

**MINUTES OF BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 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, Alberta Jagoe, Sharon Marrone, David Rubenstein, Richard Smith

COMMISSIONERS NOT PRESENT: Jerold Wanosky

ALSO PRESENT: Police Chief Mello; Deputy Chief Rahn; Lt. Chila; Asst. City Attorney Debra Kelly; Officer Broderick (Exec. Session only); Ald. Vetro; Tom Nichols, P & Z; D. Candido, Secty.

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

2. CONSIDERATION OF APPOINTMENTS – none

3. CITIZEN COMMENTS

- J. Carissimi – noted at the June meeting he felt he did not use a good choice of words during his dialogue and apologized for that. Added the Wildemere Beach Area had a quiet and safe summer.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

It was moved by Vice Chrmn. Bergami and seconded by Comm. Faruolo to approve the minutes of the June 12, 2017 meeting as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

5. READING OF CORRESPONDENCE

- Touch-A-Truck Representative – note of appreciation to the Department for their assistance with the event.
- Tina Pritchard – resident – note of appreciation to the Department for the support given at the Charles Island Kayaking Race event
- Joyce & Frank Esposito – expressing thanks to the Department for allowing their daughter to complete her internship at the MPD.
- Chief Shawn Sequeira, Shelton Police Dept. – expressing appreciation to the dive team of our Department for their participation in a rescue mission.
- Read into the record by Comm. Faruolo – note of appreciation from Allison Faruolo who after being followed by a stranger when driving home, drove directly to police headquarters and Officer Bailey was assigned to ensuring her safe drive home. She expressed her gratitude to Officer Bailey for his professional, courteous and kind demeanor.

6. CONSIDERATION OF REPORT OF CHIEF ON MATTERS OF ADMINISTRATION

a. Safe Driving awards to: Sgt. Beauvais, Off. M. Moreno, Off. D. Bodnar, Off. D. Hemperly, Off. P. Hoff, Off. Luke Holder, Off. K. Ruggiero, Sgt. R. Anderson – Chief Mello recommended the above noted officers be awarded 8 hours compensatory time for accident free mileage.

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- b. Off Duty Weapon authorization for: Off. A. Norowski, Off. B. Jock - . it was moved by Comm. Jagoe and seconded by Comm. Marrone to approve Chief Mello's recommendation for off duty weapon request for Sgt. Beauvais, Off. M. Moreno, Off. D. Bodnar, Off. D. Hemperly, Off. P. Hoff, Off. Luke Holder, Off. K. Ruggiero, Sgt. R. Anderson for non-law enforcement reasons. Motion carried unanimously.
- c. Donation from the family of David Berchem. – Chief Mello recommended the \$250 donation from the family of David Berchem for assistance in funeral procession is accepted and those funds be placed in the DARE Account. It was moved by Comm. Faruolo and seconded by Vice Chrmn. Bergami to accept the \$250 donation from the family of David Berchem and place said funds in the DARE Account as recommended by Chief Mello. Motion carried unanimously.
- d. Donation from Barbara Stach.- Chief Mello recommended the \$20 donation from Barbara Stach for car seat inspection be placed in the DARE Account. It was moved by Comm. Jagoe and seconded by Comm. Marrone to accept the \$20 donation for car seat inspection and said funds be placed in the DARE Account as recommended by Chief Mello. Motion carried unanimously.
- e. Donation from Thomas Craig for K9 program – Chief Mello recommended the \$100 donation from Thomas Craig be placed in the K9 Donation Account. It was moved by Comm. Rubenstein and seconded by Comm. Faruolo to accept the \$100 donation from Thomas Craig and said funds be placed in the K9 Donation Account as recommended by Chief Mello. Motion carried unanimously.
- f. Donation from Lorraine Thibault – Chief Mello recommended the \$10 donation made by Lorraine Thibault in appreciation for helping with a family matter be placed in the DARE Account. It was moved by ice Chrmn. Bergami and seconded by Comm. Marrone to accept the \$10 donation from Lorraine Thibault and place said funds in the DARE Account. Motion carried unanimously.
- g. Informational: Records Steno Susan Phillips retired 9/8/17. – no action necessary
- h. Informational: Dispatchers Kristen Ostrowski and Steven Bettencourt have resigned – no action necessary but Chief Mello did explain the Department has a limited number of dispatchers at this time and are at a critical point with regard to filling these vacant positions. He added he hopes to find qualified candidates in order to make a justifiable recommendation and request to the Mayor to fill this position. No action necessary.
- i. Chief's General comments – Chief Mello explained the Police Officers Training Council recently met and a report should be released shortly regarding training of police officers in the future.

