

**MINUTES OF BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS MEETING  
MONDAY, MARCH 13, 2017 7:00 P.M.  
STAFF CONFERENCE ROOM, POLICE HEADQUARTERS**

Chrmn. Smith called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

**1. ROLL CALL**

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

COMMISSIONERS NOT PRESENT: Alberta Jagoe

ALSO PRESENT: Police Chief Mello; Ald. Vetro, D. Candido, Secty.

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

Motion was made by Comm. Rubenstein and seconded by Comm. Marrone to add to the agenda item 7 f. Consideration of Reconfiguration of Traffic Study for E. Broadway/Walnut Beach. Motion carried unanimously.

**2. CONSIDERATION OF APPOINTMENTS – none**

**3. CITIZEN COMMENTS**

- Ald. Vetro – referred to a number of calls he received following the February heavy snowstorm regarding the enforcement of the parking ban imposed.

Chief Mello explained that enforcement is the department's decision but when it is noted there is not a strong appetite to enforce violations and the realization that Public Works can work around the situation (parked cars), officers are reluctant to ticket/tow/enforce. He added with larger storms we realize it must be enforced.

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

It was moved by Comm. Rubenstein and seconded by Comm. Faruolo to approve the minutes of the February 14, 2017 meeting as presented. Motion carried with Chrmn. Smith and Comm. Wanosky abstaining as they were not present at that specific meeting.

**5. READING OF CORRESPONDENCE**

- Chief Mello shared a thank you from resident, Rocco Feoli, thanking the Department for their efforts in making a particular day in his life a special one.
- Thank you notes from Grade 2 at Mathewson School thanking the officers for all they do to make Milford safe.

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

- a. Off duty weapon request authorization for: Off. C. Onofrio, Det. M. Lima, Off. J. Rivera – Chief Mello recommended approval of Off Duty Weapon request by Officer C. Onofrio, Det. M. Lima and Officer J. Rivera for non-law enforcement reasons.

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b. Chief's General comments – Chief Mello stated there were no civilian complaints in February 2017.

He reported the Police Academy Graduation ceremony is scheduled for April 24, 2017. He added it is expected this will be the last Academy for a while.

Chief Mello explained in light of the Governor's Proposed Budget and cutbacks expected to Milford, Mayor Blake has asked for additional cutbacks to the Department's budget. He directed comment to the areas that cannot be impacted by cutbacks (i.e. contractual obligations). Further he stated any cuts in the budget would mean staff and that could be the SRO's. His recommendation is if anything has to be cut, it will be in certain personnel areas. He stated he is also looking at our training academy and the magnitude of costs attached to that and the fact that if we send people to the Meriden academy to train that too will entail costs. Chief Mello stated it comes down to direct cost to the budget vs. cuts in labor hours. Further, he stated he feels the training of officers has a good deal of value when considering cuts and he will be looking to the Commission for input regarding cuts (training academy, personnel and vehicles.)

Chrmn. Smith raised the point that the Chief needs to make the recommendation for what cuts can be made and what impact that may have on public safety and once he makes those recommendations, it will be the final decision of someone else and not the Chief.

Discussion ensued regarding what is the biggest concern for budget cuts.

Chrmn. Smith asked how the Department is prepared for the upcoming big storm and Chief Mello explained that aside from setting up temporary areas for staff who may not be able to get home, no special preparation is made. He also noted that aside from road accidents, the work of the Department is actually slower when there is a storm.

With regard to the progress of the Police Station Building Committee, Chief Mello explained a meeting was recently held for the committee to go over the conceptual design of what appears to be a 3 story building. Further the committee was told by the architect that there could not be a better plot of land for this project as what is proposed on the Boston Post Road. He added at this time he is working on a draft RFQ and the committee will meet again on 3/23/17 to approve those plans.

