

**MINUTES OF BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS MEETING
HELD MONDAY, JULY 14, 2014
COMMUNITY RM – SIMON LAKE TRAINING FACILITY**

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

1. ROLL CALL

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

ALSO PRESENT: Police Chief Mello, Deputy Chief Mooney, Ald. Vetro, Mr. Mead (P & Z), Mr. & Ms. Carissimi and D. Candido, Secty.

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

Chief Mello welcomed everyone to the Training Facility and invited those present to tour the building following the business portion of the meeting.

It was moved by Comm. Faruolo and seconded by Comm. Marrone to add to the agenda item 6 d. Anonymous Donation of \$7,200 to purchase K-9. Motion carried unanimously.

2. CONSIDERATION OF APPOINTMENTS - none

3. CITIZEN COMMENTS

- Ald. Vetro shared concerns he has been hearing regarding use of golf carts on city streets and beaches, specifically noting Gulf Street.

Chief Mello stated that matter still remains on the table with no additional information forthcoming. He explained to the members if this matter is going to be considered and approved, it will be necessary to carve out locations and it will require consideration of every street in the city. As well, it will be necessary to publicize what the final decision will be. He added whatever decisions this commission makes there will be residents coming out to oppose either way.

Ald. Vetro also asked for clarification regarding no dogs on a beach.

Chief Mello explained dogs cannot be on the boardwalks and they can go below the high tide line with the issue being how would they get to that point if they are not allowed on the beach (sand is interpreted as beach).

With regard to the golf cart usage, Comm. Smith asked if there had been specific complaints or has safety issues regarding their use been identified and Chief Mello stated there have not been specific complaints.

Chrmn. Jagoe stated if it is the commissioner's choice, the matter regarding golf carts can be added to the agenda of the next regular meeting for consideration,

Along with this discussion regarding safety issues, Comm. Smith raised the issue of the alternate side of the street parking in the Laurel Beach area and Comm. Rubinstein expressed his safety concerns about bicycle riders.

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- E. Mead – P & Z Liaison – again expressed his concern regarding traffic flow in the downtown area.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

It was moved by Comm. Rubinstein and seconded by Comm. Wanosky to approve the minutes of the June 9, 2014 meeting as presented. Motion carried with Comm. Smith and Comm. Faruolo abstaining since they were not present at that meeting.

5. READING OF CORRESPONDENCE

Chief Mello shared the following correspondence:

- Resident – note of appreciation for police escort for family member's funeral
- Shop Rite Family Employees, Milford – thanked Officer Nielson for going above and beyond in assisting with their fundraising efforts this year.
- C. Bruno – notes of thanks to both Chief Mello and the Department for providing husband with the honor he so deserved at his recent funeral.
- Resident – thanked Officer Lee Robbins for assistance he provided in processing through the permit process.
- Kathy Kappel – thanked Officer Davidson for making her feel safe and giving her assurance she needed when he was recently dispatched to her home.
- Lynn Connors – Viscount Dr. – commended the Department for their efforts and all they do to make people feel safe.
- Joy Walker – thanked Officer Salati for helping her locate important documents that had fallen off the back of her vehicle adding Officer Salati is a good citizen and an outstanding police officer.
- Chief Edson, Naugatuck Police Dept – thanked Chief Mello for the assistance of Officer Broderick and his K-9 during a recent check of school lockers at Naugatuck High School.
- Organizers of Don's Hat Rock Fundraiser – thanked the Department for participating in the recent fundraising event.
- Rape Crisis Center/Ride for Hope Committee – thanked the Department for their help with the 2014 Ride for Hope held on June 8. The event was again successful and the officers who rode with us helped contribute to that.
- John & Barbara Carissimi – copy of email sent to volunteers who have worked tirelessly on tasks to have the Training Center available.

Chief Mello explained when the Department took over the Simon Lake School there was a good deal of work that needed to be done and it was estimated that work would cost \$50,000. However, the work came from staff members and Citizen Police Academy Alumni led by John & Barbara Carissimi who continue to be great partners and friends to the Department. He explained the email is to the group who works in the Center once a week and outlines the tasks to be performed.

Chief Mello expressed his sincere appreciation to the group for their hard work.

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6. CONSIDERATION OF REPORT OF CHIEF ON MATTERS OF ADMINISTRATION

a. Informational: Det. Robert Nash will retire 7/17/2014 and Det. Gregg Kopazna will retire 9/19/14 – Chief Mello stated both men are excellent officers and will be missed by the Department.

Chrmn. Jagoe asked the Chief to express the appreciation of the Commissioners for the years of service given by both men.

b. Donation from Jill Hinckley – Chief Mello recommended the \$20 donation from Ms. Hinkley (car seat inspection) be placed in the DARE fund.

It was moved by Comm. Faruolo and seconded by Comm. Wanosky to accept the donation of \$20 from Ms. Hinkley and apply that money to the DARE Donation account as recommended by Chief Mello. Motion carried unanimously

c. Safe Driving awards to: Sgt. T. Bassett, Off. B. Jock, Off. P. Mazzara, Off. W. Lugo and Sgt. A. Vitti - It was moved by Comm. Wanosky and seconded by Comm. Rubinstein to award eight hours of comp time for an accumulation of 12,000 safe driving miles with no safety violations to Sgt. T. Bassett, Off. B. Jock, Off. P. Mazzara, Off. W. Lugo and Sgt. A. Vitti. Motion carried unanimously.

d. Anonymous Donation of \$7,200 to purchase K-9 – Chief Mello explained the Department will be retiring two police K-9's after the Oyster Fest and have already selected two new officers to attend specific training. He added it will be necessary to purchase two new dogs at a cost of \$7,200 each and at this time the Department has been offered a donation for the purchase of one.

It was moved by Vice Chrmn. Bergami and seconded by Comm. Rubinstein to approve the anonymous donation of \$7,200 for the purchase of one K-9 as explained by Chief Mello. Motion carried unanimously.

7. REPORT ON PLANNING AND ZONING REQUESTS - none

8. ACCEPTANCE OF REPORTS

It was moved by Vice Chrmn. Bergami and seconded by Comm. Faruolo to approve the following reports:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS - none

10. NEW BUSINESS

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a. No Parking Zone request during school hours – 448 West River Street – it was moved by Comm. Wanosky and seconded by Comm. Rubinstein to accept Traffic Div. recommendation regarding No Parking Zone request during school hours – 448 West River Street. 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 - none

Chief Mello suggested waiving the regular schedule of meetings and not hold an August meeting. The Commissioners agreed to not have a meeting until September 2014.

Before touring the facility Chief Mello explained over the years the Department has gotten bigger and has changed in perplexity all of which require dedicated space. He also added in recent years the number of mandatory training hours has increased and all of this has made the need for additional space more prominent. He was pleased to report that all of the work done in the Simon Lake Training Facility has not been accomplished with the use of any city funds but through grant money and volunteer efforts.

The meeting recessed at 7:42 p.m. to tour the facility and reconvened at 8:36 p.m. It was moved by Comm. Smith and seconded by Comm. Wanosky to adjourn at 8:36 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Recorded by Diane Candido
Submitted to City Clerk, July 16, 2014