

**MINUTES OF BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS MEETING
HELD MONDAY, JULY 11, 2011
STAFF CONFERENCE ROOM – POLICE HEADQUARTERS**

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

1. ROLL CALL

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Sam Bergami, Anthony Candido (7:04 p.m.) Melvin Eisenhandler, Carol Faruolo, Alberta Jagoe, Sharon Marrone, Jerold Wanosky

ALSO PRESENT: Police Chief Mello; Capt. Butler; Officer DeStefano, K. Patterson, 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 Vice Chrmn. Bergami and seconded by Comm. Wanosky to approve the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, June 7, 2011 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

5. READING OF CORRESPONDENCE

Chief Mello shared the following correspondence:

- K. McCabe – resident of Walnut Beach area – expressed his appreciation for the police presence in the Walnut Beach area during the summer months.
- R. Hensley – thanked Officer Robertson for his assistance in resolving a difficult situation recently.
- Charles Sherwood, Director, So. Central Criminal Justice Association – expressed appreciation for Officer Alexopoulos being able to serve as an assessor at the recent Assessment Center for the position of sergeant and for the Department's cooperative efforts.
- Marc Montminy, Chief of Police, Manchester, CT – expressed his appreciation for the Department's assistance with the mock on-site as they prepare for seeking national accreditation further noting Officer O'Keefe's comments and suggestions for improvement are invaluable and will benefit their Department greatly.

Chief Mello informed the Commission members that on July 13, 2011, our Department will be seeking Tier III Accreditation and will be one of the few Departments in the state at that level.

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- Raymond Vitali, Chair, “Ride for Hope” event – thanked Sgt. Walsh for serving as a police escort at the recent “Ride for Hope” bike ride which benefited Milford’s Rape Crisis Center and the Milford Prevention Council.
- Wm. Gagliardi, Chief of Police, New Britain, CT – expressed his appreciation for the assistance of Sgt. Sharoh and Officers Demirjian and Localzo in the funeral motorcade of 28-year veteran, Capt. Tuttle of New Britain.
- Debra Horne, CT. Special Olympics – expressed appreciation of the following for their participation and assistance with the Law Enforcement Torch Run: Officers Cavelli, Mauro, Nielsen, Broderick, Kranyak, Mahoney; Det. Gall; Lt. Compare; Sgts. Anderson, Simko and Capt. Mooney.

6. CONSIDERATION OF REPORT OF CHIEF ON MATTERS OF ADMINISTRATION

a. Accident free mileage awards – It was moved by Vice Chrmn. Bergami and seconded by Comm. Faruolo to award eight hours of comp time for an accumulation of 12,000 safe driving miles with no safety violations to Officers Lima, Mello, Todice and Young. Motion carried unanimously

b. Donation of \$100 from Carubba, Inc. – Chief Mello recommended that the \$100 donation from Carubba be applied to the DARE fund.

It was moved by Comm. Faruolo and seconded by Comm. Marrone to accept the \$100 donation from Carubba, Inc. and apply that donation to the DARE fund as recommended by Chief Mello. Motion carried unanimously.

7. REPORT ON PLANNING AND ZONING REQUESTS

a. 28 Tower Street- Residential subdivision – It was moved by Comm. Wanosky and seconded by Comm. Eisenhandler to approve the recommendation of Traffic Div. regarding 28 Tower Street – residential subdivision. Motion carried unanimously.

8. ACCEPTANCE OF REPORTS

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

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

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

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9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS - none

10. NEW BUSINESS

a. Sight Line Issue – Pond Point Avenue/Welches Point Road – Chairman Jagoe explained this matter was once again brought forward last month when Ald. Vetro reported he had received calls about the tree at this location.

Chief Mello added if the Commission approves the recommendation of Traffic Div., the matter will be forwarded to the Milford Tree Commission.

It was moved by Comm. Wanosky and seconded by Comm. Eisenhandler to approve the recommendation of Traffic Div. regarding the sight line issue at Pond Point/Welches Point Rd. Motion carried unanimously.

Comm. Wanosky stated he had received calls from residents regarding the traffic light on Woodmont Road and Research Drive noting the light has been on “blinking” mode for the last few days. Chief Mello stated he would look into that matter.

11. COMMENDATIONS - none

12. Executive Session

It was moved by Vice Chrmn. Bergami to adjourn to Executive Session at 7:14 p.m. for the following matter.

**CONSIDERATION OF REPORT OF CHIEF OF POLICE ON MATTERS
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a. Grievance #2-2011 at Step #3.

Vice Chrmn. Bergami withdraw his motion in order for Chief Mello to share information on Department retirements with the Commission.

Chief Mello stated as reported last month, Deputy Chief Steve Fournier retired, effective 6/23/11 and the Chief once again repeated he will personally miss Deputy Chief Fournier and wished him well.

Further, he reported that Mary Jane Robbins, Record Supervisor, retired effective 7/7/11 noting she had been in Records Division for 29 years and had seen the division go through lean times as well as the introduction from a “paper system” to a computer system and on to an advanced system. He stated she has been an asset to the Department and will be missed.

Chief Mello shared Sgt. Gary Compare, veteran officer for 34 years retired effective 7/7/11 noting he had served been the executive officer in charge of the Detective Bureau.

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Chief Mello added Sgt. Compare's name often is mentioned in letters of appreciation for fundraising efforts and he added if there was a cause to raise money, Sgt. Compare would be there to help and he will be missed by the Department.

Chief Mello congratulated Sgt. Shea of the Patrol Division, retirement effective 7/22/11 who will be moving on to Sacred Heart University's Public Safety Dept. Chief Mello stated Sgt. Shea served the Department well, is a bright and talented individual with great ability to manage and achieve the goals of the Department and also assisted in many fundraising events. Chief Mello wished him well in his new position adding he felt Sgt. Shea will be very successful in his new role.

Chief Mello stated there will be a number of promotions coming up at the end of July and he will report those at the next regular commission meeting. He added he is excited about the future and the new level of energy coming forward.

Chrmn. Jagoe expressed the appreciation of the commissioners to these valued employees and thanked them for their years of dedication and service. Chief Mello stated he will share those comments with the retirees.

12. Executive Session

It was moved by Vice Chrmn. Bergami and seconded by Comm. Eisenhandler to adjourn to Executive Session at 7:18 p.m. for the following matter:

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b. Grievance #2-2011 at Step #3.

Chief Mello, Capt. Butler and Officer DeStefano were invited to remain for Executive Session.

Motion carried unanimously.

Officer DeStefano left Executive Session at 8:14 p.m.

Capt. Butler left Executive Session at 8:19 p.m.

It was moved by Vice Chrmn. Bergami and seconded by Comm. Wanosky to reconvene in public session at 8:25 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

c. It was moved by Comm. Candido and seconded by Comm. Eisenhandler to uphold Chief Mello's recommendation regarding Grievance #2-2011 at Step #3. Motion carried unanimously.

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It was moved by Comm. Wanosky and seconded by Comm. Marrone to adjourn at 8:26 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Candido, Secretary