

**MINUTES OF BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS MEETING
HELD MONDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2008
COMMISSIONERS ROOM – POLICE HEADQUARTERS**

Chrmn. Fellenbaum called the meeting to order at 7:03 P.M.

Prior to the calling of the roll, Chrmn. Fellenbaum welcomed back the Secretary after her long absence. He then asked that Comm. Jagoe introduce the new Commissioner, Sharon Marrone.

1. ROLL CALL

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Melvin Eisenhandler; Carol Faruolo; Kenneth Fellenbaum; Carleton Giles; Alberta Jagoe; Sharon Marrone; Thomas Zawislinski

ALSO PRESENT: Police Chief Mello; Deputy Chief Fournier; L. Stock, Secty; K. Patterson, Planning and Zoning Board Liaison

2. CONSIDERATION OF APPOINTMENTS

None

3. CITIZEN COMMENTS

Chrmn. Fellenbaum asked that those present state their name and address for the record.

- KathyLynn Patterson, Planning and Zoning Board Liaison;
- Kim Rose, 292 Naugatuck Avenue, 3rd District Planning & Zoning Board member, just visiting;
- Maria King, 37 Intervale Parkway;
- Rob Massey, 18 Intervale Parkway, present regarding #2 under item 10;
- Sharon Hugué, 45 Intervale Parkway, present regarding parking;
- Eleanor Buffing, 45 Intervale Parkway;
- C. Vinassco, 74 Intervale Parkway.

Chrmn. Fellenbaum noted that item 10.2. will be tabled as it was not ready to be acted upon this evening. However, the residents could speak if they wished.

Mark Corbett, 59 Intervale Parkway, stated all the residents are concerned about what's going on with the parking situation in their area and asked when the issue would be addressed. Chief Mello explained that they have received recommendations by the Traffic Division, which encompassed the possibility of making Intervale a one way street; however, the report did not encompass the grass area which would require the Board of Aldermen to draft an ordinance that would prohibit parking on the grass area. The report is complete as far as restricted parking and one way traffic on the street. In response to S. Hugué, Chief Mello further explained that restricting parking only referred to traffic going

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one way. As far as the ordinance, he does not know how long that process would take. R. Massey stated he knows that they are working on the ordinance. R. Massey continued that the residents of Intervale Parkway wanted an opportunity to speak should there be any contention regarding this issue. He asked if they could assume that they would not need to attend another meeting en masse to which Vice Chrmn. Giles responded they are always welcome at the meetings.

Chief Mello asked if the residents had any additional comments other than those mentioned at a previous meeting. R. Massey reiterated that they just wondered if there was any serious contention regarding this item and if so, they wanted to be present. The Chief stated that the study was complete insofar as their areas of concern but the entire issue should be addressed before they vote on it.

E. Buffing noted that as of late, vehicles have been parking on the other side of the street on the sidewalks and wondered who was telling restaurant patrons not to park on the green. R. Massey believed it to be "happenstance."

M. King noted that when they park on the street, it is difficult for emergency vehicles to get by, to which Chief Mello stated that issued had also been addressed.

Chrmn. Fellenbaum noted that there is parking along Bridgeport Avenue as well as other properties in the area, to which M. King felt there should be signs noting the other parking areas.

M. Corbett asked who could address the issue of how close a vehicle can park to a corner, etc., to which the Chief responded it is State law. S. Huguet believed they were referring to the area when one first turns into the street where vehicles are currently parking. Discussion ensued between the residents, who reviewed a map depicting the area in question. Chief Mello interjected that this area has also been addressed as well as a restricted no parking zone; however, it will be brought before the Commissioners for a vote, hopefully at the next meeting.

There being no other comments, Chrmn. Fellenbaum thanked the residents for their interest.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

It was moved by Comm. Zawislinski and seconded by Comm. Faruolo to approve the minutes of the January 8, 2008 meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

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5. READING OF CORRESPONDENCE

Due to the illness of the Chief, Vice Chrmn. Giles suggested that the Commissioners hear the reading of the correspondence next month.

6. CONSIDERATION OF REPORT OF CHIEF ON MATTERS OF ADMINISTRATION

1. Report on status of Police Sick and Relief Fund.

Comm. Jagoe moved that the report be accepted as presented. The motion was seconded by Comm. Eisenhandler.

