

**MINUTES OF BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS MEETING
HELD MONDAY, JUNE 11, 2012
STAFF CONFERENCE ROOM – POLICE HEADQUARTERS**

Chrmn. Jagoe called the meeting to order at 7:02 P.M.

1. ROLL CALL

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Sam Bergami, Carol Faruolo, Alberta Jagoe, Sharon Marrone, Jerold Wanosky

COMMISSIONER NOT PRESENT: Melvin Eisenhandler

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

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

2. CONSIDERATION OF APPOINTMENTS

Chief Mello explained the last recruit class will be completing their probationary period on 6/17/12 and those officers were present to have their oath administered to them. Chief Mello added this was one of strongest classes he could recall.

Comm. Wanosky administered the oath to the following officers: Officers Luke Holder, Edward O'Keefe, Joseph Sikorsky, Thomas Wardowski, Sean Owens, Colin Lacey, Alfred Mauro III and Emily Covelli.

The commission members personally congratulated each officer and Chief Mello explained the officers have all officially passed their probationary period and he will have the opportunity to discuss their performance with the commission members later during the meeting's executive session.

Chief Mello explained the department has an informal commendation program and at this time he was pleased to present the traditional coin medal to Officer Emily Covelli for her efforts and success in attacking a felon, arresting him along with the assistance of another officer.

3. CITIZEN COMMENTS

A. Gosselin – 40 Odell Avenue – shared his concerns regarding the loud motorcycles continuously traveling through his neighborhood and asked the department to give their serious attention to this matter. He added he came before the commission a year ago with the same concern of the loud motorcycles without mufflers.

Chief Mello suggested to Mr. Gosselin that they personally meet to discuss this matter and he noted that someone from the Traffic Division would be contacting him to set up the appointment. Chief Mello explained the enforcement attempts the department puts forth with such complaints and added with the lack of resources within the department it is not possible to assign officers specifically dedicated to this matter. He added he understands the problem and knows it is a real concern.

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Mr. Gosselin noted the problem had become worse in recent years.

Chief Mello thanked Mr. Gosselin for coming back to share his concerns and added an officer must actually observe someone riding a motorcycle that is responsible for the loud noise in order for the person to be charged with a violation.

E. Mead – P & Z Liaison – directed comments to the P & Z Board's consideration of the Cascade Boulevard Proposal for portable housing noting one of the main concerns of P & Z and Traffic Div. was the number of parking spaces assigned to the units and that has been revised which will make the proposal acceptable to P & Z and address the concerns of the Traffic Div.

Ald. Vetro – took the opportunity to thank Chief Mooney for staying on top of the request from a woman who wanted to put up a stanchion at a crosswalk.

He expressed his concern about the calls he is still receiving from constituents regarding the tree causing a line of sight issue on Lawrence Avenue.

Chief Mello reminded Ald. Vetro this board and the Traffic Div. recommended the tree come down and he would attempt to find out why this has been held up.

Ald. Vetro also express his concern regarding the tree on the corner of Welches Point Road and Pond Point Avenue, noting the tree needs to be trimmed in order to correct the line of sight problem.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

It was moved by Comm. Faruolo and seconded by Vice Chrmn. Bergami to approve the minutes of the meeting held on May 14, 2012 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

5. READING OF CORRESPONDENCE

Chief Mello shared the following correspondence:

- J. M. Vojvodich, Commander, Sector, LI Sound, USCG – letter of appreciation for participation in the open house event at Sector LI Sound and the kick off of National Safe Boating Week; further noting the contribution of time was essential to the success of this program and anticipated continued support and participation in the future.
- Patricia DeCoster, Principal, Platt Technical High School – letter of appreciation for the officers who assisted with traffic control during the recent School Evacuation Drill. Expressed her hopes that when the evacuation plan is finalized she would like to share it with Chief Mello for his review and comments.
- Det. Sgt. Paul Raucci – West Haven Police Dept. – thanked Det. Broderick and Officer Lennon for their assistance in the apprehension and arrest of an individual in Chili's Restaurant and later through a search and seizure warrant, Det. Broderick and his K9, Cedar, located drugs at the suspect's home. Sgt. Raucci complimented Det. Broderick for

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his high degree of professionalism and added he is an excellent example of the dedicated officers in the department.

