

Preliminary Draft

**Board of Police Commission
Regular Meeting
February 25, 2014**

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

Present: Chairman D'Errico, Commissioners David Monz, Walt Spader and Marc Califore, Chief McLoughlin and Deputy Mulhern

Absent: Commissioner Lazaroff

The first order of business was the approval of the minutes for the January 28, 2014 regular meeting and executive session, and the February 4th special meeting. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Commissioner Spader, second by Commissioner Monz. The motion passed unanimously.

The next order of business was the approval of the monthly reports for January 2014. A motion to approve the reports was made by Commissioner Califore, second by Commissioner Monz. The motion passed unanimously.

Correspondence:

A thank you card was received from the Battle Family, thanking Officer Battick and Officer Julie Hill for their assistance.

Chairman's report: Nothing to report

Chiefs Report:

Chief stated that the January Budget shows the Department right on target considering there were three pay periods and two holidays during the month.

Chief added that the budget, up until today's date, shows that the Department is trending slightly under budget. Chief also stated that he is hopeful the Department can continue this trend, and if there is any surplus in the operating budget toward the end of this fiscal year, then we might be able to procure/purchase/buy certain needs and avoid any capital outlays for the next fiscal year.

The Board of Finance Budget Workshop was held on Wednesday Feb. 19, 2014. The Board received and reviewed the Departments financial request for fiscal year 2014-2015. One board member stated that the request was “modest and reasonable”

Building:

Chief provided an update on the Police building project concerning the roof and window replacement. Chief stated he was just informed today that a new roof would be installed this year. The window and facade project will have to wait until next fiscal year. This project will probably need to be bonded.

Investigative Services

The monthly report showed extensive activity from the Investigative Services Division. Chief explained that the Department had a recent extradition from Pennsylvania regarding the theft of a \$50K automobile from a 2012 case. There were also multiple narcotics arrest's, including one in which a drug dealer was arrested after a resident had overdosed. Also a sexual assault and the fabricated robbery at the Citgo Station on Washington Avenue in which that individual will be prosecuted.

Patrol/Communications

Chief stated that Captain Genovese has been doing a great job with his recent transfer to the Patrol Division. The activity generated from that unit has steadily increased.

Traffic

There was a fatal one-car accident on Skiff Street on January 31 at 12:30a.m. This accident is still under investigation. At this time, speed appears to be one factor.

Chief provided the Board with a notice he received yesterday, from the State DOT. The letter was to notify the Department about resurfacing of Route 5 (Washington Ave) at the I-91 bridge to Defco Park Road. The State DOT also indicated that they are planning to resurface Route 22 (Clintonville Road) from Washington Avenue to the North Branford town- line. DOT stated that both projects would be done during the 2014 construction season, “dependent upon funding approval”.

Chairman D'Errico asked Chief if the State would be covering the overtime pay the police presence needed for these projects. Chief said he was not sure but usually the work is performed at night with the State using its own crew/flag men for this type of traffic detail.

Chief's office received an inquiry today from the State DOT based on a request from a private citizen who contacted State Representative Dave Yaccarino requesting an "Exclusive Pedestrian Crosswalk" on Route 5 at Blakeslee Avenue. Currently there are two pedestal push buttons on the South corner of this intersection. Chief mentioned to the Engineer that if we were to do this, that they should probably include an exclusive crosswalk for Blakeslee Avenue as well.

Chief expressed concern about pedestrian safety at this busy intersection stating that often times a coach bus will stop at the nearby Burger King where bus riders will often cross Washington Avenue to go to several of the local establishments, such as Starbucks, CVS and the D'Angelo Sub Shop. He added that the nearby Grover Wyman Park attracts young pedestrians and bicycles during the warmer weather also.

Chief stated that one down side to this would be that it can cause traffic to remain in queue while the walk lights are engaged, and may cause a little traffic back up on Washington Avenue. Chief stated that the wait time is usually 7 seconds plus some added time based on the width of the road. The standard wait time for crosswalk lights is one second per 3.5 feet. The State DOT is not asking for approval, they just wanted to see that the local authority is informed and in agreement with this. Commissioner Monz, questioned the light queuing on Blakeslee Avenue and asked if they could extend the green light on Blakeslee Avenue. Chief stated yes, however should they extend it, it may cause a longer wait on Washington Avenue. Chief said it would be a little inconvenient, but for the safety of the public, he thought it was a good idea.

