

**MINUTES OF BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS MEETING
HELD MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2014
STAFF CONFERENCE ROOM, POLICE HEADQUARTERS**

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, Mr. Mead (P & Z), Mr. & Ms. Carissimi and D. Candido, Secty.

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

Chief Mello requested an addition to the agenda under item 12 c. Consideration of the performance of the Deputy Chief and review of her vacation accrual.

It was moved by Comm. Rubinstein and seconded by Comm. Faruolo to add item 12c to the Executive Session agenda Consideration of the performance of the Deputy Chief and review of her vacation accrual as recommended by Chief Mello. Motion carried unanimously.

2. CONSIDERATION OF APPOINTMENTS - none

3. CITIZEN COMMENTS

- E. Mead – P & Z Liaison – reported the Irish Club closed on the purchase of Star Café and have begun renovations.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

It was moved by Comm. Wanosky and seconded by Comm. Marrone to approve the minutes of the July 14, 2014 meeting as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

5. READING OF CORRESPONDENCE

Chief Mello shared the following correspondence:

- Chief Mello distributed photo of Citizens Police Academy Alumni who have done a good deal of work at the former Simon Lake School noting that their recent task included painting of a thin blue line encompassing the gym floor. He added the thin blue line represents law enforcement and it was felt this would lend ownership of the gym to the Department. Chief stated he was pleased with the great job the 21 volunteers had done and on 9/10 there will be a formal unveiling of the gym and in an attempt to thank and recognize the volunteers there will be a pizza reception and he extended an invitation to the commissioners to attend.

Chrmn. Jagoe added the city is fortunate to have a group doing this type of work for the department.

- Robert Nunno – resident – letter not read but acknowledged by the Chief
- Tom Tabaczynski – Hamden resident – commended Officer Lima and Degnan for their K-9 demonstration at the recent Oyster Fest; acknowledged and thanked the officers and their dogs.

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- Asst. Chief Robt. Healey – Milford Fire Dept. – commended Lt. McCollum and Sgt. Youd for their diligence and efforts when assigned to the main gate at the recent Brett Michaels Concert.
- Chief Edo – Milford Fire Dept. – recognized Sgt. Beauvais and Officer Doerr and requested a commendation for their emergency care (CPR) when dispatched to a resident's home. Further he stated it was a fine example of the emergency services that Milford citizens have come to accept and it was a great example of teamwork from 911 dispatch to the arrival of the police officers, firefighters and emergency staff.
- Ald. Bryan Anderson – 49 Ingersol Rd- thanked Chief Mello and Police Commission for responding to his earlier request for new signage and signage adjustments at W. Main, High Street and Timber Trail. Also addressed the *No Thru Truck* signs on High Street and felt similar signage be placed along W. Main Street as well. Also expressed concern regarding a city tree causing a line of sight issue at 23 Elton Street.

Chief Mello stated the department cannot put *No Thru Truck* signs on W. Main Street because the trucks have to have a way to get into the center.

6. CONSIDERATION OF REPORT OF CHIEF ON MATTERS OF ADMINISTRATION

a. Donation to K9 program – Chip's Auto Sales – Chief Mello reminded the commissioners that earlier in the year it was necessary to purchase two K-9's and at the last meeting the commission approved a donation for one of the K-9's. He added there have been several donors who have contributed toward the purchase of another dog. He recommended approval of the donation of \$1,000 from Chip's Auto Sales toward the purchase of another K-9.

It was moved by Comm. Wanosky and seconded by Comm. Faruolo to approve the donation of \$1,000 from Chip's Auto Sales to be applied toward the purchase of an additional K-9 as recommended by Chief Mello. Motion carried unanimously.

b. Donation to K9 program – Milford PBA – Chief Mello acknowledged donation of \$1,340 from Milford PBA to be applied to the purchase of another K-9.

It was moved by Comm. Rubinstein and seconded by Comm. Faruolo to approve the donation of \$1,340 from Milford PBA to be applied toward the purchase of an additional K-9 as recommended by Chief Mello. Motion carried unanimously.

c. Donation to K9 program – Citizens Academy Alumni – Chief Mello acknowledged donation of \$397.79 from Citizens Academy Alumni to be applied to the purchase of another K-9.

It was moved by Comm. Smith and seconded by Comm. Faruolo to approve the donation of \$397.79 from Citizens Academy Alumni to be applied toward the purchase of an additional K-9 as recommended by Chief Mello. Motion carried unanimously.

Chrmn. Jagoe stated the Commission is grateful for the generous donations.

Chief Mello added it is donations like those made to K-9 and the DARE Program that support those efforts and we would not be able to have either if it were not for the donations as both of those accounts are not included in the department's budget.