- Peter Markle, Asst. U.S. State Attorney – stated he recently worked on a case where Milford's Officer Catino played an invaluable role, noting the officer developed a great rapport through the prosecution with family members, witnesses and other officers. Further, Officer Catino professionalism lived up to the high standards of the department.
- Al Levitt – Cindy Circle – thanked Officers Marino and Degnan for their assistance with speeding vehicle incidents in his neighborhood.
- Charles Sherwood, Director, South Central Regional Criminal Justice Dept. - letter of appreciation and thanks for the assistance of Capt. Alexopoulos in the recently held assessment center for the position of Sergeant.
- Daniel Tomaro, Target Corporation Asset Protection Center – wrote with regard to the fact that we are all reminded of the sacrifice the members of our police department make each day especially during National Police Week. Further, the entire Target Corp. Asset Protection Team stands in support of this department and partner with the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund and Museum which will open in the future in Washington, D.C. Target Corp. looks forward to continued partnership in creating a better partnership with the department and the community.
- Ann Fabian, Executive Director, Milford Rape Crisis – expressed sincere thanks and appreciation for the support of the department in the recent Walk-A-Mile-In-Her-Shoes event and noted the monies raised will be used to future their mission to eliminate sexual violence through preventative education and direct services to victims of such assaults.
- Family of G. Smith, Orange, Ct – expressed thanks for the departments' sympathy at a time when it was most appreciated, with particular thanks to Officers Demirjian, Localzo and Sgt. Vitti.
- Tom DeMatteo, Milford – expressed appreciation for the department's assistance in providing police escort during family member's funeral procession.

6. CONSIDERATION OF REPORT OF CHIEF ON MATTERS OF ADMINISTRATION

a. Accident Free Driving Awards - It was moved by Vice Chrmn. Bergami and seconded by Comm. Marrone to award eight hours of comp time for an accumulation of 12,000 safe driving miles with no safety violations to Lt. B. Marschner, Sgt. J. Burton and Officer Z. McNemar. Motion carried unanimously.

b. Donation from Milford Lions Club – Chief Mello recommended a \$400 donation from the Milford Lions Club be applied to the DARE Fund. It was moved by Comm. Wanosky and seconded by Comm. Marrone to accept the \$400 donation from the Milford Lions Club and as recommended by Chief Mello, apply the donation to the DARE Fund. Motion carried unanimously.

c. Donation from Fraternal Order of Police for Police K9 – Chief Mello recommended a \$250 donation from the Fraternal Order of Police for future needs of Police K9 be accepted and he shared with the members a letter from Officer Dempsey noting this donation was made in memory of Officer Daniel Wasson. It was moved by Comm. Faruolo and seconded by Vice Chrmn. Bergami to accept the \$250 donation from the Fraternal Order of Police for future needs of Police K9 in memory of Officer Daniel Wasson. Motion carried unanimously.

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7. REPORT ON PLANNING AND ZONING REQUESTS

Chrmn. Jagoe noted the 4 reports included in the packet have Traffic Div. recommendation for approval.

It was moved by Comm. Wanosky and seconded by Comm. Faruolo to accept the recommendations of Traffic Division with regard to the following:

- a. 36-38 Broad Street – Harrison's Restaurant
- b. 312 Woodmont Road – Tri-State Diesel
- c. 475 New Haven Avenue - Michael Anthony's Tuscan Restaurant
- d. 881 Boston Post Road – Crunch Fitness

Motion carried unanimously.

8. ACCEPTANCE OF REPORTS

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

Chrmn. Jagoe noted the reports of items a, b, c and d were included in the Commissioners packets.

It was moved by Vice Chrmn. Bergami and seconded by Comm. Marrone to accept reports a, b, c and d as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS - none

10. NEW BUSINESS – none

11. COMMENDATIONS - none

12. Executive Session

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

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

- a. Final quarterly probationary review for Officers Luke Holder, Edward O'Keefe, Joseph Sikorsky, Thomas Wardowski, Sean Owens, Colin Lacey, Alfred Mauro III, Emily Covelli, effective 6/17/12.
- b. 3rd Quarter Probationary review for Officer Daniel Hemperly.

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- c. 1st Quarter Probationary review for Officer David Pecoraro.

All Commissioners present, Chief Mello and Deputy Chief Mooney remained in Executive Session.

[Note: Ald. Vetro, Mr. Mead and members of the public left at 7:37 p.m.)

It was moved by Comm. Wanosky and seconded by Comm. Marrone to reconvene in public session at 8:16 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Comm. Marrone and seconded by Comm. Faruolo to adjourn at 8:16 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Candido, Secretary