

Board of Police Commission  
Regular Meeting  
Chairman Paul D. Abercrombie Police Commission  
And Training Room 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
April 26, 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, Larry Lazaroff , David Monz, Marc Calafiore, and Walt Spader, Chief Thomas McLoughlin and Deputy Chief Jonathan Mulhern

Absent: All were present.

Others present: Town Attorney Jennifer Coppola

The first order of business was the approval of the minutes from the March 22, 2016 meeting both Regular and Executive sessions.

Commissioner Lazaroff 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 March 2016.

The motion to approve the monthly reports was made by Commissioner Monz; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Lazaroff. All were in favor.

**Correspondence:**

There was no correspondence this month.

**Chairman's Report:** Chairman D'Errico asked for motion to move the May Police Commission meeting to the 17th. Chief explained that the Town Budget referendum is on the 17th. Chairman D'Errico suggested the 18th or 19th. The board agreed to move the meeting to the 18th of May. Chairman D'Errico asked for a motion to move the meeting to May 18th. The motion was made by Commissioner Spader and seconded by Commissioner Calafiore. All were in favor.

Chairman D'Errico said he received a request from resident asking for no parking signs to be placed on both sides of Frontage Road. Months ago no parking signs were placed on the east side, however now tractor trailer trucks are parking on the west side. Chairman asked for a motion to place "no parking" signs on both sides of frontage road. The motion was made by Commissioner Lazaroff and seconded by Commissioner Spader. All were in favor.

Chairman D'Errico asked Chief for an update on the malfunctioning lights fronting Police Headquarters. Chief explained he received an estimate for the electrical work yesterday, and the work should be done in the next week or two.

At the Chairman's request, Commissioner Lazaroff **informed** the Board of the recent progress with the substance abuse program that is being introduced at the Middle School.

**Chiefs Report:**

Chief McLoughlin acknowledged the recent retirement of Cathy Smittner. Cathy retired after 35 year with the Police Department in the capacity of the secretary for the Detective Division/ISU. Cathy was a loyal dependable employee and she was involved in some way during the last 35 years with almost every major crime that has occurred in the town. Chief McLoughlin thanked Cathy for her years of service and wished her well in her retirement.

The Memorial Day parade is scheduled for May 28 and will start at 10:30 a.m. from the middle school at 55 Bailey Road. Due to the school reconstruction there will be some changes and modifications with the restriction of vehicular traffic entering the driveway at the middle school. Chief said he will have more information as the parade date gets closer.

On Saturday April 30th at 9:00 a.m. MADD (Mothers Against Drunk Driving) will hold its annual "Tri-Town Walk Like MADD". The walk will start at the gazebo at the old golf course located at 2761 Dixwell Avenue in Hamden. Chief explained it is not so much a fundraiser, yet more of a continuation of the MADD mission to increase "AWARENESS" & "EDUCATION" in their effort to prevent drinking and driving. Next year North Haven will be hosting this walk.

Also on Saturday April 30th, the town will be having its "Prescription Drug Take Back Event" held at Fire Headquarters located at 11 Broadway from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 a.m. Chief encourages residents to take advantage of this event as it is an easy and safe way to dispose of any unused or expired medication.

**Budget:**

Chief reports the budget is right where he wants it to be at this time of the year and right now we are trending at about 4% under budget. He explained this is good as there are some maintenance contracts coming up for renewal at the end of this fiscal year.

Chief explained that there is a slight uptick in overtime due to the Distracted Driving Campaign. This campaign is a result of a grant which the State will reimburse the Police Department 75 percent, and in as much as we do not see the revenue generated by these violations, a percentage of the fine is returned to the town. As of this date, 70 citations have been issued by North Haven Officers.

An update on the Towns Financial calendar of events: The town budget meeting is on May 9th, and the referendum is on May 17th. Chief encourages everyone to attend and show support.

**Traffic/Support Services:**

The Chief introduced Town Attorney Jennifer Coppola who was attending tonight's meeting to give the Board an overview of some potential changes to the town parking ordinance.

Attorney Coppola explained to the Board that there are two areas of concern in terms of enforcement. One issue concerns residential areas and the overflow of traffic and parking for neighboring businesses that are interfering with the quality of life for residents.

The second issue concerns complaints regarding the street parking of large commercial and recreational vehicles interfering with site lines.

Attorney Coppola said she has been doing research of surrounding towns and reviewing their restricted parking zones in residential areas. She said there are several considerations which she will put together and present to the Board at the May 18th meeting. One change she is considering involves the designation of certain streets to be "Resident Parking Only". She explained that because the Board of Police Commissioner is the traffic authority for the town, the Board would need to approve the language before it moves on to a town meeting.

Chief asked Attorney Coppola to discuss the issue of Eagle Crossing. The Chief and Attorney Coppola reported that when Target was built in 2002/2003, access to the plaza was provided by a driveway. When the West side of the parcel was developed around 2008, the State required a town road for access, not a driveway. As a result, Eagle crossing was adopted, however there was supposed to be a cul-de-sac, hammerhead, or some type of town approved turn around. There has been some traffic as well as Planning and Zoning implications whether to make a cul- de -sac or hammerhead or leave it as is. Either way, the developer has asked for his bond money returned. After a brief discussion, there were no negative comments from the Board and they agreed to support the Town Engineers suggestion that a Hammer Head turn around be constructed.

While there was discussion of Planning and Zoning, Chief brought forward a few items to the board.