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

- a. Boston Post Road – Retail Store (wooded area north of Rt. 1/Westbound of Plains Road) – a motion was made by Comm. Wanosky and seconded by Comm. Rubenstein to approve Traffic Div. recommendation regarding Boston Post Road – Retail Store (wooded area north of Rt. 1/Westbound of Plains Road). Motion carried unanimously.
- b. Plains Road – Apartment Complex (wooded area north of Rt. 1/Westbound of

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Plains Rd) – a motion was made by Comm. Wanosky and seconded by Vice Chrmn. Bergami to approve Traffic Div. recommendation regarding Plains Road – Apartment Complex (wooded area north of Rt. 1/Westbound of Plains Rd). Motion carried unanimously.

- c. Plains Rd – Hotel (wooded area north of Rt. 1/Westbound of Plains Rd) – a motion was made by Comm. Rubenstein and seconded by Comm. Marrone to approve Traffic Div. recommendation regarding Plains Rd – Hotel (wooded area north of Rt. 1/Westbound of Plains Rd). Motion carried unanimously.
- d. 625/655 Boston Post Rd/Twin Oaks Ter. -Twin Oaks Terrace/Chevrolet Dealership – motion was made by Comm. Rubenstein and seconded by Vice Chrmn. Bergami to approve Traffic Div. recommendation regarding 625/655 Boston Post Rd/Twin Oaks Ter. – Twin Oaks Terrace/ Chevrolet Dealership. Motion carried unanimously.
- e. 533 West Ave – The Preserve at Beaverbrook – Residential Development – a motion was made by Comm. Faruolo and seconded by Comm. Marrone to approve Traffic Div. findings with regard to 533 West Ave – The Preserve at Beaverbrook – Residential Development. Motion carried unanimously.
- f. Reconsideration of Reconfiguration of Traffic Study for E. Broadway/Walnut Beach It was moved by Comm. Rubenstein and seconded by Comm. Marrone to reconsider configuration/ Traffic Study for E. Broadway/Walnut Beach parking.

Chief Mello explained the Department was asked to reconsider the present configuration of Parking. He directed comments to the current diagram of parking and stated after taking counts during the day over the course of the season (Saturday and Sunday only), it was noted that the lot closest to the water is used at capacity 27% of the time and the upper lots are used only 6% of the time. However the on-street parking is 37% of the time near or at capacity. He explained that visitors have chosen to park in the limited parking area on the street rather than pay the price to park in the lot. Further he explained that the fines have now been increased for on the street parking which may have people choose to move in to the lots or adhere to the parking time limits. Chief Mello stated the recommendation is to make the street parking angled-in parking in order to increase the number of spaces and he felt this will solve the parking issue.

It was moved by Comm. Rubenstein and seconded by Comm. Faruolo to approve the recommendation to reconfigure the on-street parking to angled in parking in order to increase the number of parking spaces on Broadway adjacent to Walnut Beach. Motion carried unanimously.

**8. ACCEPTANCE OF REPORTS**

It was moved by Vice Chrmn. Bergami and seconded by Comm. Rubenstein 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

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**9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS** - none

**10. NEW BUSINESS**

- a. 149 Clark Street – Request for hidden driveway sign – It was moved by Comm. Rubenstein and seconded by Comm. Wanosky to approve Traffic Div. recommendation regarding 149 Clark Street – Request for hidden driveway sign. Motion carried unanimously.

**11. COMMENDATIONS** - none

**12. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

It was moved by Vice Chrmn. Bergami and seconded by Comm. Faruolo to adjourn to Executive Session at 7:37 p.m. for the following matters:

- 1. Grievance #1-2017 at step 3.
- 2. 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter probationary review for one Officer.

Police Commissioners present and Chief Mello remained for executive session.

It was moved by Comm. Wanosky and seconded by Comm. Faruolo to reconvene in public session at 8:02 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

It was noted by Vice Chrmn. Bergami that Grievance #1-2017 at step 3 had been withdrawn and therefore there was no action taken.

Being no further business, it was moved by Comm. Wanosky and seconded by Comm. Faruolo to adjourn at 8:03 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Recorded by Diane Candido  
Submitted to City Clerk March 15, 2017