

Board of Police Commission  
Regular Meeting  
Chairman Paul D. Abercrombie Police Commission  
And Training Room 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
July 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 Dave Monz, Larry Lazaroff, Marc Calafiore, Walt Spader, Chief Thomas McLoughlin and Deputy Chief Jon Mulhern

Absent: All were present

Others Present: First Selectman Michael Freda, State Representative Dave Yaccarino, Lori Laffin along with many members of the Laffin family, several active as well as retired North Haven Police Officers, Retired North Haven Chief of Police; Jim DiCarlo, Retired Police Commission Chairman; Ray Peach and several members of the community.

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Chairman D'Errico informed those in attendance that he was adjusting the order of the meeting to accommodate the unveiling of the Fallen Officer Timothy Laffin bronze plaque which is now a permanent fixture in the Police Department.

Chairman D'Errico spoke on behalf of the Commission about Officer Laffin and his legacy to the Town of North Haven. Lori Laffin and her son Tim then unveiled the plaque which was adorned with the National Law Enforcement Fallen Officers flag.

First Selectman Mike Freda spoke to those present regarding Officer Laffin and his legacy. Mr. Freda thanked the North Haven Police Department for their dedication, determination, and professionalism.

State Representative Dave Yaccarino briefly spoke to those present about Officer Laffin. his dedication and commitment to public safety. He thanked all of the officers present for the work they do every day.

The meeting paused for a brief recess by the Chairman to allow the Laffin family to have pictures taken.

At 7:25 p.m. Chairman D'Errico reconvened the meeting back to regular session.

The first order of business was the approval of the minutes from the June 23, 2015 meeting, both Regular and Executive sessions. Commissioner Spader made the motion to approve the minutes. Commissioner Lazaroff seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. All were in favor.

Chairman D'Errico asked for a motion to approve the monthly reports for June 2015. The motion to approve the monthly reports was made by Commissioner Calafiore; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Monz. There was no further discussion. All were in favor.

**Correspondence:**

- Selectman Freda received a letter of thanks which he forwarded to Chief McLoughlin from Former East Haven Mayor April Capone thanking Officer Maurice Martin and the whole police department for their quick response, and professionalism during a recent incident she was involved in.
- A letter was received from a resident thanking Officer Rich Hannon for his assistance during a recent motor vehicle accident which she was involved in.
- A resident sent a thank you letter to an unnamed officer who was conducting traffic recently at a concert on the green, stating because this officer was alert, she was able to avoid being hit by a vehicle which was attempting to back out of a parking space.
- The North Haven Police Department received a certificate from the Girl Scouts of America, thanking the department for participating in their Community Project.
- A letter was received from Retired Hamden Police Chief Robert Nolan, thanking the department for their recent help with a funeral escort for his daughter.

**Chairman's Report:**

Chairman D'Errico reminded residents again, to be aware of their surroundings and to be sure to lock all vehicle doors at night. D'Errico explained that cars are still being broken into during the overnight hours.

**Chiefs Report:**

Chief McLoughlin explained that vehicles are still being broken in to during the evening hours throughout the town. He urges residents to keep vehicles and homes locked and to be aware of your surroundings. Chief asked residents to call the police department if they see anything suspicious.

Chief explained that recently an elderly resident was victim to a water company scam. The suspect posed as a water company employee, while another suspect tried to distract the resident, in order to gain entry to her home. Fortunately, the homeowner sustained no loss. Chief reminds residents, that most of the time an appointment with utility companies has already been pre-arranged, and in addition, legitimate employees will have a uniform with a badge for identification. Chief McLoughlin said if it doesn't look right, do not let them in your home, and call the police immediately.

Regarding the budget, Chief explained it is the beginning of a new fiscal year, and some of the line items look nearly exhausted. This is mainly because most vendors require renewal of yearly maintenance contracts in July.

**Support Services and Traffic:**

The State DOT has advised Chief that they will be replacing the decking on the Basset Road bridge in the fall of 2016. The bridge will be closed for several months. Chief said most likely traffic will be diverted down Blakeslee Avenue to Pool Road. The traffic engineers for this project will provide a detour plan

A resident of Windsor Road has requested signage for a “no thru traffic” sign. This item was tabled from last month’s Police Commission meeting. This resident was asked to provide a written letter expressing his concerns to the Chairman. The Board will discuss it at the next meeting on August 25, 2015.

