

**PORTSMOUTH POLICE COMMISSION**  
**MINUTES OF THE MARCH 16<sup>th</sup>, 2011 MEETING**

5:00 p.m. (Non-Public) – Conference Room, Osprey Landing Community Center  
6:00 p.m. (Public) – Event Room, Osprey Landing Community Center

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

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** The chairman called the March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2011 monthly police commission public session to order at 5:02 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 5:02 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 5:55 p.m.

**Chairman Howe called the public session back to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Event Room of the Osprey Landing Community Center at 10 Sanderling Way in Portsmouth.**

**Present during the public session:** Commissioners Howe, Russo, and Golumb, Deputy Chief Stephen DuBois, Captain Frank Warchol, Executive Assistant Kathleen Levesque, Herald reporter Elizabeth Dinan, and residents of the Osprey Landing Community.

- II. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Capt. Warchol led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- III. **ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON:** February 16<sup>th</sup>, 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 February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2011 police commission meeting and place them on file.

#### **IV. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Ms. Linda Panori addressed the commission with her concerns on the following issues:

- Speeding cars in the neighborhoods
- People talking on cell phones while driving
- Her sense of a lack of friendly demeanor on the part of the younger officers towards neighborhood folks. Ms. Panori felt the newer officers might be unaware of how important it is for them to convey an open and friendly personality towards people.
- Lack of equal treatment in prosecution of female offenders in domestic violence cases.

#### **V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None**

#### **VI. NEW BUSINESS:**

##### **A. POLICE COMMISSION:**

- 1. Personnel Items that require action: None.**

##### **B. CHIEF OF POLICE:**

- 1. Deputy DuBois briefed the commission on the following items:**

- The department has sent a PowerPoint presentation to hotel and motel managers in Portsmouth that educates them on indicators of possible illegal activity on their properties. We are asking them to be alert for activities such as prostitution, mobile drug labs, underage parties, etc.

The chair asked about prom and graduation season Deputy DuBois indicated that Dt. Study will cover those events. He said Det. Study is very busy as he now has seven schools to cover, and has a busy caseload. It seems that kids in bad circumstances may feel safer at school, and disclose things that are going on at home.

- Laconia has been added to the Cross-agency network. We now have an extensive New Hampshire database that all member agencies can access. This greatly enhances our effectiveness and aids in case investigations.

- The New Hampshire Dept. of Health & Human Services is on the receiving end of many of the deep cuts to statewide programs. One of the areas hardest hit is services to people with mental health issues. While the resources have gone away, the need hasn't. People who suffer with mental health issues are being impacted by a loss of services, which in turn impacts us. Especially as night and weekend emergency services are cut back. As an example, since Crossroads moved into their new facility, their calls for service have decreased by 20%. However, the ratio of calls for service involving people with mental health issues is rising.

Deputy DuBois concluded his briefing.

**Action: Commissioner Golumb moved** to accept a grant in the amount of \$7,000 from the Working Dog Foundation to secure a new K-9 for Portsmouth.

**Seconded by Commissioner Russo.**

**On a Roll Call Vote:** The board voted unanimously to accept the grant for \$7,000 from the Working Dog Foundation and forward to the city council for their action.

## 2. Administrative Services Division Report

- a. Financial Reports, by line item  
Capt. Warchol briefed the commission on pending grants
- 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
- 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 March 16<sup>th</sup>, 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 6:27p.m.

**IX. NEXT MEETING: *Wednesday, April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2011, at 6:00 p.m. in the Wm. Mortimer Conference Room.***

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

*John F. Golumb*