 2011 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: None**
- 2. Chairman Jerry Howe** gave the class a briefing on the structure and function of the police commission and how it works with command staff in the administration of public safety.
- 3. Commissioner Golumb** surprised Chief Ferland with a Letter of Recognition from the Commission to the Chief for his recent honor of being appointed a Paul Harris Fellow by the Portsmouth Rotary Club.

B. CHIEF OF POLICE:

- 1. Recognition of Officer Peter Sheldon** for his research, planning and execution of the complex annual pistol training and qualifications at Sig Academy.

2. Grants and Donations:

Action: Commissioner Golumb moved to accept a grant from Police Standards & Training in the amount of \$942.67 for our K-9 officers to attend the HITS K-9 training seminar.

Seconded by Commissioner Golumb.

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

Action: Commissioner Golumb moved to accept a donation in the amount of \$5,000 from Mr. John Bobbett in support of the Portsmouth Police Honor Guard.

Seconded by Commissioner Russo.

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

Action: Commissioner Golumb moved to accept a donation of found monies in the amount of \$18 from Mr. M. Chubrich to the Portsmouth Police Honor Guard.

Seconded by Commissioner Russo.

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

4. 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

5. Letters of Thanks and Appreciation from Outside the Department:

Because of the time restraints of conducting the meeting within a class block, the letters of thanks and appreciation were not publicly reviewed.

6. Presentation by Capt. Corey MacDonald, Esq. on the Fourth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, and the New Hampshire Constitution's own provision against illegal search and seizure, Part I, Article 19. In an interactive presentation, Capt. MacDonald explained the parameters of reasonable search and seizure; he explained terms like, "mere suspicion", "articulable suspicion", the role of the state supreme court, case law, etc. Captain MacDonald took questions from the class covering topics such as search and seizure of cell phones, criminal profiling, etc.

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

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 October 26th, 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 10:29 a.m.

IX. NEXT MEETING: *Wednesday, November 16th, 2011, in the Eileen Dondero Foley Council Chambers. The public session begins at 6:00 p.m. The public is welcome to attend.*

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*Respectfully Submitted By Kathleen Levesque, Executive Assistant
Reviewed By Commissioner Golumb, Clerk of the Commission*

John F. Golumb