

PORTSMOUTH POLICE COMMISSION
MINUTES OF THE JUNE 20TH, 2012 MEETING

5:00 p.m. (Non-Public) – Wm. Mortimer Conference Room, PPD
6:00 p.m. (Public) – Eileen Dondero Foley Council Chambers, City Hall

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

UNAPPROVED

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** The chairman called the June 20th, 2012 monthly police commission public session to order at 5:00 p.m.

Action: Commissioner Howe moved to go into non-public session for the purpose of discussing personnel matters 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 5:04 p.m.

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

Seconded by Commissioner Howe.

On a Roll Call Vote: The board voted unanimously to come out of non-public session at 5:36 p.m.

Chairman Golumb called the public session back to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Eileen Dondero Foley Council Chambers.

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

- II. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Chief Ferland led the Pledge of Allegiance.

- III. **ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS HELD ON:**
May 23rd, 2012

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

Seconded by Commissioner Russo.

On a Roll Call Vote: The board voted to accept the minutes of the May 23rd, 2012 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.

B. CHIEF OF POLICE:

1. Grant & Donations:

Action: Commissioner Howe moved to accept a donation in the amount of \$270 from Mr. & Mrs. David Brown in support of the Police Explorer Cadets.

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 Howe moved to accept a grant award in the amount of \$9,900 from NH Highway Safety for sobriety checkpoints in Portsmouth.

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 Howe moved to direct the Chief to accept a donation of boots for all sworn personnel from the owner of the Magnum Boot Company.

Seconded by Commissioner Russo.

On a Roll Call Vote: The board voted unanimously to direct Chief Ferland to accept the donation of Magnum boots.

Chief Ferland briefed the commission on the following items:

- Our Portsmouth Explorer Cadets took 2nd place overall at the NH State Explorers' Competition. Tests included motor vehicle stops, firearms, bomb threat response, building searches, and an obstacle course.

- The Police Cadet Academy started this week and runs the full week. Our cadets also assisted the department with our recent open house and sobriety checkpoints.
- Detective Rob Munson received the Perry H. Henderson Memorial Award from the New England Narcotics Enforcement Officers' Association at an awards banquet last month. Rob received the award for his years of working with junior and senior high school students, mentoring them and educating them about the dangers of drug use and abuse.
- Crime in the city:
 - We are very busy right now with calls and activity. Chief Ferland told the public there is a great deal they can do to prevent crime simply by rolling up windows and locking their cars. Many crimes of opportunity could be prevented just by doing these two simple things.
 - He repeated the warning given by Deputy DuBois last month to leave pets at home on hot days, due to the great risk posed by hot car interiors, rapidly heated up by the sun.
 - There has been an uptick in graffiti in certain areas of the city. The Chief urged citizens to report incidents of graffiti. He said we want to know where in town it is occurring. He said your information could help us solve graffiti crimes months later. Graffiti mars our neighborhoods and folks should be proactive in letting us know about it.
 - The warmer weather has brought an increase in alcohol-related calls for service as it always does.
 - McGruff the Crime Dog is again part of the Portsmouth Police Department and is enjoying a popular welcome back.
 - We are hearing good things from merchants and visitors on the return of the downtown beat.
 - DWI checkpoints will continue through the summer; they are effective tools in deterring alcohol- and drug-impaired driving.
 - The Think Smart. Drink Safe. drink coaster initiative has been kicked off with the first 15,000 coasters being distributed to several restaurants and bars in town.
 - The Loud Noise Annoys campaign is back in force for the summer. Chief Ferland reminded the public about changes in the motorcycle noise law. He indicated we would begin a motorcyclist education program to inform drivers of the new law.

- Our PPD message boards are deployed throughout the city with different safe driving reminders and city event information.
- Various thank you notes, voice mails, and letters received by the department.
- Upcoming Events:
 - The Boston-Portsmouth Air Show is coming the end of this month
 - July 8th is the Welcome Back Iraqi Veterans Parade

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

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: None.

VIII. MOTION TO ADJOURN

Chairman Golumb 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 June 20th, 2012 meeting of the police commission be adjourned.

Seconded by Commissioner Howe.

On a Roll Call Vote: The board voted unanimously in favor of the motion at 6:25 p.m.

IX. Commissioner Howe, as Clerk of the Commission, directed Kathe Levesque to place one copy of the division and team reports on file.

X. NEXT MEETING: Next Meeting – WEDNESDAY, July 25th, 2012, 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 Howe,, Clerk of the Commission

Gerald W. Howe