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d. Donation from Dorothy Downie – Chief Mello recommended the \$25 donation from Dorothy Downie be applied to the DARE Program.

It was moved by Vice Chrmn. Bergami and seconded by Comm. Marrone to approve the \$25 donation from Dorothy Downie to be applied to the DARE Program as recommended by Chief Mello. Motion carried unanimously.

e. Safe Driving Mileage awards to: Off. Michael Compare, Off. Scott Knablin, Off. Gary McDonnell, Off. Vincent Senatore, Sgt. Evan Beauvais, Off. Daniel Hemperly, Det. Chris Musante, Off. S. Napoletano, Off. Pat Taylor.

It was moved by Comm. Rubinstein and seconded by Comm. Wanosky to award eight hours of comp time for an accumulation of 12,000 safe driving miles with no safety violations to Off. Michael Compare, Off. Scott Knablin, Off. Gary McDonnell, Off. Vincent Senatore, Sgt. Evan Beauvais, Off. Daniel Hemperly, Det. Chris Musante, Off. S. Napoletano, Off. Pat Taylor as recommended. Motion carried unanimously.

f. Informational - Maureen Richetelli (Records Clerk) has retired effective 9/5/14.

Chief Mello stated they are looking to fill that vacant position and also added the department will be starting its next session of the Recruitment Academy in mid-October.

7. REPORT ON PLANNING AND ZONING REQUESTS

a. 231 Meadows End Road – 2 lot subdivision – It was moved by Comm. Wanosky and seconded by Comm. Rubinstein to approve Traffic Division recommendation regarding 231 Meadows End Road – 2 lot subdivision. Motion carried unanimously.

b. Bella Napoli Restaurant – Outside dining patio – It was moved by Comm. Faruolo and seconded by Comm. Marrone to approve Traffic Division recommendation regarding request for outside dining patio at Bella Napoli Restaurant. Motion carried unanimously.

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. Upgrade/Replace Traffic signs at Walnut Beach – requested by Julie Nash – It was moved by Comm. Wanosky and seconded by Comm. Rubinstein to accept Traffic Division recommendation regarding Upgrade/Replace Traffic signs at Walnut Beach. Motion carried unanimously.

b. Alter current parking restrictions – Depot Street – It was moved by Comm. Rubinstein and seconded by Comm. Wanosky to accept Traffic Division recommendation regarding altering current parking restrictions – Depot Street. Motion carried unanimously.

c. Install new stop sign for 3-way stop – Pond Point Ave/Baxter Lane – It was moved by Comm. Wanosky and seconded by Comm. Marrone to accept Traffic Division recommendation regarding installation of a new stop sign for 3-way stop – Pond Point Ave/Baxter Lane. Motion carried unanimously.

d. Install stop sign – Roses Mill/Quarry Road – It was moved by Vice Chrmn. Bergami and seconded by Comm. Rubinstein to accept Traffic Division recommendation to install a stop sign at Roses Mill/Quarry Road. Motion carried unanimously.

Comm. Smith asked if the department tracks recurrent accidents at intersections and does that generate attention for enforcement or change and Chief Mello stated the department does track that type of information.

Discussion ensued regarding how people will know in advance of the new stop signs, specifically the Pond Point/Baxter Lane and Chief Mello explained it is understandable that people are not aware a new sign is being installed but the department will take a soft approach in warning drivers of the change.

11. COMMENDATIONS - none

12. EXECUTIVE SESSION

It was moved by Vice Chrmn. Bergami and seconded by Comm. Rubinstein to adjourn to Executive at 7:25 p.m. for Consideration of Report of Chief of Police on matters concerning the Appointment, Employment, Performance, Evaluation, Health, or Dismissal of Department Employees

a. Quarterly probationary ratings for 8 Officers.

b. Consideration of the performance of three (3) Officers.

c. Consideration of the performance of Deputy Chief Mooney and review of her vacation accrual.

Motion carried unanimously.

Included in Executive Session were Chief Mello, Chief Mooney for items 12 a and 12 b only and the commissioners.

It was moved by Vice Chrmn. Bergami and seconded by Comm. Rubinstein to reconvene in public session at 8:00 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

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It was moved by Vice Chrmn. Bergami and seconded by Comm. Rubinstein to accept the recommendation of Chief Mello in regard to item 12 b Consideration of the performance of three (3) Officers. Motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Comm. Smith and seconded by Vice Chrmn. Bergami to augment the current vacation allowance of Deputy Chief Mooney from 29 days to 34 days in recognition of her outstanding efforts to the department and the city. Motion carried unanimously.

Being no further business to discuss, it was moved by Comm. Wanosky and seconded by Comm. Faruolo to adjourn at 8:02 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Recorded by Diane Candido

Submitted to City Clerk, September 9, 2014