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THOMASTON POLICE COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, AUGUST 3, 2010
6:00 P.M.

Roll Call:

Meeting was called to order at 6:00p.m. by First Selectman Mone. Present were Selectman Scheppard, Selectman Barrett, Sr., and Chief Torrence. Deborah Bournival, Administrative Assistant to the First Selectman, was in attendance to take the minutes.

Approval of Minutes:

A motion was made by Selectman Scheppard to approve the minutes of the July 6, 2010 regular meeting of the Police Commission as presented. Motion was seconded by Selectman Barrett, Sr. With all in favor, motion carries.

Monthly Reports:

The 268 hours of overtime in July were mostly due to people on vacation and some hours for training. The 22 hours listed under Special Events were for the Fireman's Carnival.

We are still getting a lot of requests for the radar trailer.

Accidents were actually high for the summer.

Alarms were a bit higher than what we normally get, probably due to the fact many people vacation during the summer months and usually have others looking after their homes.

The number of Patrol – Open Investigations (62) is not just for the month, but is a carryover from previous months.

There were a total of three (3) child seat installation/inspections for the month. Plymouth Glass would like to sponsor a safety fair and invite Keith Koval to be available to check seats.

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In the detective's monthly report, there are many active investigations/assignments. The first one, the suspicious death investigation (#10-2854) is the most detailed of the investigations, with the arson first degree (#09-5601) and the sexual assault second degree/risk of injury to a minor (10-7400) the departments other most involved cases at this time. The last two cases are in the court system right now.

Old Business:

With reference to the Bayberry Drive/stop sign issue that came up last month, Chief Torrence proposes installing a stop sign at property listed as #57 Bayberry Drive (see map). The sign will be installed in accordance with where it should be for the intersection.

A motion was made by Selectman Scheppard to install a stop sign at the property listed as 57 Bayberry Drive. Motion was seconded by Selectman Barrett, Sr. With all in favor, motion carries.

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With reference to the case load of Detective Sergeant Campbell, see above (under Monthly Report) for details.

New Business:

First Selectman Mone, Chief Torrence and Marty Egan met with residents of the Nystrom's Pond area to deal with various issues that have been taking place at the park for several years now. The rules and regulations of the park, which are stated in the town ordinance, are to be adhered to and should be strictly enforced. As per the posted rules, the park closes at 7:00 p.m. or dusk, whichever comes first. At this point, the gates are to be closed and locked. Currently, according to Chief Torrence, the park is patrolled twice on the 2nd shift and once on the midnight shift. Efforts are underway to place signage at the gate and publish in the paper, per ordinance, the rules and regulations of the park and the definitive time the park closes.

The "no parking" signs on Turner Road are missing. Chief Torrence has had conversations with Paul Pronovost, Highway Superintendent, about reordering the signage. In addition, there are no "no parking" signs on the Moosehorn Road side of the pond. However, this portion is in Litchfield and is not our responsibility.

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Chief Torrence said his guys were busy at the Fireman's Carnival. The Triathlon went off without a hitch.

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On July 30, the training records were audited. However, there were some snags - some records were not kept as well as they should have been. Some firearms training classes were missed. Therefore, the department was given until September 10th as a deadline for securing this training.

Public Comment:

Mrs. Yoos commented on the issues at Nystrom's Pond, asking for some clarification on the discussion that took place earlier.

A motion was made by Selectman Scheppard to adjourn the meeting at 6:43 p.m. Motion was seconded by Selectman Barrett, Sr. With all in favor, motion carries.