

**MINUTES OF BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS MEETING
HELD MONDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2010
STAFF CONFERENCE ROOM – POLICE HEADQUARTERS**

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

1. ROLL CALL

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Sam Bergami, Melvin Eisenhandler, Carol Faruolo, Carleton Giles, Alberta Jagoe, Sharon Marrone, J. Wanosky

ALSO PRESENT: Police Chief Mello; Deputy Chief Fournier; D. Candido, Secty.

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

2. CONSIDERATION OF APPOINTMENTS - none

3. CITIZEN COMMENTS

K. Patterson – 514 W. River Street – stated she had no comment but was present to hear board's comments regarding P & Z recommendation. She took the opportunity to extend holiday wishes to the Commissioners, Chief Mello and Deputy Chief Fournier.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

It was moved by Vice Chrmn. Jagoe and seconded by Comm. Wanosky to approve the minutes of the meeting held on Monday, November 8, 2010 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

5. READING OF CORRESPONDENCE

Chief Mello shared the following correspondence:

Maria Mackin, Guidance Counselor, Harborside Middle School – letter of thanks to Det. Frawley for his presentation to the students on Internet safety including cyber-bullying.

Chief Douglas Dortenzio, Chief of Police, Wallingford – letter of appreciation to Chief Mello for his participation in the Chief selection process for the Town of Bloomfield.

James Rascati, Director, Behavioral Health Consultants – thanked Officer DeVito for his participation in the panel discussion with MADD, Victim Services Death Notification Conference. The letter notes that Officer DeVito's comments were eloquent and powerful.

Michelle Collins, National Center for Missing & Exploited Children (VA) – extended congratulations to the department and Det. Frawley for the diligent and quick actions involved in a child pornography case.

Christine Honcz, Milford Coop Preschool Learning Center – thanked Chief Mello for his participation in the Annual Children's Fall Fair at the school.

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Donelle Scinto-Toner, Mathewson School – thanked Milford police officers and their “pals” (K-9 and other animals) for visiting and spending time with the grade 2 students at the school.

Chrissa M. Caramia, Home Town Foundation – thanked the department for their continued pledge of support to the fundraising efforts of the Dream Ride recently held.

Braking the Cycle – letter of appreciation for the department's participation, manpower and time as the group rode through Milford in the annual bike ride.

Cara Ewen, John F. Kennedy School PTO, Corresponding Secretary – thanked Officers J. Kranyak and J. Nielsen for their assistance with the Trunk for Treat Halloween Safety Program.

Debbie Horne, Director of Development, Special Olympics, Southwest Region – thanked the department for their assistance and volunteering efforts with the 2010 holiday bowling competition noting that the department's efforts make this annual affair possible and successful. She directed special thanks to the following officers: Capt. Mooney, Officers Nielsen, Mahoney, Carney, Lennon, Shea, Sharoh and Staurovsky.

Chief Mello added that at the same time the bowling competition was occurring, the department also helped with the “Give to the Troops” event. As well, just recently the department participated in “Stuff the Cruiser” and Kisses for Katie program and brought toys and gifts to the hospitals.

Raymond Swift, Jr. – thank you from the family for the honor guard escort at the recent funeral of one of their relatives.

Irene Moran, 12 Wood Avenue – although she didn't know the name of the officer who assisted her, she wrote to thank him for his assistance and thoughtfulness. She explained she and her caregiver were returning home and found that due to street repairs on Wood Avenue and Broadway, her vehicle could not go all the way to her home. She stated the officer was helpful in assisting her and her caregiver and saw to it that they arrived safely at her home.

Chief Mello noted the officer who assisted her was Officer DeMerjian.

Special recognition plaque from the U.S. Dept. of Justice for the department's superior efforts in assisting with the investigation of the attempted bombing of Times Square on May 1, 2010.

