

Board of Police Commission  
Regular Meeting  
Chairman Paul D. Abercrombie Police Commission  
And Training Room 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
April 28, 2015  
7:00 p.m.

Chairman D'Errico called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Chairman Joseph F. D'Errico, Commissioners Larry Lazaroff, Marc Calafiore, and Walt Spader, Chief Thomas McLoughlin, Deputy Chief Jon Mulhern

Absent: Commissioner David Monz

The first order of business was the approval of the minutes from the March 24, 2015 meeting Regular and Executive sessions. Commissioner Spader made the motion to approve the minutes. Commissioner Calafiore seconded the motion. No further discussion. All were in favor.

Chairman D'Errico asked for a motion to approve the monthly reports for March 2015. The motion to approve the minutes was made by Commissioner Calafiore, seconded by Commissioner Lazaroff. All were in favor.

Chairman had discussion regarding motor vehicle activity and hand held device citations. He questioned why the first three months of the year the citation numbers are so low. Chief explained that the winter weather was horrible, and he believes this to be the reason. Chairman asked why the numbers are down this year. Chief said at the end of the year, the numbers all balance out. Mr. D'Errico asked Chief why the overtime number is so high for dispatchers. Chief explained that recently a full time dispatcher retired causing the three remaining full time dispatchers to fill the void. Chief stated this position has been recently filled. Mr. D'Errico also asked what the 60k part time line in the budget was for. Chief explained that this is for the three part time dispatchers.

Correspondence:

A letter of thanks was received from Pauline Burke thanking Officer Marcus Artaiz for his support during a motor vehicle accident which she was involved in.

Chairman's Report:

Old Business:

Commissioner D'Errico asked for a motion to continue the department's current program with the DEA. The motion to continue the DEA program was made by Commissioner Lazaroff. Commissioner Spader seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. All were in favor.

New Business:

Mr. D'Errico asked Chief if there was anything that could be done regarding the time cycling of the traffic light at Montowese and Quinnipiac Avenue, as well as the light at Montowese Avenue and North Frontage Road. Chairman said he spent three mornings observing traffic at the intersection of Montowese and Quinnipiac Avenues, and the traffic back up is horrible. Chief explained that Montowese Avenue in this location is a State Road, and he will reach out to the Department of Transportation to see if anything could be done.

Chairman D'Errico asked Chief McLoughlin to notify police personnel as of May 1, 2015 advising them of the upcoming test for Captain, Lieutenant, and Sergeant.

Commissioner Calafiore asked that the Department revisit the supernumerary program. He said it would be good to hire retired North Haven officers on a part time basis, stating it would be of little cost to the town. Chief McLoughlin said he supports this program, yet there are several issues that would need to be ironed out before it could happen. Chief states, there is some un clarity as to the hours of work per year allowed to part time retirees.

Commissioner Calafiore agreed there is a lot to discuss, but said he supports the program and wants to proceed with it. Commissioner Calafiore asked for a motion to give Chief McLoughlin the authority to move forward with developing a program and to present to the Board next month a policy/directive to implement a supernumerary program in compliance with the town ordinance and Police Union. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lazaroff. All were in favor.

Commissioner Lazaroff talked about the outdated DARE program and said he has established a group of educators as well as a Police Officer to recreate/develop a program designed for today's needs. This group will be meeting on May 18<sup>th</sup> and they hope to have the program in place for the next school year.

#### Chiefs Report:

Chief reminded everyone with the warmer weather there is a higher presence of motorcycles on the road, and asks residents to readjust our driving and be aware of motorcycles. Chief said there has already been a motorcycle accident in town with serious injuries reported.

There were no Walter T. Beirnie scholarship requests this month.

Chief said that the budget is still on target and feels there will be a 1 or 1/2 % surplus at the end of the fiscal year. Chief explained that he was hoping for \$14,000.00 reimbursement for a damaged traffic light due to a hit and run accident. Chief recently learned that this light is not covered by the town insurance policy. Chief explained that the finance department is now looking into getting coverage for traffic lights.

#### Traffic /Support Services

There was a serious motorcycle accident two weeks ago.

