

## Approved

Board of Police Commission  
Regular Meeting  
January 24, 2012

Chairman D'Errico called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Present: Chairman D'Errico, Commissioners Monz, Lazaroff and Calafiore, Chief McLoughlin, Deputy Chief Mulhern, and Kevin Fletcher from NHTV.

Absent: Commissioner McLoughlin.

Chairman D'Errico introduced the dignitaries in the audience; First Selectman Freda, Walter Gawrych, Edward Fitzgerald, Doris Ferner, Retired Chief DiCarlo, and Retired Deputy Chief Habib. He also introduced Claudia Abercrombie and her family, and Marie Berniere.

The first order of business was the approval of the minutes for the December 20, 2011 regular meeting and executive session. A motion to accept was made by Commissioner Monz, second by Commissioner Lazaroff. The motion passed unanimously.

The next order of business was the approval of the monthly reports for December. A motion to accept was made by Commissioner Calafiore, second by Commissioner Monz. The motion passed unanimously.

### CORRESPONDENCE

1. A resident thanked Officer Norden and Officer Spose for their assistance during two different incidents.
2. A resident thanked Officer Spose for his assistance during a motor vehicle incident.
3. On behalf of the Branford Police Department, the Director of South Central Criminal Justice Administration thanked the Chief for allowing Deputy Chief Mulhern to serve as a panelist at a recent oral board examination.

### CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Old Business – Chairman D'Errico reported that the new Table of Organization is working very well. He complimented Chief and Deputy Chief for implementing the changes.

Chairman D'Errico said the overtime line is over budget due to Hurricane Irene and the October snow storm.

The two recruits will graduate from the police academy tomorrow. They will work with their field training officers for 10 weeks.

CHIEF'S REPORT

Chief McLoughlin recommended that a “No Outlet” sign be posted on Melillo Circle. Chairman D’Errico asked for a motion to approve the sign. A motion to post a “No Outlet” sign on Melillo Circle was made by Commissioner Lazaroff, second by Commissioner Monz. The motion passed unanimously.

The Department will acquire another K-9 shortly. Officer Alan Cantele will be the dog handler.

Chairman D’Errico commended Lieutenant Glenn on his patrol reports. Commissioner Lazaroff commented the graphs are very useful.

Chief reported that the overall budget is 3% under budget.

No new grievances.

Chief received a complaint of ATV violations in the area of Mill Road, Patten Road and Roarke Road. The area will be monitored.

Walter T. Berniere Scholarship Award – Chief McLoughlin asked for a motion to approve a scholarship award for Officer Richard Hannon for two courses he completed at Post University and for Officer Castiglione for two courses he completed at Trinity College. A motion to approve the awards was made by Commissioner Lazaroff, second by Commissioner Monz. The motion passed unanimously.

Chairman D’Errico began the formal presentation of the dedication of the Chairman Paul D. Abercrombie Police Commission and Training Room. The room was recently renovated and is being dedicated to the memory of Chairman Abercrombie who served on the Board of Police Commission from 1973-2000. He was the Chairman of the Commission for many years. He participated in the recruitment, selection, and hiring of 47 officers. Twenty-one of those officers are still active. He was on the Board when Chief Walter Berniere and Chief Kevin Connolly were sworn in. Chairman Abercrombie was instrumental in establishing the Walter T. Berniere Scholarship Fund.

Mr. Abercrombie was a State Representative in the 87<sup>th</sup> district for 12 years. He was a dedicated resident of North Haven. Chairman D’Errico said the Chairman was his mentor and his friend.

Chairman D’Errico presented the plaque to Mrs. Paul (Claudia) Abercrombie who said it was beautiful and quite a tribute to her husband. She thanked the Commission.

In describing Chairman Abercrombie, Chief McLoughlin described him as the Quintessential Operative:

- He was very well networked
- He knew all the players
- He knew when something was likely to occur before it actually did
- And if there was trouble ahead, he would make an effort to get out in front of it and mediate an agreement, or find a resolution, in an attempt to have a “Win-Win” for all parties.

Chief McLoughlin said that Chairman Abercrombie’s service on the Board of Police Commission is well documented. “As Chairman D’Errico said earlier, Chairman Abercrombie sat on the Board of Police Commission for 27 years, and he was involved in selection process and the promotional process of 40-plus officers.”

The Chief added, “The Department has a long history that is rich in integrity, excellence and service. And a good part of the credit goes to our commissioners: Chairman Abercrombie, the current Board of Police Commission and the commissioners that have served in the past...some that are here tonight and the others that have passed on.”

The Chief concluded, “We have been fortunate at the police department to have had Chairman Abercrombie, and all of you, to serve on our Commission.”

Chief McLoughlin read letters from Raymond Peach and Edward Parisella who served with the Chairman. Mr. Peach said it is a well deserved recognition and it was a pleasure to serve with him. He had skill and integrity. Mr. Parisella said it is a well deserved recognition and he served diligently for many years

Bernard McLoughlin sent his regards to the family. He served on the board with Chairman Abercrombie and enjoyed being in his company.

There was no business to be discussed for executive session.

Chairman D’Errico asked for a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Calafiore made the motion to adjourn, second by Commissioner Monz. The motion passed unanimously. The time was 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Larry Lazaroff, Secretary

Minutes by Mrs. Amato