Commissioner Califiore stated he would like to make a motion allowing the Chief to tell the State that the Commission is in support of it. Commissioner Spader made a motion that the Chief be allowed to tell the State DOT that they are in agreement with this plan. Commissioner Califiore second. All were in favor.

The DOT said this could occur during the next year, or in the near future or perhaps through what the DOT calls a "next service memo", which is simply processed internally.

Chief updated the Board regarding the Windsor Road East & Windsor Road concern from last month's meeting.

Chief stated that we have looked at Ms. Falsey's request again for a Stop sign on Windsor Road East at Windsor Road. Last month the Commission tabled Ms. Falsey's request after another resident on the street raised some concern, should the Town elect to make this intersection a 3-way stop. This second resident was concerned about an overgrown shrub at this corner, which may need to be trimmed, or removed, thus negating the need for a stop sign.

Since the last BOPC meeting, Captain Merrithew has identified the homeowner of this particular piece of property through the Town Assessor's Records as Suzanne Hyman of 11 Windsor Road.

Captain Merrithew has gone to the Hyman home on different occasions, but there was no one at home. He has prepared a written letter to Ms. Hyman identifying the need to trim this oversized hick-yew.

It has also been confirmed through the Board of Education that this location is currently a scheduled school bus stop for High School and Middle School students. It is likely, even the shrub is trimmed, that a stop sign to properly regulate the flow of traffic at this intersection will still be needed on Windsor Road East.

Chief stated that with all the snow this past month, it is a bit difficult to get a true picture but will continue to pursue this matter.

Training

Our newest Officer Marcus Artaiz will attend the Police Academy starting April 4, 2014. He will attend for 22 weeks and will graduate the 2nd week of September. Officer Artaiz will then be required to complete 10 weeks of field training, and Chief anticipates that Officer Artaiz should be on his own around Thanksgiving.

Chief advised the Commission that he that he sent a letter to the Board of Education regarding our desire of the BOE to work with the Police Department to study the current DARE Program. Chief stated that he also asked the BOE to consider the Supernumerary Concept for added school security but he has not heard back as of yet from the Board of Education. Chief stated he expects to hear from them soon, and stated that their last meeting may have been cancelled due to inclement weather.

Chief spoke concerning the Supernumerary concept, he asked the Commission to consider it, but was not looking for a vote this evening. Commissioner Califore wanted it put on the record stating that he supports this concept.

Chief stated that this position would be available for North Haven Police Officers, who retire in good standing. These retired officers would apply through the Police Commission for a two-year appointment, which could be extended depending on the officer's performance and health.

The supernumerary would be a sworn officer who could augment certain shortages, including outside duty assignments. Chief asked the commission to think about this concept and then perhaps accept or reject the idea.

Grievances

Chief Mcloughlin had no grievances to report, but stated he has an extended injury leave that will be discussed in Executive Session.

Berniere Scholarship:

There were no requests this month.

Chairman D'Errico asked Chief about the status of the Police Department Lobby. Chief said he is anticipating delivery of the new signs this week, and just received a quote for the tiles in the lobby that were damaged by the custodial company. The tiles will be replaced at no cost to the Police Department.

Chairman D'Errico asked for a motion to adjourn and move into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters. The motion was made by Commissioner Califore, second by Commissioner Spader. The motion passed unanimously. The time was 7:52 p.m.

At 8:17 p.m., the Commission reconvened to regular session for the purpose of voting. Commissioner Califore made the motion to extend 30 days sick leave to Officer John Battick. Second by Commissioner Monz. All were in favor.

Commissioner D'Errico asked for a motion to adjourn. The motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Califore, second by Commissioner Monz. The time was 8:19 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Larry Lazaroff, Secretary

Minutes by P. Claflin

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**Board of Police Commission
Executive Session
February 25, 2014**

Chairman D'Errico called the meeting to order at 7:58 p.m.

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

Absent: Commissioners Lazaroff

Personnel matters were discussed.

Commissioner Calafiore asked for a motion to adjourn. The motion was made by Commissioner Spader, second by Commissioner Monz. The motion passed unanimously. The time was 8:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas McLoughlin, Chief of Police