

**MINUTES OF BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS MEETING
HELD MONDAY, MAY 10, 2010
STAFF CONFERENCE ROOM – POLICE HEADQUARTERS**

Chrmn. Giles called the meeting to order at 7:03 P.M.

1. ROLL CALL

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

ALSO PRESENT: Police Chief Mello; Deputy Chief Fournier; P. Vetro, Board of Aldermen; D. Candido, Secty.

2. CONSIDERATION OF APPOINTMENTS - none

3. CITIZEN COMMENTS - none

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

It was moved by Comm. Eisenhandler and seconded by Vice Chrmn. Jagoe to approve the minutes of the April 12, 2010 meeting as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

5. READING OF CORRESPONDENCE

Chief Mello shared the following correspondence:

M. Vassallo, Gr. 3 Teacher, Meadowside School – stated as a recent graduate of the Citizens Police Academy, she was impressed with the level of professionalism displayed by all staff members and expressed her gratitude to the staff for this great experience.

Battalion Chief Healey, Milford Fire Dept. – recalled the recent fire at 38 Laurel Avenue and noted that members of the Police Dept. placed themselves in imminent danger in their attempt to clear the area for firefighters. He commended Sgt. Anderson and all the members of the department operating under his command that morning.

Email message from a resident who commended Officer Salati who met with her recently regarding an incident. She stated Officer Salati put her at ease and left her with a positive feeling.

Carol Klingele, President, Wildemere Beach Assoc. – thanked Officer Nielsen for keeping the association informed of recent crime in the neighboring areas. She added that Officer Nielsen contacted one of the association members regarding the incidents and that individual communicated the information to the members. Further, the association is getting their Block Watch off the ground and is committed to following through with that endeavor. She also expressed her thanks for the bike patrol in the area and as a side note, she stated she has heard much praised about the Citizens Police Academy and looks forward to participating in 2011.

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Ed Nadriczny, Chief of Police, New Canaan Police Dept. – complimented Sgts. Anderson, Sharoh, Tierney, Capt., Butler and Officers Hoff and Moreno who provided assistance with a search warrant which lead to the arrest of a subject. Further, he noted the officers represented the department in an exemplary manner.

Kurt Ogren, Graduate of the Citizens Police Academy 2010 – thanked the members of the department for making his participation such a positive experience. He stated the enthusiasm and professionalism displayed by all of the weekly instructors was impressive and the graduation ceremony was a memorable event that he was able to share with his family. He noted he has become a new goodwill ambassador for the Milford Police Dept.

6. CONSIDERATION OF REPORT OF CHIEF ON MATTERS OF ADMINISTRATION

a. Citizens Police Academy donation of \$320.00 – Chief Mello explained this was a donation from the Class of 2010 of the Academy and he requested the donation be applied to the future programs of the Citizens Police Academy.

It was moved by Comm. Wanosky and seconded by Comm. Faruolo to accept the \$320 donation from the 2010 Class of the Citizens Police Academy and apply the funds to future Citizens Police Academy programs. Motion carried unanimously.

b. Foxwood Condo Association Section 3 – Donation of \$500.00 – Chief Mello explained the Association has requested these funds be used to purchase a new canine when the need arises. Chief Mello explained the city does not purchase the dogs but they are acquired by donations and the cost of each canine is \$2,000-2,500.

It was moved by Comm. Bergami and seconded by Comm. Wanosky to accept the \$500 donation from the Foxwood Condo Association Section 3 and apply the funds to the purchase of a new canine when the need arises. Motion carried unanimously.

c. Walmart Community grant of \$1,000.00 – Chief Mello asked the Commission to allow this donation to be placed in the donation account to purchase new audio visual equipment to assist in preparing new events and media presentations. Chief Mello stated he would prefer the equipment be portable so it can be moved to various locations if necessary.

It was moved by Comm. Faruolo and seconded by Comm. Marrone to apply the Walmart Community grant of \$1,000 toward the purchase of new audio visual equipment as explained by Chief Mello. Motion carried unanimously.

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d. Accident free mileage award for Sgt. Daniel Sharoh - It was moved by Comm. Wanosky and seconded by Comm. Bergami to award eight hours comp time for accident free mileage to Sgt. Daniel Sharoh. Motion carried unanimously.

e. Informational – Suspension of West Shore Motors – Chief Mello explained West Shore Motors has been on the department's rotational wrecker list and on three different occasions they have failed to respond to the call for a tow truck.

It was moved by Comm. Faruolo and seconded by Comm. Marrone to suspend West Shore Motors from the departments list of wreckers. Motion carried unanimously.

7. REPORT ON PLANNING AND ZONING REQUESTS - none

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 these reports were included in the Commissioners packets.

It was moved by Comm. Eisenhandler and seconded by Comm. Wanosky to accept reports A through E as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS - none

10. NEW BUSINESS

a. Time limit parking request – North St/Plymouth Place – Chief Mello explained Rev. Sandel had asked the department to consider eliminating the time limit parking in the area. Chief stated the time limit parking had been put in place originally to keep commuters from parking there; however, Sgt. Sharoh recommends Rev. Sandel's request be honored.

Comm. Faruolo noted there are additional parking areas for this church and she questioned if the department is willing to monitor this area.

Chrmn. Giles stated there are other parking areas in the vicinity which are used for other churches and the preschool facility as noted in Sgt. Sharoh's report. He suggested Sgt. Sharoh contact the minister at the First Baptist Church regarding this before any action is taken.

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It was moved by Vice Chrmn. Jagoe and seconded by Comm. Marrone to table this request until further feedback is received. Motion carried unanimously.

- b. Parking restrictions – Grove Circle – Chief Mello explained there has been several issues and complaints from this area and the department is putting a good deal of effort in monitoring the issues. He added the residents are pleased with those efforts and are pleased with the department inquiring what improvements can be made to make the area safe.

It was moved by Vice Chrmn. Jagoe and seconded by Comm. Faruolo to approve the recommendations of the Traffic Division regarding Grove Circle. Motion carried unanimously.

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 seconded by Vice Chrmn. Jagoe and seconded by Comm. Bergami to adjourn to Executive session at 7:25 p.m. to discuss

- a. Probationary Reviews: Quarterly reviews for Officer Richard Pisani and Officer Sharon Bloom.
- b. B. Consideration of the performance of three (3) employees.

Motion carried unanimously.

In attendance in executive session were the Commissioners, Chief Mello and Deputy Chief Fournier.

[Ald. Vetro left at 7:25 p.m.]

Chrmn. Giles reconvened the meeting in public session at 7:42 p.m.

It was moved by Vice Chrmn. Jagoe and seconded by Comm. Wanosky to adjourn at 7:42 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Candido, Secretary