

Preliminary Draft

**Board of Police Commission
Regular Meeting
January 28, 2014**

At 7:00 p.m., Chairman D'Errico called the meeting to order. He stated that the purpose for starting this meeting earlier tonight was for the swearing-in of Officer Marcus J. Artaiz.

Present: Chairman D'Errico, Commissioners Lazaroff, Monz, Spader, Calafiore, Chief McLoughlin, and Deputy Chief Mulhern.

Absent: All Present

Chairman D'Errico welcomed Dennis Harrison, Fire Marshall for the Town of Hamden, a friend of the Artaiz family, and also introduced the new Executive Assistant to the Police Department, Peggy Claflin.

Officer Marcus J. Artaiz was sworn in by Commissioner D'Errico at 7:09 p.m. His father pinned on his badge. Many family and friends were in attendance. Chief McLoughlin welcomed Officer Artaiz to the department.

At 7:11 p.m., the Chairman asked for a motion to temporarily adjourn to meet officer Artaiaz's family. Commissioner Lazaroff asked for the motion, second by Commissioner Monz. The Commission returned to regular session at 7:26 p.m.

The first order of business was the approval of the minutes for the December 17, 2013 regular meeting and executive session. Also, the approval of the minutes from the Special Meeting on December 19, 2013. A motion to accept was made by Chairman D'Errico, second by Commissioner Monz. The motion passed unanimously.

The next order of business was the approval of the monthly reports for December 2013. A motion was made by Commissioner Calafiore, second by Commissioner Lazaroff. The motion passed unanimously.

Correspondence

1. Chief McLoughlin received a letter from Charles Sherwood, Director of The South Central Criminal Justice Administration thanking Chief Mcloughlin for allowing Lieutenant Stanley Lofquist to serve as a Panelist at a recent oral board examination at the Derby Police Department.
2. A letter was received from David Barger, Chief of Public Safety at Quinnipiac University. The letter was notification of the University's intentions to arm a component of the Department of Public Safety, stating that in the very near future the University will begin to staff with armed Senior Public Safety Officers. Chief Mcloughlin questioned whether PA13-188 mentioned in the letter, is truly applicable, but stated he is in favor and believes they have the legal right to implement the program.

Chairman's Report

Chairman D'Errico asked if the new cameras have been installed in all patrol cars and if they are all functioning. Deputy Chief stated that currently three cameras are on order and as of yesterday, all vehicles were up and running efficiently.

Chairman D'Errico asked if every car is equipped with a laptop, Chief stated that all cars are equipped with fully functioning computers.

Chief McLoughlin stated that we have two new SUV's that are on order and are about eight weeks away from delivery.

Chairman D'Errico asked about starting a new Dare program. The Chief stated that meetings with the Superintendent of Schools have been ongoing to phase out the DARE Program and to develop a program tailored to target the Middle School students.

Chief suggested perhaps a substance abuse intervention program would better serve the grade seven students.

Chief McLoughlin asked the Commission to consider the formation of a committee composed of BOPC members and Board of Education (BOE) members, and to include a police officer and an educator from the middle school ranks, to study the effectiveness of the current DARE Program. Chairman D'Errico asked Chief if he would like him to put the sub committee together.

Chief will draft a formal letter to the Board of Education asking them to consider participating in this partnership.

Chief also stated that if the BOE chooses to be part of this committee, that they will be advised to contact Chairman D'Errico so the selection of the committee members can be completed.

Chairman D'Errico presented two letters that were received containing written requests from State Representative Dave Yaccarino, and State Senator Len Fasano asking to have a "Howard J. Luppi Way" sign added to the Oakwood Drive street sign. They asked for no change in street name, just a ceremonial sign added below the Oakwood Drive signage. Mr. Luppi is a former North Haven 2nd selectman, and a decorated WWII Veteran. Commissioner Califiore made a motion to vote on approval of "Howard Luppi Way". A second was received from Commissioner Monz and the motion passed unanimously.