DISCUSSION

Comm. Faruolo questioned the balance on the first page as being \$78,000 whereas the bank card on page 3 showed a balance of \$75,000. Chief Mello believes it to be a typographical error. Chrmn. Fellenbaum wondered if it was a donation difference. Comm. Zawislinski noted there were two numbers in contradiction the first page. Chrmn. Fellenbaum suggested this item be tabled in order that the discrepancy be addressed. Comm. Jagoe withdrew her motion and Comm. Eisenhandler his second. It was moved by Comm. Zawislinski, seconded by Comm. Eisenhandler and carried unanimously to table this item until the discrepancy has been reviewed and corrected.

2. \$900 donation from Stonebridge Restaurant for Civilian Police Academy

Comm. Fellenbaum noted there was an error in the donation amount, which should have read \$500, not \$900.

Vice Chrmn. Giles moved to accept the \$500 donation from Stonebridge Restaurant for the Civilian Police Academy. The motion was seconded by Comm. Faruolo and carried unanimously.

3. \$100 donation from Trapp Falls Kennel Club toward canine purchase

Chief Mello noted the Kennel Club has been making this donation toward the canine program for years. In response to Vice Chrmn. Giles, he stated the Club was located in Shelton.

A motion to accept this donation was made by Vice Chrmn. Giles, seconded by Comm. Jagoe and unanimously carried.

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7. REPORT ON PLANNING AND ZONING REQUESTS

1. New Dry Cleaning Business - 993 Bridgeport Avenue

It was moved and seconded by Comms. Zawislinski and Eisenhandler to adopt traffic's recommendations. The motion carried unanimously.

8. ACCEPTANCE OF REPORTS

- a. Uniform Crime Report
- b. Youth Bureau Report
- c. Crime Prevention Services Report
- d. Detective Bureau Cases Report
- e. General Highway Safety Summary

It was moved by Comm. Zawislinski, seconded by Vice Chrmn. Giles and unanimously carried to accept reports "a" through "e."

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

10. NEW BUSINESS

1. Discussion to amend parking regulations (violations in each group)

Referring to a copy of a Police Department ticket that was handed out to each Commissioner, Chief Mello briefly explained that the Group 1, item 7 "More Than Time Limit" [parking] fine is \$5.00. Violators will simply pay the \$5.00 and keep parking in these limited time spaces. Therefore, it is being recommended that this item be moved to Group 2, a \$10.00 violation fine.

Vice Chrmn. Giles moved to support the recommendation made by the Chief. The motion carried unanimously after a second by Comm. Faruolo.

11. COMMENDATIONS – Unit Citation for 10 Officers

Deputy Chief Fournier explained that Sgt. William Cable put in a unit citation for the following officers: J. DeStefano, C. Doyle, E. Mitkowski, A. Moreno, T. Dancy, R. Weymer, D. Frith, G. Gallagher, K. Catino and J. Kranyak. On January 13, 2008, at approximately 9 p.m., officers were dispatched to a domestic, where a male was armed with a handgun, holding his wife as a hostage. A second female (daughter) managed to escape and explained that her step-father was holding her mother hostage and was threatening to harm himself. The officers set up perimeters and called two different teams, one being the SRT

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(Special Response Team – formerly know as the SWAT team) in case the need arose. The suspect gave up peacefully, was unharmed and arrested.

At 7:27 P.M., it was moved by Vice Chrmn. Giles, seconded by Comm. Zawislinski and carried by roll call vote to enter into Executive Session to discuss items 12a and 12b. Chief Mello and Deputy Chief Fournier remained.

**12. CONSIDERATION OF REPORT OF CHIEF OF POLICE ON MATTERSE
CONCERNING THE APPOINTMENT, EMPLOYMENT, PERFORMANCE,
EVALUATION AND HEALTH OR DISMISSAL OF DEPARTMENT
EMPLOYEES**

- a. Probationary Reviews - None
- b. Consideration of the performance of 3 employees

The Commission left Executive Session at 7:39 P.M.

At 7:40 P.M., Comm. Zawislinski moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Vice Chrmn. Giles and carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Stock, Secretary