

**MINUTES OF BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS MEETING
HELD TUESDAY, JUNE 7, 2011
STAFF CONFERENCE ROOM – POLICE HEADQUARTERS**

Chrmn. Jagoe called the meeting to order at 7:04 P.M.

1. ROLL CALL

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Sam Bergami, Melvin Eisenhandler, Alberta Jagoe, Sharon Marrone, Jerold Wanosky

COMMISSIONERS NOT PRESENT: Anthony Candido, Carol Faruolo

ALSO PRESENT: Police Chief Mello; Capt. Mooney; Ald. Vetro and D. Candido, Secty.

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

2. CONSIDERATION OF APPOINTMENTS - none

3. CITIZEN COMMENTS

J. Horton – present regarding agenda item 7a and withheld any comments at this time.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

It was moved by Comm. Eisenhandler and seconded by Comm. Marrone to approve the minutes of the meeting held on Monday, May 9, 2011 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

5. READING OF CORRESPONDENCE

Chief Mello shared the following correspondence:

- Mildred Blotney – resident – note of appreciation regarding Officers Robbins and Bedeker responding to 4/09 incident at her home. Apologized for the delay in sending the note and commended the department and the officers who serve the residents and city well.
- So. Central Criminal Justice Administration – thanking Det. Gall who served on the oral board examination panel for recruitment of police officers.
- Robert Nivakoff, Chief, Stamford Police Dept. – thanked Chief Mello and the department for participating in the recent Annual Police Memorial Parade & Ceremony.
- Milford Harbor Duck Race Committee – thanked Chief Mello and the department for their support and donation to the recent event.
- Numerous letters from elementary school students thanking Officers Cable and Taylor and K-9 Noble for their visit to the classrooms

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- Grade 3 Students, Racebrook Elementary School, Orange – numerous letters from elementary school students thanking Officers Cable and Taylor and K-9 Noble for their visit to the classroom and a presentation on safety and sharing with them the responsibility of police canines.
- International Association of Computer Investigative Specialists – recognition of departments support with training in computer forensic examiners.

Chief Mello added that Det. Frawley is a member of this group.

- Sebastian Fazzino, 106 Newfield St., Middletown, CT – expressed appreciation to Sgt. DellaMonica and other officers and members of the Fire Dept. for the assistance and help they provided him recently.

6. CONSIDERATION OF REPORT OF CHIEF ON MATTERS OF ADMINISTRATION

It was moved by Comm. Wanosky and seconded by Vice Chrmn. Bergami to add to the agenda item 6e. Reinstatement of J & M Auto Body to the Tow List. Motion carried unanimously.

a. Donation from Catherine Ross – Chief Mello explained Ms. Ross was making the donation in appreciation of Officer Destafano returning her lost credit card to her and the Chief recommended this donation be placed in the canine account for purchase of future canines.

It was moved by Vice Chrmn. Bergami and seconded by Comm. Marrone to accept the \$200 donation from Catherine Ross and the donation be applied to the K-9 account as recommended by Chief Mello. Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Mello added that he anticipates there will be a need to acquire 2 K-9s this year and possibly one next year based on the fact that officers could be moving up in rank and because of that will not be working with their partner K-9s.

b. Donation from Foxwood Condo Association (Geraldine Turecek, Pres.) – Chief Mello explained that recently a number of residents of Foxwood Condominiums had participated in the Citizens Police Academy. He added some of those people allegedly had greater expectations of the department and after their academy participation are now big supporters of the department. He stated they Section 3 of the Foxwood Condos have made a donation of \$500 to be used specifically for the purchase of a new K-9s when that need arises.

It was moved by Vice Chrmn Bergami and seconded by Comm. Wanosky to accept the \$500 donation from the Foxwood Condo Association and apply the funds to the K-9 account.

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Comm. Wanosky questioned what happens with the dog when an officer moves on and Chief Mello explained in most cases the officer chooses to keep the dog as his pet or the dog may be retrained to be used by another officer.

Motion carried unanimously.

c. Informational – Stenographer Deanna Fields, retirement effective 5/20/11. Chief Mello explained this position was one of the department lay-offs and that lay-off will occur through attrition because of her retirement.

Chief Mello also informed the Commission members that Deputy Chief Fournier will be retiring effective 6/23/11.

