

**MINUTES OF BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS MEETING
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2015 – 7:00 P.M.
STAFF CONFERENCE ROOM, POLICE HEADQUARTERS**

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

1. ROLL CALL

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

COMMISSIONERS NOT PRESENT: Carol Faruolo

ALSO PRESENT: Police Chief Mello; Deputy Chief Rahn; 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 Comm. Rubinstein and seconded by Comm. Jagoe to approve the minutes of the September 15, 2015 meeting as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Comm. Wanosky and seconded by Comm. Marrone to add to the agenda item 6 c. Donation from Fleet Auto. Motion carried unanimously.

5. READING OF CORRESPONDENCE

Chief Mello shared the following correspondence:

- Alexander Wilkinson – resident – expressed thanks for the presence of police officers in the shoreline parking lot and boardwalk area of Walnut Beach.
- Charles Sherwood, Director, South Central Criminal Justice – thanked Sgt. Cruz who served as panelist in oral board examination for position of Recruit Police Officer
- Carol Swift, Principal, Orange Avenue School – expressed gratitude and appreciation to Sgt. Doyle who collaboratively worked with her to support a family situation at school. Thanked Sgt. Doyle for his commitment to Milford's children and families.
- Steve Burnham – explained his concern for hasty action and not paying in advance for parking at train station and the respectful, polite way the Department handled it.
- John Aselton – President, Officer Brian Aselton Memorial Scholarship Fund – thanked Officers Noss and Todice who contributed greatly to the success of the 17th annual Brian Aselton Memorial Motorcycle Run and their efforts to ensure safety for all.
- Chief Esserman, New Haven Police Dept. – thanked Chief Mello for providing 20 New Haven police officers the opportunity to participate in Methods of Instruction Class. Also thanked Chief Mello and Deputy Chief Rahn for coordinating the class and making it possible by hosting it at Milford's Training Academy. Also thanked Sgt. O'Keefe and Pfc. Holder who were the instructors.

6. CONSIDERATION OF REPORT OF CHIEF ON MATTERS OF ADMINISTRATION

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a. Donation from Maura Haverty – Chief Mello explained the donation was for 30 \$10 Dunkin Donuts gift cards; however, since the Department cannot accept that type of donation, they were returned and Chief Mello suggested donating them to the Senior Center.

b. Chief's General Comments - Chief Mello reminded the Commissioners that the department is running a pink cruiser for the month of October which is Breast Cancer Awareness Month. He added it is hopeful that the car will enhance awareness of all types of cancers.

Chief Mello noted that the next Academy starts on October 23.

c. Donation from Fleet Auto – Chief Mello explained the wrap & graphics procedure to the pink cruiser being used for Breast Cancer Awareness Month and he acknowledged the donation of Fleet Auto for making it possible.

It was moved by Vice Chrmn. Bergami and seconded by Comm. Rubinstein to accept the donation from Fleet Auto for the wrap and graphics for the vehicle used for Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Motion carried unanimously.

7. REPORT ON PLANNING AND ZONING REQUESTS

a. Launch Trampoline Park – 125 Old Gate Lane – It was moved by Comm. Wanosky and seconded by Comm. Rubinstein to accept Traffic Division recommendation regarding the Launch Trampoline Park, 125 Old Gate Lane. Motion carried unanimously.

8. ACCEPTANCE OF REPORTS

It was moved by Vice Chrmn. Bergami and seconded by Comm. Jagoe 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. Yale Children's Hospital donation of car seats and miscellaneous items – It was moved by Comm. Rubinstein and seconded by Comm. Marrone to accept the donation from Yale Children's Hospital for car seats and miscellaneous items. Motion carried unanimously.

b. Rotary Club donation of \$1500 – to remain on the table

10. NEW BUSINESS

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a. Twin Oaks Terrace/Bridgeport Ave – addition of parking spaces – City right of way – It was moved by Comm. Wanosky and seconded by Comm. Rubinstein to accept Traffic Division recommendation regarding Twin Oaks Terrace/Bridgeport Ave – addition of parking spaces – City right of way. Motion carried unanimously.

b. No Parking Signs Request – 12 Milford Point Rd/Francis Street – It was moved by Comm. Jagoe and seconded by Comm. Marrone to accept Traffic Division recommendation regarding No Parking Signs Request – 12 Milford Point Rd/Francis Street.

Chairman Smith noted there is no parking allowed on either side of Seaview Avenue and Milford Point Road until almost the end of Milford Point Road and he has observed there is a site line issue at this far end of Milford Point Road where parking is allowed on both sides of the street. He questioned why the no parking restriction was not extended to the entire street.

Comm. Jagoe recalled residents coming before the Commission in the past regarding their concerns for parking and their difficulties in exiting driveways because of the parking allowed at the far end of Milford Point Road.

Comm. Rubinstein added he too observed the area and noted all of the homes at the end of Milford Point Road have adequate off-street parking.

It was suggested this matter be tabled in order for Chief Mello to research the request further.

Comm. Jagoe and Comm. Marrone withdrew their original motion.

It was moved by Comm. Rubinstein and Comm. Wanosky to table the No Parking Signs Request – 12 Milford Point Rd/Francis Street in order to get further details regarding the request. Motion carried unanimously.

c. Request for speed bumps and No Parking Signs – Platt St/Morehouse Ave. – It was moved by Comm. Rubinstein and seconded by Comm. Jagoe to uphold the recommendation of Traffic Division regarding the request for speed bumps and no parking signs – Platt St/Morehouse Ave. 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.

It was moved by Vice Chrmn. Bergami and seconded by Comm. Jagoe to adjourn to Executive Session at 7:23 p.m. for the following:

a. Consideration of the performance of one employee

Chief Mello, Deputy Chief Rahn and the commissioners present were included in Executive Session.

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It was moved by Comm. Jagoe and seconded by Vice Chrmn Bergami to reconvene in public session at 7:36 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Vice Chrmn. Bergami and seconded by Comm. Jagoe to uphold Chief Mello's recommendation regarding disciplinary action of one employee. Motion carried unanimously.

Being no further business to discuss, it was moved by Comm. Wanosky and seconded by Vice Chrmn. Bergami to adjourn at 7:37 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Recorded by Diane Candido

Submitted to City Clerk, October 14, 2015