

**MINUTES OF BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS MEETING
MONDAY, JUNE 11, 2018 7:00 P.M.
STAFF CONFERENCE ROOM, POLICE HEADQUARTERS**

Chairman Smith called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

1. ROLL CALL

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

ALSO PRESENT: Police Chief Mello; Deputy Chief Rahn; Lt. Chila, D. Candido, Secty.

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

2. CONSIDERATION OF APPOINTMENTS – none

3. CITIZEN COMMENTS

- B. Carissimi – 64 Kirkside Ave. – noted her sons recently completed the Citizens Police Academy and were thankful for how much they learned and how they enjoyed the program. She expressed gratitude to Chief Mello and the commission for supporting this great program.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

It was moved by Vice Chrmn. Bergami and seconded by Comm. Jagoe to approve the minutes of the April 9, 2018 meeting as presented. Comm. Faruolo abstained from voting as she was not present at the April meeting. Motion carried.

5. READING OF CORRESPONDENCE – Chief Mello shared the following:

- Kahud Family – expressed gratitude to the Police Dept. for their escort for family member funeral.
- CT. Police & Fire Retirees – expressed appreciation for the Department's participation in the Memorial Day 2018 ceremony.
- Milford resident – expressed appreciation for the Department's response to her home's security alarm accidentally set off by house guest noting the officer who was dispatched to her home was kind and courteous.
- Giordano Family – expressed gratitude to those officers who led the funeral procession of family member.
- Mr. & Mrs. R. Schmidt – Milford resident – noted on 3/29 police responded to a 911 call due to medical emergency at their home. Thanked the officers for their compassion and caring shown to the family during this difficult time.
- Woodruff YMCA – thanked Department for participation in Healthy Kids Day at the YMCA.
- Maureen Mauro-DeSantie – thanked the entire Milford Police Dept. for all they do to keep the residents safe and also noting the city is fortunate to have an outstanding class of well qualified trainers and leadership
- Paul Bortnick – Calf Pen Meadow PTA President – thanked Officers Joy and Mills for the way they handled a situation reported to DCF regarding students at Calf Pen Meadow, further noting both officers are exemplary human beings.

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- Patricia Aquila – moving out of Milford soon and wanted to note the times she has witnessed our police officers in action and the values and efforts these officers display in keeping our community safe.
- Mr. & Mrs. L. Elmo – Milford residents – expressed appreciation to Officer Onofrio for working out an agreement with contractor regarding a safety fence on their property.
- Lolita Balder – Arlington, VA – expressed appreciation to officers who responded to recent family tragedy noting the dispatcher and officers with whom she dealt with were compassionate and caring.
- Anne Lapham – Milford resident – noted on 5/15 she called the Traffic Div. to voice safety concerns regarding parking at the fields adjacent to the YMCA. Further noting that on 5/20 she was surprised and pleased when she attended another game at the same fields and was pleasantly surprised there was a crosswalk established near the field.
- Bill Beckell – thanked Officer Dempsey for his kind and compassionate demeanor
- 2018 Special Olympics Torch Run Committee – expressed appreciation for the following officers who participated in the 6/8/18 Special Olympics Torch Run: Officers Barbour, Narowski, St. Germain, Loschiavo, Lacey, Dempsey, Det. Broderick, Retired Lt. Compare, Sgt. DeStefano and Lt. Weymer.

6. CONSIDERATION OF REPORT OF CHIEF ON MATTERS OF ADMINISTRATION

It was moved by Vice Chrmn. Bergami and seconded by Comm. Faruolo to add to the agenda item 6 f. Anonymous \$500 Donation to be applied to the DARE account. Motion carried unanimously.

- a. Safe Driving awards for Sgt. Chris Dunn, Off. J. Salati, Off. W. Barbour, Off. J. Preto and Sgt. G. Todice. No action necessary
- b. Informational: 7-Eleven Store from 517 Boston Post Road donated Pizzas, sodas and chips on 4/16/18.
- c. Informational 3 cases of bottled water donated to department from Robert Fiore
- d. Milford Collision Center – request to be on Tow List – Chief Mello explained on 5/29 PFC Hemperly was contacted by Anthony Monaco informing him appropriate paper work had been filed to take him off of the business papers for Milford Collision Center. Since that time all requirements have been met for this submitted application and Traffic Division is recommending Milford Collision Center be approved to be on Tow List.

It was moved by Comm. Wanosky and seconded by Comm. Faruolo to approve the request of Milford Collision Center to be included on Tow List.

Chief Mello further explained the Tow List begins each year on 3/1 and applications are accepted in February. This application was originally denied and then the revised application was received and that is what is being submitted and considered at this time.