Chair Jagoe took the opportunity to note that Deputy Chief Fournier will be a big loss to the department and will be truly missed.

Chief Mello echoed those comments and added Deputy Chief Fournier has been with the department for 34 years and has served the department proudly and with distinction. Further he noted that when he became Chief, Deputy Chief Fournier was his personal choice to serve in that capacity noting he was a loyal and dedicated member of the department.

The Commission members agreed and wished Deputy Chief Fournier well.

d. Accident free mileage awards – It was moved by Vice Chrmn. Bergami and seconded by Comm. Marrone to award eight hours of comp time for an accumulation of 12,000 safe driving miles with no safety violations to Officers Bethke, Lennon, McNemar, Robinson and Det. Young. Motion carried unanimously

e. Reinstatement of J & M Auto Body to the Tow List – It was moved by Comm. Wanosky and seconded by Vice Chrmn. Bergami to approve the reinstatement of J & M Auto Body to the Tow List as recommended by Chief Mello.

Chief Mello explained J & M Auto Body had been on the list for approximately 5 years and in the late '90's the owner of the garage was arrested for insurance fraud. He added over the years they had applied for reinstatement and that application was denied. Chief Mello stated recently they looked into the garage's records and have determined that they do meet the requirements for reinstatement to the towing list.

Motion carried unanimously.

Chair Jagoe noted Ald. Vetro's arrival and asked if he had any matters to discuss with the Commission.

Ald. Vetro took the opportunity to compliment Lt. Connor for his recent presentation to the aldermen. He directed comments to complaints he had received regarding a tree at the

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intersection of Welches Point Rd and Pond Point and the obstruction to clear line of site it was causing.

Chief Mello noted this issue had been brought forward previously and the Commission had decided to take no action on the matter. He stated he will have the Traffic Division revisit the matter.

Ald. Vetro also noted that one of the Commissioners (Comm. Marrone) will be receiving a lifetime achievement award from the Democratic Town Committee.

Chief Mello thanked Ald. Vetro for his meeting attendance and support. He added that the Board of Aldermen voted to reinstate the officer that the Finance Board had previously recommended for lay-off. Chief Mello stated the department has worked hard to increase their resources and leave critical and essential staff members in place and this reinstatement of an officer emphasizes that effort.

7. REPORT ON PLANNING AND ZONING REQUESTS

a. Alpha Street –Capehart Common – Chair Jagoe asked Mr. Horton if he had any comments to add prior to the Commission's consideration on the matter.

Mr. Horton explained the area is a former Coast Guard housing site and it had been sold to a private developer. He stated one of the homes on the site had previously incurred fire damage and the new plan is to rehabilitate the existing homes including the home involved in the fire. He explained there are 16 homes in total included in the proposal. With regard to the recommended installation of sidewalks, Mr. Horton felt there might be space constraints on the properties.

Chief Mello added that area also has towers for radio system for the department and new towers and a building will be constructed and maintained by the city.

Chrmn. Jagoe informed Mr. Horton that the plan includes the recommendation regarding the sidewalks and that will be part of the Commission's recommendation.

It was moved by Comm. Wanosky and seconded by Comm. Eisenhandler to approve the Traffic Division recommendation regarding Capehart Common, Alpha Street (at length). Motion carried unanimously.

b. LA Fitness – 1201 Boston Post Rd. – It was moved by Comm. Wanosky and seconded by Vice Chrmn. Bergami to approve Traffic Division recommendation regarding LA Fitness, 1201 Boston Post Rd. Motion carried unanimously.

c. 3 Lot Subdivision – 128 Monroe St. – It was moved by Comm. Wanosky and seconded by Comm. Marrone to approve Traffic Division recommendation regarding 3 Lot Subdivision, 128 Monroe St. Motion carried unanimously.

8. ACCEPTANCE OF REPORTS

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

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

It was moved by Comm. Eisenhandler and seconded by Vice Chrmn. Bergami to accept reports a, b, c and d as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

- 9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS** - none
- 10. NEW BUSINESS** – none
- 11. COMMENDATIONS** - none
- 12. Executive Session**

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

No matters for consideration in Executive Session.

It was moved by Comm. Wanosky and seconded by Comm. Eisenhandler to adjourn at 7:32 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Candido, Secretary