Also Chief Mello reported on the progress of the Police Station Building Committee noting Kaestle Boos (Architects) have been selected as the project architect and they will begin their work and have a plan to present to the Building Committee shortly. As well he stated the property for the new headquarters is close to being acquired. He stated he is pleased with the progress and with the fact that we are finally moving forward with this long awaited construction.

7. REPORT ON PLANNING & ZONING REQUESTS

- a. 12 Unit Affordable Housing development – 328 Meadowside Rd- It was moved by Vice Chrmn. Bergami and seconded by Comm. Rubenstein to approve proposal for 12 Unit Affordable Housing Development on 328 Meadowside Road as requested. Motion carried with Comm. Faruolo voting no.

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b. 65 Plains Rd. – Housing Development – It was moved by Comm. Rubenstein and seconded by Comm. Marrone to approve Traffic Division Recommendation regarding 65 Plains Rd. – Housing Development.

Mr. Tom Nichols, P & Z Board was present and expressed concern regarding the traffic flow exiting this property.

Chief Mello explained it is too soon to make a recommendation that the traffic be required to turn a certain direction. He stated the Department will have the Traffic Engineer Study Group look at the plans and make a recommendation on the traffic flow.

Motion carried unanimously.

c. The Preserve at Beaverbrook – 533 West Ave – Addendum to original request – it was moved by Vice Chrmn. Bergami and seconded by Comm. Rubenstein to approve the Preserve at Beaverbrook – 533 West Avenue for purposes of discussion.

Comm. Rubinstein noted there is a reference to the installation of a traffic signal and asked if this body is allowed to move forward under the assumption this will happen.

Discussion ensued regarding site line issues.

Lt. Chila noted the conditional view is this request should be approved contingent upon installation of traffic signal.

Vice Chrmn. Bergami and Comm. Rubenstein amended their original motion to state approve the Preserve at Beaverbrook – 533 West Avenue contingent on the installation of traffic signals. Motion carried unanimously to approve the amended motion.

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

Motion carried unanimously.

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. Governor's Ave – Radar sign survey results – Chief Mello referred to the information included in the packets noting it is the intent to install a traffic control device on Governors Avenue which will serve as an advisory warning as well as speed. He explained the Traffic Div. has contacted the residents of Governors Avenue in an attempt to get their reaction to this radar sign and 14 positive responses were received and 2 negative responses. No action necessary.

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A motion was made by Vice Chrmn. Bergami and seconded by Comm. Faruolo to reorder the agenda to bring Item 12. Executive Session to this point in the meeting. Motion carried unanimously to reorder.

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 7:22 p.m. for the following matters:

- a. 3rd quarter review for one Officer.
- b. Final quarterly review for 7 Officers.
- c. Grievance #5-2017 at step #3.
- d. Grievance #6-2017 at step #3.
- e. Grievance #7-2017 at step #3.
- f. Consideration of the performance of 3 employees.

Police Commissioners present, Chief Mello, Deputy Chief Rahn, Officer Broderick and Assistant City Attorney Debra Kelly remained for executive session.

(Officer Broderick and Assistant City Attorney left Executive Session at 8:02 p.m.)

It was moved by Comm. Jagoe and seconded by Comm. Faruolo to reconvene in public session at 8:26 p.m.. Motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Vice Chrmn. Bergami and seconded by Comm. Faruolo to deny the union's request to waive step 3 on the following matters:

Grievance #5-2017 at step #3.
Grievance #6-2017 at step #3.
Grievance #7-2017 at step #3.

Motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Vice Chrmn. Bergami and seconded by Comm. Rubenstein to deny the following grievances:

Grievance #5-2017 at step #3.
Grievance #6-2017 at step #3.
Grievance #7-2017 at step #3.

Motion carried unanimously.

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Final quarterly review for 7 Officers – Chairman Smith administered the oath to the following new officers: Officer Dominic Bailey, Officer Kenton Brooks, Officer Christopher Deida, Officer Steven, Loschiavo, Officer Alexandra Vakos and Officer Cory Onofrio.

