

**MINUTES OF BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS MEETING  
HELD MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2014  
STAFF CONFERENCE ROOM – POLICE HEADQUARTERS**

Chrmn. Jagoe called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

**1. ROLL CALL**

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Sam Bergami, Carol Faruolo, Alberta Jagoe, Sharon Marrone, David Rubenstein, Richard Smith, Jerold Wanosky

ALSO PRESENT: Police Chief Mello, Deputy Chief Mooney, Ald. Vetro, Mr. Mead (P & Z) and D. Candido, Secty.

In addition, Attny. Charles Tiernan representing Anthony Monaco (Anthony's Hi-Tech/DJ Towing)

A quorum was present to conduct the business of the meeting.

**1a. Reorganization of the Board**

It was moved by Comm. Faruolo and seconded by Vice Chrmn. Bergami to nominate Alberta Jagoe as Chair of the Milford Board of Police Commissioners.

Being no further nominations, nominations were closed. Motion carried unanimously.

Chrmn. Jagoe thanked the Board for their vote of confidence.

It was moved by Comm. Smith and seconded by Comm. Wanosky to nominate Comm. Bergami as Vice Chair of the Milford Board of Police Commissioners.

Being no further nominations, nominations were closed. Motion carried unanimously.

**2. CONSIDERATION OF APPOINTMENTS**

Chief Mello introduced the following five police officers who graduated from the academy 1 ½ years ago and have completed their probationary period and were present to be sworn in. Comm. Marrone read the oath to Officers Davidson, Napolitano, Dempsey, Groves and Jock.

**3. CITIZEN COMMENTS**

- Ald. Vetro stated in the absence of Mayor Blake, he recently attended the Department's retirement dinner held to honor Milford Police Dept. retirees noting it was a very nice tribute to the retirees.
- E. Mead, P & Z Liaison – explained that although he did not win his seat back in the recent election, he was reappointed to P & Z to fill the vacancy of Ald. Casey. He stated he was happy to once again have the opportunity to serve as P & Z Liaison to this commission. He shared information regarding the possible renovation of a building in Devon which the Irish Heritage Society is hoping to purchase.

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

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It was moved by Comm. Smith and seconded by Comm. Marrone to approve the minutes of the December 9, 2013 meeting as presented. Motion carried 6 yes and 1 abstention, Comm. Wanosky who was not present at the December meeting.

**5. READING OF CORRESPONDENCE**

Chief Mello shared the following correspondence:

- Dr. Henry Lee, Henry Lee Forensic School, UNH – letter of appreciation for the department's support of the school's programs, adding it is the support of police chiefs that enables the school to continue to provide training for law enforcement. (included with letter was a token of appreciation in the form of two coffee mugs).
- Chris Angelli, Director, Milford Public Library – thanked Chief Mello for the quick and effective response of the officers who responded to an incident which occurred at the library on 1/29/14.
- Chief John Karajanis, Jr., West Haven Police Dept - letter of appreciation to the department and Chief Mello for responding and assisting West Haven Police Dept. on 12/3/13 when a UNH student with an assault rifle was on campus. Further acknowledging the responding and assisting departments who were present in the critical situation of locking down the college and adjacent high school and apprehending the suspect; noting an incident of that magnitude could not be accomplished by a single entity.
- Special Olympics, series of letters thanking the following officers for participating in the Holiday Sports Event, 11/23 and 11/24: Officers Nielson, Magnan, Lennon, Sopchak, DelMonte, Lt. Cable, Deputy Chief Mooney, Sgt. Vitti, Det. Broderick, Det. McDonnell, Officers Wardowski, Carney, Davidson, Frey and Lt. Carney.
- Peter Zegler, Cub Master Pack 196Boy Scouts of America, CT Yankee Council – letter of appreciation to Officer Lima and K-9 Judge for their visit to a scout pack meeting. Donation of dog chew toys for Judge as a token of appreciation.
- Special Olympics, series of letters thanking the following officers for participating in the Tip-a-Cop event at Colony Grill: Officers Magnan, Lennon, Salati, Lt. Dumas, Officers Delmonte, Sopchak, DeVito, Nielson and Lt. Cable.
- Meg McGaffer, MIS Dept, City of Milford – shared a Facebook message regarding Officer Compare's appearance at one of our schools and expressed appreciation for sparing no expense to make sure our schools are as safe as they can be.

**6. CONSIDERATION OF REPORT OF CHIEF ON MATTERS OF ADMINISTRATION**

It was moved by Comm. Faruolo and seconded by Comm. Wanosky to add to the agenda the donation of coffee mugs from the Henry Lee Forensic School, UNH. Motion carried unanimously.

a. Donation from Michael Ferraro – Chief Mello explained the \$500 donation was made to the department for our response to a choking incident at a local restaurant. Chief Mello recommended the donation be placed in the K-9 Donation account which is now depleted.

It was moved by Comm. Wanosky and seconded by Comm. Rubinstein to accept the \$500 donation from Michael Ferraro and apply that donation to the K-9 Donation account as recommended by Chief Mello. Motion carried unanimously.

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b. Donation from Cub Scout Pack #196 – Chief Mello explained the donation of dog chew toys was made in appreciation of Officer Lima and K-9 Judge visit to a pack meeting.

It was moved by Vice Chrmn. Bergami and seconded by Comm. Rubinstein to accept the donation of dog chew toys from Cub Scout Pack #196. Motion carried unanimously.

c. Donation of K9 heat alarm from Officer Matthew Lima – Chief Mello explained K-9 cars have heat alarms and the department has not been able to purchase an additional one. The cost for one heat alarm is \$1,000. Recently Officer Lima won a heat alarm and is donating it to the department.