Regarding the fleet, Chief explained the second car that was put up for auction last month has sold at a much better price. The three new vehicles in the budget this year to be purchased will be two Ford SUV Interceptors. The third vehicle is a heavy duty pickup truck type vehicle. Bob Thomas Ford of Hamden was the lowest bidder. These vehicles will be ready for delivery in about, 90-120 days.

The State DOT advised Chief that some “turn only” lanes on Washington Avenue have been changed. This is to better manage traffic flow in and out of local retailers

The State DOT will be upgrading some of the railroad crossings with more signage, and updated markings in the roadways.

**Training:**

Firearms recertification for the entire department is taking place this week.

The two recruits sworn in last month; Michael Altieri and Brandon Esterby have started at the Police Academy in Meriden, July 1st. Chief explained that a seat became available at the last minute, and Esterby was able to start July 1<sup>st</sup> in Meriden. Initially he was scheduled to start training September 1<sup>st</sup> at the Milford Police Academy.

Officer Pacileo is nearing the completion of his ten week field training. Officer Pacileo should be working patrol by himself by the end of August.

Chief explained that the department is in the early stages of obtaining and utilizing body cameras. Chief explained that eventually body cameras will be mandated by Legislature and believes it is best to start preparations now. Chief explained that the department will have to front the money for the cameras, but the state will reimburse the department 100%, as long as money is available. The cost of these cameras is roughly \$1000.00 each. The department currently has 10 body cameras which are being tested and evaluated. These cameras are from the same vendor that the department utilizes for the cruiser cameras.

Chief reported that the new security cameras on the building are up and running and working efficiently. Chief explained that recently a window in the front vestibule was broken, and the cameras were able to provide details of the damage.

**Investigative Services Division:**

Investigative Services had another very busy month. There were five overdoses, one of which was fatal. Detectives are working to determine the source of the drugs.

The SWAT team along with the Hamden and New Haven Police Departments recently supported the DEA in executing search warrants in New Haven, which led to the arrest of 18 heroin dealers.

**Walter T Berniere Scholarships:**

There were no scholarship requests this month.

**Building Update**

Recently, the town signed with Johnson Controls to conduct an energy study on all of the town buildings. Due to this study, the department will be getting its boiler replaced before the winter. Also, doors and other areas at headquarters have been weather stripped for energy efficiency. The boiler replacement will no longer be part of the police capital request.

The department recently received an invitation from the Town of Wallingford to be considered as part of a regional communication center; similar to what the department looked in to a year and a half ago with the town of Hamden. Chief explained it is only in the talking stages now. Cheshire is also included in this project.

With no further discussion, Chairman D'Errico asked for a motion to adjourn to move to Executive Session for the purpose of discussing personnel matters.

Commissioner Calafiore made the motion to adjourn. The motion to adjourn was seconded by Commissioner Lazaroff. All were in favor.  
The time was 7:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

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Larry Lazaroff, Secretary

Minutes by P. Claflin

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Executive Session  
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Chairman D'Errico called the meeting to order at 7:44 p.m.

Present: Chairman Joseph F. D'Errico, Commissioners Larry Lazaroff, David Monz, Marc Calafiore, and Walt Spader

Also present: Chief Thomas McLoughlin and Deputy Chief Jon Mulhern

Absent: all were present.

The commission interviewed Stephen Sudac for employment as a police officer.

The Chairman asked if there was a motion to offer Mr. Sudac employment as a police officer.

Commissioner Calafiore made a motion that Stephen Sudac be given a conditional offer of employment with the conditions that he:

- (1) Successfully pass an entry-level medical examination.
- (2) Successfully pass a substance abuse screening examination.
- (3) Successfully pass a polygraph examination.
- (4) Successfully pass an in depth background investigation.
- (5) Successfully pass the Cooper Standards as administered by POSTC.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lazaroff and all were in favor.

With no further business, the Chairman asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Spader and seconded by Commissioner Calafiore. All were in favor.

The time was 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas J. McLoughlin  
Chief of Police