

PORTSMOUTH POLICE COMMISSION
MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 21ST, 2013 MEETING

4:00 p.m. Non-Public Session – Wm. Mortimer Conference Room, PPD
5:00 p.m. Public Session – Eileen Dondero Foley Council Chambers, Portsmouth City Hall

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

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** The chairman called the August 21st, 2013 monthly police commission public session to order at 4:03 p.m. in the William Mortimer Conference Room at the Portsmouth Police Department.

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 4:04 p.m.

Chairman Golumb called the public session back to order at 5:02 p.m. in the Eileen Dondero Foley Council Chambers.

Present during the public session: Commissioners Golumb, Howe, and Russo, Chief Stephen DuBois, Deputy Chief Corey MacDonald, Admin. Manager Karen Senecal, Exec. Assistant Kathleen Levesque, and members of the department

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

- III. **PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION:**
There was no public comment.

- IV. **ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS HELD ON:**
July 10th, and August 14th, 2013

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

Seconded by Commissioner Howe.

On a Roll Call Vote: The board voted to accept the minutes and place them on file.

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

VI. NEW BUSINESS:

A. POLICE COMMISSION:

Action: Commissioner Howe moved to appoint Officer Matthew Young to permanent status.

Seconded by Commissioner Russo.

On a Roll Call Vote: The board voted unanimously to appoint Officer Young to permanent status.

B. CHIEF OF POLICE:

- 1. Recognition of K-9 Officer Scott Pearl and K-9 Bruin** – Officer Pearl and K-9 Bruin received a Letter of Commendation from Chief DuBois for their swift and targeted response to a gang of thieves stealing property from residents' cars at an apartment complex in town. Everyone had the opportunity to hear the details of the call as Chief DuBois read the Commendation letter aloud.

Chief DuBois then informed the commission that Scott's partner, K-9 Bruin, has been diagnosed with a terminal form of cancer. The Chief met with Scott, and it was decided that Bruin would continue to work until Officer Pearl determines it is time to retire him.

Chief DuBois indicated that a local business has donated the funding necessary to purchase a new canine.

- 2. Donations:**

Action: Commissioner Howe moved to accept a donation in the amount of \$7,500 from Novel Iron Works, Inc., for the purchase of a new canine.

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 forfeiture donation from Hillsborough County Superior Court of computer(s) seized in an ICAC investigation, as per Sgt. Grella's memo of July 24, 2013.

Seconded by Commissioner Russo.

On a Roll Call Vote: The board voted unanimously to accept the computer donation.

Action: Commissioner Howe moved to accept a donation to the NH ICAC Task Force from the Hinsdale Police Department of two laptop computers, as per Sgt. Grella's memo of July 24, 2013.

Seconded by Commissioner Russo.

On a Roll Call Vote: The board voted unanimously to accept the computer donation.

Chief DuBois then briefed the commission as follows:

- The Deputy Chief has been coordinating our aggressive response to a widespread outbreak of graffiti in multiple locations in the city.
- The opening of the Memorial Bridge went off without a hitch; it was a very complicated event.
- We conducted a motorcycle noise initiative in the downtown a couple of weeks' ago. We feel this issue benefits from on-going educational outreach.
- We recently conducted the second of three sobriety checkpoints scheduled for 2013.
- Karen is the point person for the upcoming space needs study of the police department, which should take place next week.

Commissioner Howe commended Chief DuBois for jumping on a cost savings opportunity in connection with the space needs study. He said in addition to realizing some savings, the move gets the process going sooner for us than it otherwise would have.

- 3. Financial Report** – Karen Senecal gave an abbreviated report to the commission on the closeout of the 2013 fiscal year. We will be returning about \$80,000 to the city.

C. PATROL SERVICES DIVISION

This report is contained in the commission's packet.

D. CITY PROSECUTOR REPORT

This report is contained in the commission's packet.

VII. MISCELLANEOUS OTHER BUSINESS:

Action: Commissioner Howe moved to accept the division reports and place one copy on file.

Seconded by Commissioner Russo.

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

The Chair gave out the date and time of the next monthly meeting.

There being no further business before the commission, the chairman asked for a motion to adjourn.

Action: Commissioner Russo moved the August 21st, 2013 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 5:15 p.m.

VIII. NEXT MEETING: Next Meeting – *WEDNESDAY September 18th, 2013 in the William Mortimer Conference Room, Portsmouth Police Department. The public session is scheduled to begin at 6:00 p.m.*

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

Gerald W. Howe