Comm. Rubenstein suggested it might be appropriate timing to review the regulations for consideration for tow list since it has been 5 years since they were reviewed.

Chief Mello felt that would not be necessary and the list is a rotating list. He emphasized the

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fact that they have corrected their application and do meet the regulations but consideration must be given as to whether they should reapply next year. He added in the past they did not qualify but those issues have been corrected and they now qualify.

Upon roll call vote, motion carried 6 yes and 1 no (Comm. Rubenstein).

e. Chief's General comments – Chief Mello reported there is a recruit who will graduate from the academy this week and then will be here in Milford.

f. Anonymous \$500 Donation to be applied to the DARE account – it was moved by Comm. Faruolo and seconded by Comm. Jagoe to accept the anonymous \$500 Donation to be applied to the DARE account. Motion carried unanimously.

7. REPORT ON PLANNING & ZONING REQUESTS

a. Special permit for Onsite Earth Material Processing – 354-438 Wheelers Farms Rd – it was moved by Comm. Rubenstein and seconded by Comm. Wanosky to uphold Traffic Division recommendation to approve the application for special permit for Onsite Earth Material Processing, 354-438 Wheelers Farms Road.

Attny. Tim Hollister and other contractors were present regarding this matter. Attny. Hollister explained the rock that is on site will be crushed at specified location and it is felt this is substantially less nosy alternative.

John Gilmore, Civil Engineer, explained this process meets zoning regs with respect to site lines. He noted the project should be starting up in fall 2018 and it is intended to avoid heavy truck traffic in the area. All of the material to be crushed is to be used on site. He further noted the crushing operation as stated in the application is for 90 days .

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 - none

10. NEW BUSINESS

a. Intersection Traffic Study – Boston Post Rd/Home Acres Ave/Firestone parking lot – it was moved by Comm. Wanosky and seconded by Comm. Rubenstein to uphold Traffic Div.

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recommendation regarding Intersection Traffic Study – Boston Post Rd/Home Acres Ave/Firestone parking lot.

Comm. Rubenstein noted Traffic Div. did an excellent job with this study.

Motion carried unanimously.

b. Speed and Parking issues Platt St – Melba to Morehouse Ave.- it was moved by Comm. Wanosky and seconded by Vice Chrmn. Bergami to approve Traffic Div. recommendation regarding Speed and Parking issues Platt St – Melba to Morehouse Ave. Motion carried unanimously.

c. Speeding Complaints – Merwin Ave/Sheffield/Live Oaks School area – it was moved by Comm. Wanosky and seconded by Comm. Jagoe to approve Traffic Div. recommendation regarding Speeding Complaints – Merwin Ave/Sheffield/Live Oaks School area.

Comm. Rubenstein questioned which option is being considered at this time.

Chief Mello explained the option being recommended is for the signage that hopefully can be funded by the City. He explained it would be for the similar speed signs that are now on Governors Avenue and will be installed on Gulf Street, adding these signs are quite expensive.

Comm. Wanosky and Comm. Jagoe amended the original motion to include approval either Option 1 or 1 and that decision would be up to the discretion of negotiations between Milford Police Department and the city. Motion carried unanimously to approve the amended motion.

11. COMMENDATIONS:

Deputy Chief Rahn shared the following with the Commissioners – on 4/10/18 a call was received from Boys & Girls Village regarding male who threatened harm to individuals. The male had then left the facility and felt to be a danger to the neighborhood. The male was subsequently located in a wooded area and threatened officers who were trying to talk with him in a calming way. Eventually Pfc. M. Mello struck up accord with the male, getting him to put down the large rocks he was threatening the officers with. The male was calmly transported to a medical evaluation facility. Based on their ability to secure the area and to keep the residents safe while deescalating a serious situation the following officers are to be commended:

Unit Citation for Det. N. Doerr, Off. S. Dubrow, Off. S. Owens – Case #2018-041364
Certificate of Commendation for Off. M. Mello, Off. M. Joy – Case #2018-041364

12. Executive Session

It was moved by Vice Chrmn. Bergami and seconded by Comm. Faruolo to adjourn to Executive Session at 7:35 p.m. for the following matters:

- a. Consideration of the performance of two employees.
- b. Quarterly probationary rating for one Officer.

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(Commissioners present, Chief Mello and Deputy Chief Rahn remained for Executive Session.)

It was moved by Vice Chrmn. Bergami and seconded by Comm. Jagoe to reconvene in public session at 8:05 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Vice Chrmn. Bergami and seconded by Comm. Rubenstein to support the Chief's position on discipline of officer. Motion carried unanimously.

Being no further business, it was moved by Comm. Wanosky and seconded by Comm. Jagoe to adjourn at 8:07 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Recorded by Diane Candido
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