

**MINUTES OF BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS MEETING
HELD MONDAY, AUGUST 8, 2011
STAFF CONFERENCE ROOM – POLICE HEADQUARTERS**

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

1. ROLL CALL

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

COMMISSIONERS NOT PRESENT: Anthony Candido

ALSO PRESENT: Police Chief Mello, Officer Lima, Sgt. Staurovsky, K. Patterson, Ald. Vetro and D. Candido, Secty.

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

Chrmn. Jagoe stated Comm. Candido had called to say he would attempt to make the meeting but he had a personal matter which was detaining him.

2. CONSIDERATION OF APPOINTMENTS - none

3. CITIZEN COMMENTS

- Ald. Vetro stated he recently attended the Department's promotional ceremony and was pleased with the promotion of five officers.

Chairman Jagoe and other commissioners stated they would like to be informed of future ceremonies and Chief Mello stated he would be sure the commissioners are on the invitation list in the future, adding the next ceremony should be in November.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

It was moved by Vice Chrmn. Bergami and seconded by Comm. Faruolo to approve the minutes of the meeting held on Monday, July 11, 2011 as presented.

Chrmn. Jagoe noted corrections on pg. 4, specifically the minutes should reflect the following: **Lt.** Compare and **Capt.** Shea.

Motion carried unanimously to approve the minutes as corrected.

5. READING OF CORRESPONDENCE

Chief Mello shared the following correspondence:

- Michael Baglio – commended Officer Robbins for his assistance earlier in July when his car keys were lost while at Walnut Beach. He noted Officer Robbins turned what could have been a stressful situation into a thorough solution with his assistance.
- Mary Ann Vassallo, Gr. 3 Teacher, Meadowside School – thanked Det. Gall for his visit along with the “critters” he transported to her grade 3 classroom. She added the

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students, parents and teachers were impressed with his presentation and the students remained engaged throughout his visit. Further, she noted it was nice to see the Milford Police Dept. reaching out to the community and also nice for the students to realize that police officers have outside interests as demonstrated by Det. Gall and his “critters.”

6. CONSIDERATION OF REPORT OF CHIEF ON MATTERS OF ADMINISTRATION

It was moved by Comm. Wanosky and seconded by Comm. Faruolo to remove item 6d. Safe Driving Award for Officer M. Mello from the agenda (previously acted on in July) and add item. 6. e. Retirement of Sgt. Joseph DellaMonica, Jr. Motion carried unanimously.

a. Informational: Recent promotions of Lt. Timothy Connor to Captain, Sgt. V. Dumas to Lieutenant, Sgt. B. Marshner to Lieutenant, Sgt. Kenneth Rahn to Lieutenant. No action necessary.

b. Donation of lifejackets from Sea Tow Southern Connecticut – Chief Mello explained Sea Tow had recently donated 10 lifejackets to the Department.

It was moved by Comm. Eisenhandler and seconded by Comm. Wanosky to approve the donation of 10 lifejackets from Sea Tow Southern Connecticut. Motion carried unanimously.

c. Donation from Target for Citizens Academy – Chief Mello explained that Target Corp. had donated a \$1,000 grant to fund future Citizens Police Academy Programs.

It was moved by Comm. Wanosky and seconded by Comm. Faruolo to approve the donation of a \$1,000 grant from Target Corp. to be applied to funding future Citizens Police Academy Programs. Motion carried unanimously.

d. Removed from agenda

e. Informational: Chief Mello reported Sgt. Joseph DellaMonica, Jr. would be retiring from the Department effective 8/17/2011. No action necessary.

7. REPORT ON PLANNING AND ZONING REQUESTS

a. Riveredge Estates Subdivision – 5 Riveredge – It was moved by Comm. Wanosky and seconded by Comm. Faruolo to approve the recommendation of the Traffic Div. regarding Riveredge Estates Subdivision – 5 Riveredge. Motion carried unanimously.

b. Special Exception for special use at 5 Eastern Steel Road – It was moved by Comm. Eisenhandler and seconded by Vice Chrmn. Bergami to approve the recommendation of the Traffic Div. regarding Special Exception for special use at 5 Eastern Steel Road. Motion carried unanimously.

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c. Bark Avenue Pet House – It was moved by Vice Chrmn. Bergami and seconded by Comm. Faruolo to approve the recommendation of the Traffic Div. regarding Bark Avenue Pet House. Motion carried unanimously.

d. Affordable Housing – 24 Units – White Oaks Terrace – 2nd Addendum Report – It was moved by Comm. Wanosky and seconded by Comm. Marrone to approve the recommendations of the Traffic Div. regarding 24 Units Affordable Housing - White Oaks Terrace, 2nd Addendum Report.

