

**MINUTES OF BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS MEETING  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2018 7:00 P.M.  
STAFF CONFERENCE ROOM, POLICE HEADQUARTERS**

Vice Chairman Bergami called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

**1. ROLL CALL**

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Sam Bergami, Carol Faruolo, Alberta Jagoe, Sharon Marrone, David Rubenstein

COMMISSIONERS NOT PRESENT: Richard Smith, Jerold Wanosky

ALSO PRESENT: Police Chief Mello; Deputy Chief Rahn; D. Candido, Secty.

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

**2. CONSIDERATION OF APPOINTMENTS – none**

**3. CITIZEN COMMENTS - none.**

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

It was moved by Comm. Rubenstein and seconded by Comm. Faruolo to approve the minutes of the January 8, 2018 meeting as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**5. READING OF CORRESPONDENCE – Chief Mello shared the following:**

- Several letters from Mathewson School Students, Rm. 32 – thanking our police officers for keeping their world safe.
- Several letters from John F. Kenney School Students – regarding a project they had worked on in classroom and thanking our officers for all they do.
- Chief Hutchinson, Guilford Police Dept. – letter of appreciation for Officer Anania's recent participation in a regional operation.
- Town of Newington – letter of appreciation for our officers who participated in the Peter Lavery Memorial Ride
- Resident – referred to incident that occurred on 6/26/17 to which Officer Mooney and Officer Simpson responded to. It was noted that both officers were helpful, efficient, professional, kind and nonjudgmental.

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

- a. Off duty weapon authorization for Officer Antonio Aquino – it was moved by Comm. Jagoe and seconded by Comm. Faruolo to approve Chief Mello's recommendation for off duty weapon authorization for Officer Antonio Aquino. Motion carried unanimously.
- b. Year-end report for Police Sick and Relief fund – it was moved by Comm. Jagoe and seconded by Comm. Marrone to accept Chief Mello's recommendation to roll over the Police Sick and Relief fund. Motion carried unanimously.
- c. Safe Driving Award for Officers Kenton Brooks, Bryan Jock, David Pecoraro – Chief Mello recommended the above noted officers be awarded 8 hours compensatory time for accident free mileage. No action necessary.
- d. Chief's General comments – Chief Mello reported that Officer Maria Frey has resigned her position as a police officer and is now employed as a dispatcher for the Department.

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**7. REPORT ON PLANNING & ZONING REQUESTS - none**

**8. ACCEPTANCE OF REPORTS**

It was moved by Comm. Rubenstein and seconded by Comm. Faruolo to approve the following reports:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

**9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS - none**

**10. NEW BUSINESS - none**

**11. COMMENDATIONS** – Deputy Chief Rahn shared the following with the Commissioners:

- Certificate of Commendation to Officers Napolitano and Brennan who on 9/21/17 responded to incident reported by Orange Police Department of a car that had been stolen. Our officers saw the car traveling southbound on I-95, followed the car which pulled off the interstate and into a Cumberland Farms parking lot in Stratford. The driver of said car fled on foot to a 2<sup>nd</sup> vehicle which was in the parking lot where he was apprehended. It was subsequently learned that the 2<sup>nd</sup> vehicle was also a stolen vehicle. It was noted a good apprehension by both officers.
- Certificate of Commendation to Officers Noss, Moreno, Milsagle, E. O’Keefe, Dubrow who in mid-December responded to a report of a possible suicidal incident. When officers arrived at residence they learned person in possible danger was not at the home. Through pinging of the individual’s cell phone, they were able determine her location and within 50 minutes of the initial call the individual was found in the Walnut Beach area. When police arrived they found the female in serious medical distress, immediately rendered appropriate first aid and she was transported to hospital. It was later learned that if they hadn’t found her and responded medically as fast as they had, the outcome would have been tragic.
- Civil Letter of Recommendation – In April 2017 officers were dispatched to resident where a young male had suffered a serious wound to his foot sustained while he was cutting wood with an axe. When Sgt. Doyle arrived at the scene, he found the injured male’s younger brother also at the scene and he had begun applying pressure to the wound until help arrived and it was recommended that a civil letter of commendation be issued to the younger brother for his actions.

**12. Executive Session**

**Consideration of Report of Chief of Police on matters concerning the Appointment, Employment, Performance, Evaluation, Health, or Dismissal of Department Employees.**

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It was moved by Comm. Rubenstein and seconded by Comm. Faruolo to adjourn to Executive Session at 7:09 p.m. for the following matter:

1. 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter review for one Probationary Officer.

Commissioners present, Chief Mello and Deputy Chief Rahn remained for Executive Session.

It was moved by Comm. Rubenstein and seconded by Comm. Faruolo to reconvene in public session at 7:27 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Being no further business, it was moved by Comm. Rubenstein and seconded by Comm. Faruolo to adjourn at 7:28 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Recorded by Diane Candido  
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