

**MINUTES OF BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS MEETING  
MONDAY, JANUARY 11, 2016– 7:00 P.M.  
STAFF CONFERENCE ROOM, POLICE HEADQUARTERS**

Chairman Smith called the meeting to order at 7 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; Ald. Vetro, E. Mead, P & Z Liaison, D. Candido, Secty.

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

It was moved by Vice Chrmn. Bergami and seconded by Comm. Jagoe to amend the agenda to include 1a. Reorganization of the Board. Motion carried unanimously.

**a. REORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD**

It was moved by Vice Chrmn Bergami and seconded by Comm. Faruolo to nominate Richard Smith as Chair of the Milford Board of Police Commissioners

Being no further nominations to come forward, nominations were closed.

The secretary was asked to cast one ballot to elect Comm. Smith as Chair of the Board of Police Commissioners.

It was moved by Comm. Rubenstein and seconded by Comm. Marrone to nominate Comm. Bergami as Vice Chair of the Milford Board of Police Commissioners.

Being no further nominations to come forward, nominations were closed.

The secretary was asked to cast one ballot to elect Comm. Bergami as Vice Chairman of the Board of Police Commissioners.

Chrmn. Smith thanked members for their vote of confidence.

**2. CONSIDERATION OF APPOINTMENTS – none**

**3. CITIZEN COMMENTS**

- Ed Mead – reported he has been reappointed Liaison to this Board from P & Z; as well he was elected Vice Chair of the P & Z board for one year and then he and the current Chair will alternate leadership positions. He questioned the process for changing a one hour parking regulation and Chief Mello asked him to email him the details and he would look into the change.

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

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It was moved by Comm. Rubinstein and seconded by Comm. Faruolo to approve the minutes of the December 14, 2015 meeting as presented. Motion carried with Chrmn. Smith recusing himself from the vote as he was not present at the December meeting.

**5. READING OF CORRESPONDENCE**

Chief Mello shared the following correspondence:

- M. Wilson, Milford Camera – thanked the Chief and the Department for the assistance provided while the staff of the camera store produced a short film.

**6. CONSIDERATION OF REPORT OF CHIEF ON MATTERS OF ADMINISTRATION**

a. Off Duty Weapon authorization for Off. Joseph Sikorsky – Chief Mello recommended approval of Off Duty Weapon request by Officer Sikorsky for non-law enforcement reasons.

It was moved by Comm. Jagoe and seconded by Comm. Rubenstein to approve Off Duty weapon requests for Officer Joseph Sikorsky. Motion carried unanimously.

b. Chief's General comments – Chief Mello thanked Chrmn Smith, Vice Chrmn Bergami, Ald. Vetro, Mr. Carissimi and other members of the Police Department Building Committee. He explained the history of the development of the needs assessment of headquarters brought forward by former Mayor Lisman, followed by another study commissioned by Mayor Richetelli and each study determined the need for more space for the Department. He added Mayor Blake agrees it is necessary to take a better look at the needs of the Department and authorized a study committee be formed. Chief stated that committee, met recently for the first time and participated in a walk thru of the entire facility. He added he looks forward to working with the committee on this matter.

Further, Chief Mello reported the federal seized asset funds, which has been very important to this Department, have been put on hold as they are looking at a deficit in that area and the money allocated to law enforcement groups will be used to offset that deficit. He added last month Senator Murphy staff person had inquired what the needs of this Department were, unbeknownst to the Chief that these cuts were coming forward, he emphasized the importance of these funds to law enforcement.

Chairman Smith referred to the Police Department Building Committee and noted after participating in the walk thru of the facility, it is evident there is a need for additional space for the Department.

**7. REPORT ON PLANNING AND ZONING REQUESTS - none**

**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

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d. Traffic Division and Licensing Unit Report

Motion carried unanimously.

**9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS** - none

**10. NEW BUSINESS**

a. Stop Sign Request – Odell Ave/Welchs Point Rd – It was moved my Comm. Jagoe and seconded by Comm. Rubenstein to accept Traffic Div. recommendation regarding stop sign request – Odell Ave/Welchs Point Rd. Motion carried unanimously.

b. Speeding vehicles – 284 Welches Point Rd/West Orland St – Chief Mello explained this item was sent to the commissioners for informational purposes only and there is no action required.

**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**

Being no further business, it was moved by Vice Chrmn. Bergami and seconded by Comm. Rubenstein to adjourn at 7:13 p.m.

Recorded by Diane Candido  
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