

Board of Police Commission
Regular Meeting
Chairman Paul D. Abercrombie Police Commission
And Training Room 2nd Floor
February 23, 2016
7:00 p.m.

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

Present: Chairman Joseph F. D'Errico, Commissioners, David Monz, Marc Calafiore, and Walt Spader, Chief Thomas McLoughlin and Deputy Chief Jonathan Mulhern

Absent: Commissioner Larry Lazaroff

The first order of business was the approval of the minutes from the January 26, 2016 meeting both Regular and Executive sessions.

Commissioner Spader made the motion to approve the minutes. Commissioner Monz 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 January 2016.

The motion to approve the monthly reports was made by Commissioner Calafiore; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Monz. All were in favor. Chairman D'Errico commended Captain Ed Remington for his reports and said he is doing a great job.

Correspondence:

A letter of thanks was received from a patron at Cinemark thanking Officers John Battick and John Wilcox for their assistance recently when she sustained a fall outside of the establishment.

An effusive letter was received from two individuals thanking Detective Michael Harton for his professionalism and assistance with an incident they had regarding their disabled motor vehicle at Cinemark.

A letter was received from a retired New Haven officer thanking Cathy Smittner for her professionalism during fingerprinting.

Chairman's Report:

Old business: Chairman asked Chief about the front stairs at headquarters and Chief explained that he recently received two estimates for the repairs, and neither would be a quick or inexpensive immediate fix to them. There is a lot of work that needs to be done. Chief said they could also get the stairs patched in the spring.

New business: Chairman commended Chief and Deputy Chief on their recent presentation at the Board of Finance budget workshop on February 17th.

Chiefs Report:

Chief reported that the current budget is right on target.

Chief explained that the second floor classroom at headquarters is undergoing some work to develop the Town Emergency Operations Center (EOC). Initially the EOC was to be housed at Fire Headquarters; however there is not enough space to accommodate it. Town hall had funds available for this project and the cost of the EOC will not come out of the police department budget.

Investigative Services Division:

Detectives have had another busy month and are currently working on two recent commercial burglaries, and ongoing drug investigations.

Information Services:

The two most recent academy graduates; Esterby and Altieri, have one more week of field training and Chief expects that they will be patrolling on their own the first week of March. Chief reports that the department is now fully staffed.

Walter T. Berniere Scholarship:

Sergeant Joe Woznyk has requested reimbursement for two undergraduate classes. The motion to award reimbursement to Sgt. Joe Woznyk was made by commissioner Monz and seconded by Commissioner Calafiore. All were in favor.

Support Services/Traffic:

Sergeant Bob DePalma and Officer Ralph Rienzo are running the traffic division. They have investigated several accidents and are conducting specialized traffic enforcement.

The traffic division has been working with members of the American Legion to prepare for the Memorial Day parade which will take place on Saturday, May 28. They are working to implement a destination starting point for parade units to assemble, as the middle school parking lot isn't available due to the ongoing construction.

Chief will be meeting with Attorney Jenn Coppola regarding a recent parking issue with oversized recreational vehicles being parked on streets. Ms. Coppola is drafting some language to develop a town ordinance.

Commissioner Walt Spader asks residents to be diligent and lock cars at night.

Uniformed Services:

April is child abuse awareness month and officers will be working with Colonel Ray Fowler to promote public awareness of Child abuse. The Board of Education and Town Hall will also be promoting this important cause.

Read across American day is March 2nd. Officers will participate at Clintonville School by reading to the children. The Department has participated in this program for several years.

MADD (Mothers Against Drunk Driving) will be hosting their annual Tri Town walk on April 30th in Cheshire. Next year North Haven will host the walk.

Building Update:

Chief distributed a detailed report to the members of the Board regarding building needs.

Public Comment:

Bob Nappe of 20 Eaton Street asked the Board for an update on the supernumerary program. Chairman D'Errico said the program has now been designed and put in place. Mr. Nappe asked about hiring police officers from other towns, and Chairman D'Errico explained the policy is written for retired North Haven Officers exclusively. Nappe distributed a list of POST requirements for Supernumeraries to Chief McLoughlin, Deputy Mulhern, and all commission members present.

Chairman D'Errico asked for a motion to adjourn for the purpose of moving to executive session to discuss personnel matters, and to review an application for a Supernumerary position. Commissioner Monz made the motion to adjourn. Commissioner Spader seconded. All were in favor.
The time was 7:20 p.m.

At 7:40 the meeting reconvened for the purpose of voting to accept an application for a Supernumerary position.

Chairman D'Errico asked for a motion to accept the supernumerary application of Mark Iannone pending that he adheres to the condition of keeping his POST certification current otherwise he will not be eligible for the position.

The motion to accept the application was made by Commissioner Monz and seconded by Commissioner Calafiore. All were in favor.

Commissioner Spader explained that the Supernumerary policy was crafted by Chief McLoughlin and the Police Union, and was approved by the Board of Police Commissioners. The policy provides retired North Haven Police Officers who have had no longer than a one year break in service, the opportunity to work traffic details only.

Chairman asked for a motion to adjourn. The motion was made by Commissioner Calafiore and seconded by Commissioner Spader. All were in favor. The time was 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Larry Lazaroff, Secretary

Board of Police Commission
Executive Session
February 23, 2016

Chairman D'Errico called the executive session to order at 7:22 p.m.

Present: Chairman D'Errico, Commissioners David Monz, Walt Spader and Marc Calafiore. Also Present; Chief McLoughlin and Deputy Chief Mulhern.

Absent: Commissioner Larry Lazaroff

Personnel matters were discussed.

Chairman D'Errico asked for a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Monz made the motion to adjourn. Commissioner Spader seconded. All were in favor.
The time was 7:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas J. McLoughlin
Chief of Police