The Commissioners took the opportunity to congratulate each officer individually.

10. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Traffic Study – Downtown Parking time limits – motion was made by Comm. Rubenstein and seconded by Comm. Jagoe to accept Traffic Division recommendation regarding Downtown Parking time limits. Motion carried unanimously.
- b. Traffic Study – No Parking signs – 305 Subway – motion was made by Comm. Rubenstein and seconded by Comm. Jagoe to accept Traffic Division recommendation regarding No Parking signs – 305 Subway. Motion carried unanimously.
- c. Traffic Study – Noble Ave/Reed St – motion was made by Comm. Jagoe and seconded by Comm. Rubenstein to accept Traffic Division recommendation to deny the request regarding Noble Ave/Reed St. . Motion carried unanimously.
- d. Stop Sign Request – Oronoque/Bic Drive – motion was made by Comm. Jagoe and seconded by Comm. Marrone to accept Traffic Division recommendation to deny the request for a stop sign at Oronoque/Bic Drive. Motion carried unanimously.
- e. Advanced warning sign request – Buckingham/Melba – motion was made by Comm. Rubenstein and seconded by Comm. Marrone to accept Traffic Division recommendation regarding Advanced warning sign request – Buckingham/Melba. Motion carried unanimously.
- f. Crosswalk request – Reed St/Lafayette St – motion was made by Comm. Faruolo and seconded by Vice Chrmn. Bergami to accept Traffic Division recommendation regarding Crosswalk request – Reed St/Lafayette St. Motion carried unanimously.
- g. Speeding Issues – Meadow/Maple St – motion was made by Comm. Rubenstein and seconded by Comm. Marrone to accept Traffic Division recommendation to deny request regarding Speeding Issues – Meadow/Maple St. Motion carried unanimously.
- h. Request review of crosswalks at intersection – Buckingham/Welch's Pt. Rd – motion was made by Comm. Rubenstein and seconded by Comm. Faruolo to accept Traffic Division recommendation regarding review of crosswalks at intersection. Motion carried unanimously.
- i. Traffic Control request for Schoolhouse Rd/I-95 - motion was made by Vice Chrmn. Bergami and seconded by Comm. Rubenstein to accept Traffic Division recommendation regarding Traffic Control request for Schoolhouse Rd/I-95. Motion carried unanimously.

11. COMMENDATIONS – Deputy Chief Rahn shared the following:

- a. **Certificate of Commendation** for: Off. Erik St. Germain, Off. Sean Degnan, for case #2638-17 – on 5/29/17 Officer Degnan responded to call for burglary on New Haven Avenue. After a foot pursuit, the suspect fled in what was to be learned as a stolen vehicle

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and went on to I-95 Southbound. St. Germain joined in the pursuit and a brief foot pursuit ensued in the Southbound Rest Area. Suspect was taken into custody and also found to be involved in previous similar burglaries.

b. **Certificate of Commendation** for: Det. Dennis Broderick, Det. M. Cruz, Det. B. McMahon, Off. Joseph Sikorsky and Det. Mitch Warwick – case #2012-17.- these officers were involved in the investigation of a robbery at the Seven-11 Convenience Store on the Boston Post Road. Suspect was located in the New Haven/Hamden area and pursuit ensued and continued on to Route 15. Suspect eventually came to a stop and gave himself up.

c. **Unit Citation** for: Off. A. Aquino, Off. E. St. Germain, Off. S. Owens, Off. A. Moreno, Off. C. Onofrio, Off. K. Magnan, Off. S. Knablin, Sgt. C. Dunn, Off. J. DeStefano, Off. S. Carney – case #2012-17 - These officers were involved in the pursuit and apprehension of suspect who robbed the Seven-11 as noted above.

d. **Certificate of Commendation:** Off. E. St. Germain, Off. A. Aquino – case #1420-17.- Officers were called to local hotel responding to a report of an unresponsive male. When officers arrived they administered Narcan and began CPR and suspect regained consciousness. Suspect was the victim of a drug over-dose.

Being no further business, it was moved by Vice Chrmn. Bergami and seconded by Comm. Faruolo to adjourn at 8:40 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Recorded by Diane Candido
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