The distracted driving enforcement totaled 177 tickets issued. The second phase of this will be in August.

Chief said the stop signs at the intersecting streets with George Street have been replaced.

Chief received a request to place "No Parking" signs on North Frontage Road. Tractor trailer trucks are parking overnight causing travel issues. Chief asked the Board to consider posting "No Parking" signs on the West side of North Frontage Road. Chief explained that there are already signs on the East side of the road. Commissioner Lazaroff made the motion to post "No Parking" signs on the West side of North Frontage Road. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Spader. All were in favor.

Chief also received a request to place “blind person” signs on Nettleton Avenue. The sign would read “Blind Person Area”. Chairman D’Errico made the motion to place “Blind Person Area” signs on Nettleton Avenue. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Spader. All were in favor.

Chief said he contacted the State DOT and requested the crosswalks in front of the Town Green and Town Hall be restriped. He also asked that all crosswalks on Washington Avenue up to Blakeslee Avenue be restriped. Chief said he has also asked the State DOT to look in to making the light at Blakeslee and Washington a preemptive light for emergency vehicles. This would allow the Fire personnel the ability to change the light to red from their apparatus while responding to a call.

The Memorial Day parade is scheduled for May 23 at 10:30 a.m. Rain date is May 30.

#### Training

Recruit Pacileo is doing well at the Police Academy and is scheduled to graduate on June 16<sup>th</sup>. He will then have 10 weeks training before he can be on patrol by himself. Chief anticipates he will be ready by Labor Day.

Chief received the recruit testing list from South Central Criminal Justice. Chief anticipates interviewing candidates next week. The candidates will then meet with the Board of Police Commissioners on May 19, 2015 to be interviewed for the open Patrolman position. Chief said we have a seat reserved at the Police Academy for July 3, 2015, and two seats at the Milford Academy in September.

The full time dispatcher position has been filled, and Chief anticipates the new dispatcher will be finished training and able to work on his own in two weeks.

All patrol vehicles are now equipped with Overdose Kits. (Narcan)

The prescription take back was very successful. Chief said that roughly 80 lbs. of prescription medication was taken in.

Investigative Services had a very busy month as shown in Lt. Kevin Glenn’s detailed report.

#### Building Update:

The fenced in parking area project is now underway and we are waiting for the asphalt pavement to be finished before the fence can be installed. Chief has also asked the paving company to give him a quote to repair the front steps at Police Headquarters.

Other:

Wendy Marinelli 132 Buell Street was present and asked the Board if they had revisited her request to remove the crosswalk stanchions that are fronting her drive way. She explained that the Board voted in October 2014 to leave the stanchions in place for thirty days. Ms. Marinelli stated she has not heard from anyone regarding this issue. She asked the board to revisit this issue and asked the Commission to please place some alternative signage in front of her home. Chief suggested putting a sign on the curb line with a pedestrian walking with an arrow pointing to the crosswalk. Deputy Mulhern said that we have some options; remove the stanchions, wait 30 days to report back on the research, such as; are they appropriately placed, are they properly used, etc. Commissioner Calafiore made the motion that both stanchions stay in place for now until the next meeting to make a more informed decision after the research has been presented in a report. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Spader. All were in favor.

With no further discussion, Chairman D'Errico asked for a motion to adjourn for the purpose of moving to executive session to discuss personnel matters. Commissioner Spader made the motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lazaroff. All were in favor.

The time was 8:17 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Larry Lazaroff, Secretary

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Executive Session  
Chairman Paul D. Abercrombie Police Commission  
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April 28, 2015

Chairman D'Errico called the meeting to order at 8:25 p.m.

Present: Chairman Joseph F. D'Errico, Commissioners Lazaroff, Calafiore, and Spader, Chief Thomas McLoughlin, Deputy Chief Jon Mulhern

Absent: Commissioner David Monz

Personnel matters were discussed.

Commissioner Spader made the motion to adjourn. Seconded by Commissioner Calafiore  
All were in favor. The time was 8:40 pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Thomas McLoughlin, Chief of Police