

**CONWAY POLICE COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MEETING
April 6, 2010**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Conway Police Commission was brought to order at 0830 hours on Tuesday, April 6, 2010. In attendance were Chief Edward K. Wagner, Lieutenant Joseph A. Faia, Lieutenant Christopher C. Perley, Chairman Theresa L. Kennett, Commissioner Robert F. Porter, Commissioner David D. Doherty and Recording Secretary Jill K. Dicey.

Payroll and disbursements were handed out and signed.

On a motion by Commissioner Porter, and seconded by Chairman Kennett, (Commissioner Doherty abstained) it was unanimously voted to approve the minutes of March 23, 2010.

Chief Wagner advised that Sergeant Russell McLauchlan and Officer William Strong are receiving awards from the Union Leader for heroism for a call they responded to in Bartlett where they stopped an attempted murder. The ceremony will take place in Manchester in May.

At 1412, a motion was made by Commissioner Kennett, and seconded by Commissioner Porter to move into non-public session per RSA 91-A: 3, II (a). The Commission was polled and voted as follows: Porter, yes, Doherty, yes, Kennett, yes. With a unanimous vote, the meeting was moved into non-public session.

At 0832, the public session reconvened.

Lt. Perley advised that Officer Strong has been teaching the DWI portion of the driver education class for the last 2-3 years. At the close of the last class he was presented with a gift; a duffle/travel bag to transport his presentation material.

On a motion by Commissioner Porter, and seconded by Commissioner Doherty, it was unanimously voted to allow Officer Strong to accept the gift.

Commissioner Doherty inquired about a town policy addressing bullying. Chief Wagner advised that bullying is addressed with students as part of the D.A.R.E. curricular in the sixth grade. Assistant Principal of the high school, Rick Barnes, and the School Resource Officer, Officer Chris Mattei will be attending the meeting to address bullying issues and concerns. Chief Wagner advised that he believes the school should take the leading role with this issue. Lt. Perley advised that both the State of Maine and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts have a civil rights deprivation law, which can be used to legally respond to bullying issues. Chairman Kennett asked what parents are told if they call the police department with bullying complaints. Chief Wagner advised that until the bullying rises to an unlawful criminal act, the police department cannot take action. Commissioner Doherty inquired about "sexting". Chief Wagner advised that if it involves transmitting photographs the police can take action for transmitting pornography. Lt. Faia suggested working in conjunction with the schools to get information to the students. Most probably do not understand the seriousness of the action, or the consequences, if they engage in the transmission of pornography.

At 0853 Rick Barnes and Officer Mattei joined the meeting. Mr. Barnes explained the current school bullying and harassment policy. Mr. Barnes does feel bullying has increased recently and the school is concerned. The use of the "Disorderly Conduct" law by the police department for students engaging in fighting has all but eliminated fighting in the school. Something similar for bullying would make a big impact. Officer Mattei advised that cyber bullying has become a big piece of the harassment. This cyber

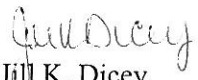
bullying frequently starts outside of school and spills over into the school. Defamation of character may be a law that can be used to combat it. However, the elementary schools do not utilize the SRO until the second or third offense.

Commissioner Doherty asked what could be done to raise the level of awareness. Chief Wagner advised educating the students on what constitutes a crime. Chairman Kennett inquired about educating parents as they are not always aware either. All present agreed to organize a joint (school and police dept.) informational presentation to be held at night to make it easier for parents to attend. Chairman Kennett advised that education and enlisting the community are key.

At 0925, Mr. Barnes and Officer Mattei left the meeting.

At 0925, on a motion by Commissioner Porter, and seconded by Commissioner Doherty, it was unanimously voted to adjourn the regularly scheduled commission meeting.

Respectfully submitted,


Jill K. Dicey,
Recording Secretary