It was moved by Comm. Faruolo and seconded by Comm. Rubinstein to accept the donation of K9 heat alarm from Officer Lima. Motion carried unanimously.

d. Year End Report for Police Sick and Relief Fund – Chief Mello referred to the report which was included in the commissioner's packets and noted it is recommended to continue with the existing accounts noting interest rates are similarly low at all banks.

It was moved by Comm. Wanosky and seconded by Comm. Marrone to continue with the existing accounts at Milford Bank for the Police Sick and Relief Fund. Motion carried unanimously.

e. Safe Driving awards for Officer E. O'Keefe and Sgt. W. Simpson – It was moved by Comm. Faruolo and seconded by Comm. Marrone to approve safe driving awards for Officer O'Keefe and Sgt. Simpson and award eight hours of comp time for an accumulation of 12,000 safe driving miles with no safety violations to the officers noted. Motion carried unanimously.

f. Donation of coffee mugs from Henry Lee Forensic School, UNH - It was moved by Comm. Marrone and seconded by Comm. Wanosky to accept the donation of coffee mugs from Henry Lee Forensic School, UNH. Motion carried unanimously.

**7. REPORT ON PLANNING AND ZONING REQUESTS**

a. 449 Boston Post Rd. – Gold Coast Realty II, LLC – Auto Dealer – Chief stated Traffic Div. had no concerns regarding this request.

It was moved by Comm. Rubinstein and seconded by Comm. Faruolo to accept Traffic Division recommendation regarding 449 Boston Post Rd. – Gold Coast Realty II, LLC – Auto Dealer. Motion carried unanimously.

b. 313 Naugatuck Ave – Consumers Petroleum – convenience store/gas station – It was moved by Comm. Wanosky and seconded by Comm. Rubinstein to accept Traffic Div. recommendation with the stipulations stated regarding 313 Naugatuck Ave – Consumers Petroleum – convenience store/gas station. Motion carried unanimously.

c. 16 Bridgewater Ave – 3 Story Residential Building – Chief Mello explained this was a site line issue that was examined by Traffic Div. It was moved by Vice Chrmn. Bergami and seconded by Comm. Rubinstein to accept Traffic Div. recommendation regarding 16 Bridgewater Ave – 3 Story Residential Building. Motion carried unanimously.

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d. 460 Bic Drive – Garden Homes Mngt – 273 Units with 82 designated as Affordable – It was moved by Comm. Faruolo and seconded by Comm. Wanosky to accept Traffic Div. recommendation regarding 460 Bic Drive – Garden Homes Mngt – 273 Units with 82 designated as Affordable. Motion carried unanimously.

**8. ACCEPTANCE OF REPORTS**

It was moved by Comm. Wanosky and seconded by Comm. Rubinstein to approve the following reports:

- a. Special Investigations Unit Report
- b. Detective Bureau Report
- c. Crime Prevention Services Report
- d. Traffic Division & Licensing Unit Report

Motion carried unanimously.

**9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS - none**

**10. NEW BUSINESS**

a. No Parking Signs on north side of street – Shelland St/Bic Drive – It was moved by Comm. Wanosky and seconded by Comm. Faruolo to approve Traffic Div. recommendation regarding No Parking Signs on north side of street – Shelland St/Bic Drive. Motion carried unanimously.

b. Consideration of the reinstatement of Anthony's Hi-Tech/DJs Towing – to the Tow List – It was moved by Comm. Smith and seconded by Comm. Wanosky to reinstate Anthony's Hi-Tech/DJ Towing to the Tow List.

Chief Mello stated Mr. Monaco (owner) has his attorney present at the meeting.

Attny. Charles Tiernan explained Mr. Monaco had been involved in a situation with the insurance carrier regarding trucks that were damaged after Storm Sandy. He stated the insurance claim was not pursued but the insurance carrier opposed that as it was established there was salt damage to the vehicles. He stated eventually the case was nollied. Further, he noted after the storm a truck had severe water damage as a result of an employee's actions, it was established how the damage occurred and the state nollied charges and decided there was not basis to continue criminal violation charges.

Chief Mello explained the history of the suspension of Anthony's Hi-Tech/DJ Towing and noted that on 1/15/14 charges were nollied and it was his recommendation, based on the fact the charges were nollied, to restore Anthony's Hi-Tech/DJ Towing to the Tow List.

Motion carried unanimously.

**11. COMMENDATIONS - none**

Before adjourning to Executive Session, Chief Mello informed the commissioners that the department will have their recruit graduation on 3/14 and Citizens Academy alumni have been helping with

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preparing the training facility and also helping prepare for this graduation and the Citizens Academy graduation. He took the opportunity to recognize the efforts of Mr. & Mrs. Carissimi and other alumni members.

**12. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Chief Mello explained that item a. Final probationary rating for 5 Officers is removed from Executive Session agenda as the officers were sworn in earlier in the meeting.

It was moved by Vice Chrmn. Bergami and seconded by Comm. Rubinstein to adjourn to Executive Session at 7:34 p.m. for Consideration of Report of Chief of Police on matters concerning the Appointment, Employment, Performance, Evaluation, Health, or Dismissal of Department Employees.

- b. 3rd quarter probationary review for 1 Officer.
- c. Consideration of the performance of 1 Officer.

It was moved by Vice Chrmn. Bergami and seconded by Comm. Faruolo to reconvene in public session at 7:58 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Being no further business to discuss, it was moved by Comm. Wanosky and seconded Comm. Faruolo to adjourn at 7:58 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Recorded by Diane Candido  
Submitted to City Clerk February 12, 2014