- Chief provided the Board with the P & Z drawings from the 120 Quinnipiac avenue proposal by First Fuel to build a garage and office building of 10,000 square feet to which Chief McLoughlin commented that this proposal should have no impact on traffic.
- Gagliardi's restaurant on Hartford Turnpike; Chief shared plans regarding change of ownership. There was nothing in the proposal that needed a Police response. Chairman D'Errico asked why these plans were given to the Chief and Chief explained that these types of P & Z plans are given to him during the month, as was discussed in last month's Police Commission meeting when Chairman D'Errico questioned as to why Chief did not make the Board aware of the proposed development off Homewood Avenue and other building and traffic developments.
- Cinemark Theaters has asked for their bond release. Chief explained that a traffic light was damaged during construction of the theater but Cinemark has repair the light and covered the cost. Chief stated that he sees no need to respond or comment.
- Home Depot will be removing 19 parking spots to allow for outdoor seasonal garden displays along with the installation of a split rail fence which will allow customer pick up and storage of bulk bags and mulch from March 1st through August 31st. This change will also allow the unloading of delivery trucks. There were no comments from the Board. Chief McLoughlin said he sees nothing that would require a police response to the P & Z Commission on these matters.

Chief said the railroad bridge at Sackett Point Road and Universal Drive was struck twice last month by oversized vehicles. He explained there is signage indicating "Low Bridge Ahead" along with a "12'9 Clearance" sign, however he suggested that the Board reach out to the railroad and see if they would be willing to paint the bridge a brighter color. The Board agreed to have the Chief draft a letter to the railroad to consider painting it.

Chief presented two signage requests from residents. A resident of Brook lane has requested a "No Outlet" sign be placed. Brooke Lane is a dead end and vehicles are routinely driving down and turning around in his driveway. The Board agreed and Chairman D'Errico asked for a motion to install a "No Outlet" sign at Brook Lane and Spring Road. The motion was made by Commissioner Spader and seconded by Commissioner Monz. All were in favor.

A resident of Anthony Road has requested a "No Parking" sign be placed at the end of the road where it meets with the fence to the soccer/lacrosse field. The resident reports that cars are constantly parking there to watch sports functions and the residents are unable to get out of their driveways. After a brief discussion, the Board agreed and Chairman D'Errico asked for a motion to install a "No Parking" sign on Anthony Road fronting the sports field/fence. Commissioner Spader made the motion and Commissioner Calafiore seconded. All were in favor.

Regarding the three cul-de-sacs in the Wharton Brook Industrial park, Chief suggested "No Parking/Tow Zone" signs be installed to deter vehicles from parking there. These areas are frequented by vehicles with trailers and ATVS which are riding on these wooded properties illegally. Chief explained that Officers are constantly there enforcing the ATV violations but this is bleeding our resources. After a brief discussion, the Board agreed to install "No Parking/Tow Zone" signs in the cul-de-sacs of Dwight Street, Dodge Avenue and Defco Park Road. Chairman D'Errico asked for the motion which was made by Commissioner Lazaroff and seconded by Commissioner Monz. All were in favor.

The speed sign has been placed on Hilltop road after several complaints from residents regarding speeding.

Chief McLoughlin was contacted by the State DOT regarding the traffic light fronting the Montowese Volunteer Firehouse at 282 Quinnipiac Avenue . During the reconstruction of the firehouse, the driveway was moved. The Fire Department realized that they did not need the traffic light or stop bars any longer. Chief McLoughlin spoke with Deputy Fire Chief Marcarelli who concurred that they do not want the traffic light or the stop bars replaced. The state is asking for confirmation due to the upcoming paving of the road. Commissioner Calafiore made the motion to remove the traffic light and stop bars, the motion was seconded by Commissioner Spader. All were in favor.

At 7:45 Commissioner Spader was excused from the meeting.

#### **Information Services:**

Recertification of Officers is continuing.

CPR and blood borne pathogen training continues.

There is COLLECT training this week for several officers and civilians.

#### **Uniformed Services:**

Traffic stops are up as the Department is fully staffed now and there is a slight uptick in calls for service.

#### **Investigative Services Division**

Captain Glenn has provided a detailed report. Chief reports the arrest of two individuals who were responsible for burglarizing 110 storage units in December of 2014. Detectives worked relentlessly and Chief commended them on their work.

**Walter T. Berniere Scholarship:**

There were no scholarship requests this month.

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, 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 7:58 p.m.

At 8:14 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 Genovese pending that he adheres to the condition of keeping his POST certification current and that he passes a medical exam and any other pre-requisites prescribed by POSTC otherwise he will not be eligible for the position.

The motion to accept the application was made by Commissioner Calafiore and seconded by Commissioner Lazaroff. Voting: Chairman D'Errico –Yes, Commissioner Calafiore- Yes, Commissioner Lazaroff – Yes, and Commissioner Monz – No.

With no further discussion, Chairman D'Errico asked for a motion to adjourn. The motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Calafiore and seconded by Commissioner Lazaroff. All were in favor. The time was 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Larry Lazaroff, Secretary

Board of Police Commission  
Executive Session  
April 26, 2016

Chairman D'Errico called the executive session to order at 7:59 p.m.

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

Absent: Commissioner Walt Spader

Personnel matters were discussed.

Chairman D'Errico asked for a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Lazaroff made the motion to adjourn. Commissioner Calafiore seconded. All were in favor.  
The time was 8:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Thomas J. McLoughlin  
Chief of Police