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MINUTES OF MEETING: March 15, 2017

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Present:

Commissioner Jill Marcus (Chairman)
Commissioner James Ryan
Commissioner Peter Hugret
Commissioner Jon Grossman (via telephone)
Commissioner Richard Goodwin
Commissioner Anthony Lasala (arrived at 5:44)

Also present were: Chief Kevin Halloran; Captain Morgan and Captain Dunbar.

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Chairman Marcus.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion made by Commissioner Ryan to approve the minutes of February 13, 2017. Seconded by Commissioner Goodwin. Vote unanimous.

Report of the Chief:

Compstat Report – Chief Halloran reported that during the past month the department issued 302 tickets, 68 of which were for cell phone/distracted driver violations. He reported cases of significance including Theft from a work van parked at a residence; Thefts from unlocked vehicles located at Turtle Bay Drive and Grove Street; a Subaru Forester was stolen from McKinnel Court, the car was unlocked and the keys were left inside; An unknown suspect tried to gain entry at Branford Car Wash; An arrest was made of an individual that was caught stealing used cooking oil from Wendy's; A shoplifting suspect was arrested at Kohl's, he was also in possession of a credit card reported lost that he used to make purchases in the amount of \$1,283; A purse was stolen from a vehicle at the Supply Ponds, the window was smashed to gain access and shortly after the vehicle was involved in a hit and run; A Walmart employee was struck by a vehicle resulting in a broken foot; Jewelry was taken from a residence located at Pawson Landing Drive; An individual was arrested for breaking the window at Orient Courier he was sent to Yale for evaluation; A complaint was received concerning a motor vehicle being moved across the parking lot at Tommy Sullivan's, damage was noted but there weren't any tracks in the dirt parking lot. After reviewing video surveillance it appears that the vehicle was hit and moved across the parking lot. The offender left the scene but was later located and arrested; Theft from an unlocked vehicle occurred at the YMCA; Follow up on an untimely death

determined that the individual died from a heroin, cocaine and fentanyl overdose; A welfare check was conducted for a 52 year old who didn't show up for work. Officers located the woman deceased outside the home. A preliminary investigation reveals the woman slipped and fell striking her head. It further appears that alcohol may have been a contributing factor.

YTD Part I Crimes – Larceny is up slightly; Quality of Life Crimes – Motor vehicle accidents and shoplifting are down.

Forfeiture Report: The Chief reported that the forfeiture balance is \$159,613.89. There were two deposits and two expenses.

Budget:

The budget was presented to the Board of Finance.

Personnel:

Injury Report: No injuries to report at this time.

Recruit/Lateral Officer Hiring Process

Chief Halloran reported that the Police Academy starts in April, there are two candidates for new hire and one lateral transfer. Motion made by Commissioner Goodwin to allow the Chief to hire 4 additional Supernumeries. Seconded by Selectman Ryan. Vote unanimous. The Board also agreed to hold a Special Meeting on Monday, March 20, 2017 at 4:00 to interview candidates for the position of Police Officer.

Dispatch hiring – Chief Halloran reported that Anne Ballard has retired.

Letters:

A Thank you letter received from Ted Aub commending Lt. Alves, Sgt. Beno, Detective Ferris and Officers Abely, Rubano and Suraci.

Motion made by Commissioner Hugret to approve the report of the Chief. Seconded by Commissioner Goodwin. Vote unanimous.

Traffic Committee:

Request to move the “No Parking Her to Corner” sign on Bowhay Hill Road farther south. Commissioner Hugret will talk to the requester. No action on this item

Consideration of approval of DOT recommendation to reduce speed limit on North Main Street – Route 1 between Ivy and Main Streets from 45mph to 40 mph. The Traffic Committee

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recommended approving the state's recommendation. Motion made by Commissioner Hugret to approve the recommendation. Seconded by Commissioner Goodwin. Vote unanimous.

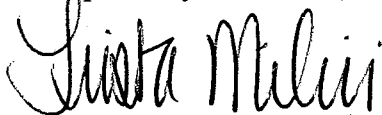
Request to amend restricted truck sign on Alps Road to direct large trucks to turn around in BranHaven Plaza. No action on this item.

Report of the Chair: No report

Citizens' Comments: No comments

Motion made by Commissioner Goodwin to adjourn the meeting at 5:56 p.m. Seconded by Commissioner Hugret. Vote unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted,



Trista Milici
Clerk