Comm. Faruolo referred to the plans submitted noting the 24 units include 2 parking spaces for each unit but there is no guest parking included in the plan. She added residents and guests will be exiting on White Oaks Terrace which is a narrow road and if guests would have to park on that street which is very narrow and she felt would this could pose a problem.

Chief Mello explained the Traffic Div. recommendation included parking for guests as well as sidewalks and if this is approved it would be approved with that recommendation included. He added the recommendation goes forward to P & Z and the developer could consider a new plan but tonight's approval is for the plan with our advice to include guest parking.

Comm. Faruolo asked if the developer could move forward with a plan that does not include what we are recommending. She expressed her concern about the parking and the existing traffic flow on to White Oaks Terrace and she felt if this was to go forward as submitted, there would be further problems.

Comm. Wanosky suggested the recommendation from the Traffic Div. include a specific statement insisting guest parking be included in the plan.

Chief Mello explained this is the 2nd recommendation that has come before the Commission, noting the previous recommendation included sidewalks. He noted stronger language could be part of the recommendation to include guest parking. Further, Chief Mello reminded the commissioners that this department can only make recommendations and does not have the authority to change a proposal. He again explained the recommendation could insist guest parking be included.

Mrs. Patterson interjected this 2nd plan came forward because it was felt that the first plan was not something that would go forward.

Chief Mello assured the commissioners the minutes of this meeting, reflecting the discussion on the matter would be part of the recommendation forwarded to P & Z.

Comm. Faruolo felt this commission needs to reflect the fact that we are concerned with the problems that could arise from the traffic flow.

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Chrmn. Jagoe asked if the Chief if it could be noted that the commission had a strong recommendation for the provision for guest parking and Chief Mello stated that could be included in the recommendation.

Comm. Faruolo felt she might also submit a letter with similar comments regarding her concerns.

Comm. Wanosky expressed his concern that the 1st plan included recommendations which were not part of the 2nd plan and Chief Mello explained both the 1st and 2nd plans and the Traffic Div. recommendations for each will go to P & Z as well as the comments included in the minutes of this meeting.

The commissioners were agreeable with that.

Motion carried with Vice Chrmn. Bergami abstaining.

8. ACCEPTANCE OF REPORTS

- 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. Wanosky and seconded by Comm. Eisenhandler to accept reports a, b, c and d as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS - none

10. NEW BUSINESS

a. Riverside Drive – request to change to two-way traffic – It was moved by Comm. Faruolo and seconded by Comm. Wanosky to accept the Traffic Div. recommendation regarding request to change to two-way traffic, Riverside Drive. Motion carried unanimously.

b. Governors Avenue – Speeding and Wrong Way Vehicles - It was moved by Vice Chrmn. Bergami and seconded by Comm. Eisenhandler to accept the Traffic Div. recommendation regarding Governors Avenue – Speeding and Wrong Way Vehicles. Motion carried unanimously.

c. Meadow St/Parkway Overpass – Request for “no Parking” on Southbound side – It was moved by Comm. Faruolo and seconded by Comm. Marrone to accept the Traffic Div. recommendation regarding Meadow Street/Parkway Overpass – Request for “no Parking” on Southbound side. Motion carried unanimously.

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d. Peak Ave./Bronson St. – Speeding/Wrong Way Vehicles/Stop Sign Request – It was moved by Comm. Marrone and seconded by Comm. Wanosky to accept the Traffic Div. recommendation regarding Peak Ave./Bronson St. – Speeding/Wrong Way Vehicles/Stop Sign Request. Motion carried unanimously.

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**

It was moved by Vice Chrmn. Bergami and seconded by Comm. Marrone to adjourn to Executive Session at 7:25 p.m. for the following matter:

a. Grievance #3-2011 at Step #3.

Chief Mello, Officer Lima and Sgt. Staurovsky were invited to remain for Executive Session.

Motion carried unanimously.

Officer Lima and Sgt. Staurovsky left Executive Session at 7:46 p.m.

It was moved by Vice Chrmn. Bergami and seconded by Comm. Wanosky to reconvene in public session at 8:23 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Vice Chrmn. Bergami and seconded by Comm. Wanosky to deny Grievance #3-2011 at Step #3. Motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Comm. Wanosky and seconded by Comm. Marrone to adjourn at 8:24 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Candido, Secretary