Chief's Report

Chief McLoughlin addressed a guest that was present tonight to inquire about placement of a stop sign on Windsor Road. (Georgia Newcomb 17 Windsor Road North Haven)

Ms. Newcomb stated that there is a large shrub at the top of Windsor Road and she is concerned about traffic flow on Windsor Road and Windsor East. Ms. Newcomb spoke about visibility issues with a large shrub on the corner of Windsor Road and Windsor East. She understands that a request for a stop sign was submitted to the Police Commission, but before the Commission authorizes any signage, she asked if the shrubbery could be trimmed. Chief McLoughlin will reach out to the homeowner regarding removal of the shrub, and the Commission will table the stop sign posting until the next meeting.

Chief presented a request on behalf of Lieutenant Kevin Glenn for an award from the Walter T. Berniere Scholarship fund for reimbursement for two completed graduate courses. Chief also presented a request made by SRO Norden for reimbursement on one graduate class. A motion was made by Commissioner Monz, second by Commissioner Lazaroff to award the Scholarship. The motion passed unanimously.

Chief discussed the meeting at town hall last month with the Board of Education concerning the deployment of a supernumerary program in place for school security. The BOE does not want an officer stationed at every school but perhaps, they would prefer having an officer fading in and fading out, such as a supernumerary.

Chief suggested having an East side / West side patrol car for the schools. Preferably a retired police officer. Chairman D'Errico stated that there is a Town policy in place where any Town Retiree who returns to work for the Town is only allowed to work 160 hours per year. The Chief said that Attorney Ryan is currently looking in to this matter for further details. Chief stated he would pursue it if the Board of Police Commissioners were interested, but stated that it must also be approved by the Board of Education. Chairman Lazaroff made a motion to go forward, Monz second, all were in favor.

Chairman D'Errico asked about the amount of overtime for December, and in particular, special assignments. Chief stated that the 389 hours reported were a combination of DUI spot checks, and leaf pick-up for town highway.

Chief stated that overtime is right on target with last year. (December 2012)

Chief spoke briefly about his prior request for part time Dispatchers in the upcoming budget. He stated we have a need for this due to our EMD protocol.

A request was received for assessment of parking issues at the end of Old Broadway West. It is a dead end, cul-de-sac. Amtrak wants access to the rails; the town owns part of the land. The Chief suggested we post a no parking sign on the town part of the cul-de-sac. Chief also stated perhaps placing a curb, to identify where the town road starts and ends, should be considered.

Commissioner Monz made a motion to approve the placement of no parking signs for now, in the cul-de-sac. Second by Commissioner Lazaroff, all were in favor.

Chief McLoughlin brought forward that there has been a delay in the building project for new windows at Police Headquarters. Tests are being run and he is awaiting results.

Chief stated regarding other building issues, the front lobby has recently been repainted. Chief suggested replacing the deteriorating plaque commemorating North Haven's only fallen Police Officer Timothy Laffin. Chief also stated he would like to use the back wall for posting a plaque with our mission statement and value statement. This would require moving the pictures of the retired Police Chief's elsewhere, and to move the Berniere plaque to the front wall.

In addition, some floors have recently been buffed and cleaned. Some of these floor tiles are now starting to lift up. The maintenance contractor assured Deputy Chief that he would rectify the problem.

Chairman D'Errico asked for a motion to adjourn and move into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters. The motion was made by Commissioner Spader, second by Commissioner Calafiore. The motion passed unanimously. The time was 8:30 p.m.

Chairman D'Errico asked for a motion to adjourn. The motion was made by Commissioner Lazaroff, second by Commissioner Calafiore. The motion passed unanimously. The time was 8:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Minutes by P. Claflin

Larry Lazaroff, Secretary

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**Board of Police Commission
Executive Session
January 28, 2014**

Chairman D'Errico called the executive session to order at 8:30 p.m.

Present: Chairman D'Errico, Commissioners Monz, Lazaroff and Calafiore. Also Present was Chief McLoughlin and Deputy Chief Mulhern.

Absent: All were present.

Personnel matters were discussed.

Chairman D'Errico asked for a motion to adjourn. A Motion was made by Commissioner McLoughlin and second by Commissioner Lazaroff. Motion passed unanimously. The time was 8:36 p.m

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas J. McLoughlin
Chief of Police