6. CONSIDERATION OF REPORT OF CHIEF ON MATTERS OF ADMINISTRATION

- a. It was moved by Vice Chrmn. Jagoe and seconded by Comm. Marrone to add to the agenda a donation from the Oyster Festival Committee in the amount of \$500. Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Mello explained that he was notified by Paula Smith of the Oyster Festival Committee of the donation and the donation was accepted on December 10, 2010. He recommended applying that donation to the future of the Citizens Police Academy Program.

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It was moved by Vice Chrmn. Jagoe and seconded by Comm. Marrone to accept the donation of \$500 from the Oyster Festival Committee and apply those funds to the Citizens Police Academy Program as recommended by Chief Mello. Motion carried unanimously.

7. REPORT ON PLANNING AND ZONING REQUESTS

a. 1365 Boston Post Road – Milford Crossing - It was moved by Comm. Bergami and seconded by Comm. Wanosky to accept the recommendation of P & Z regarding 1365 Boston Post Road – Milford Crossing – signage changes. Motion carried unanimously.

8. ACCEPTANCE OF REPORTS

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

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

It was moved by Vice Chrmn. Jagoe and seconded by Comm. Faruolo to accept reports a, b, c and e as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Comm. Wanosky noted the information included in the Juvenile Report was very helpful.

Motion carried unanimously.

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. Acceptance of meeting dates for 2011 Police Commission meetings – It was moved by Comm. Faruolo and seconded by Comm. Wanosky to remove from the table the acceptance of meeting dates for 2011 Police Commission meetings.

Chief Mello noted he would not be available on the 2nd Monday of January 2011 (1/10/11) and asked if the meeting could be held on Tuesday 1/11/2011 or Monday, 1/17/2011. It was agreeable by all that the meeting would be held on Tuesday, 1/11/2011.

It was moved by Vice Chrmn. Jagoe and seconded by Comm. Marrone to approve the meeting dates for 2011 Police Commission Meetings as recommended with a change to the date of the January 2011 meeting from Monday, January 10, 2011 to Tuesday, January 11, 2011. Motion carried unanimously.

10. NEW BUSINESS

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a. Milford Point Road/Botsford Avenue –speeding vehicles – It was moved by Vice Chrmn. Jagoe and seconded by Comm. Wanosky to accept the recommendation of the Traffic Division regarding Milford Point Rd/Botsford Ave – speeding vehicles. Motion carried unanimously.

Comm. Faruolo added it was a very thorough report.

11. COMMENDATIONS - none

12. CONSIDERATION OF REPORT OF CHIEF OF POLICE ON MATTERS CONCERNING THE APPOINTMENT, EMPLOYMENT, PERFORMANCE, EVALUATION AND HEALTH OR DISMISSAL OF DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEES

It was moved by Vice Chrmn. Jagoe and seconded by Comm. Bergami to adjourn to Executive session at 7:20 p.m. for the following:

- a. Consideration of the performance of 8 employees
- b. Grievance #5-2010
- c. 3rd Quarter probationary review for Officer Michael DeVito
- d. 1st Quarter probationary review for Officers Stephen Noss and Antonio Aquino

Motion carried unanimously.

Present in executive session were the Commissioners, Chief Mello and Deputy Chief Fournier. Also present were Sgt. A. Dunaij and Sgt. B. Marschner, Union President for item b. Grievance #5-2010 only. Sgt. Dunaij and Sgt. Marschner left executive session at 7:55 p.m.

It was moved by Comm. Wanosky and seconded by Vice Chrmn. Jagoe to reconvene in public session at 8:20 p.m. Motion carried unanimously

It was moved by Vice Chrmn. Jagoe and seconded by Comm. Bergami to uphold Chief Mello's recommendation regarding the discipline of 8 employees. Motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Vice Chrmn. Jagoe and seconded by Comm. Wanosky to deny Grievance #5-2010. Motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Vice Chrmn. Jagoe and seconded by Comm. Marrone to adjourn at 8:21 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Candido, Secretary