# BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS 33 LAUREL STREET BRANFORD, CONNECTICUT 06405-3644

MINUTES OF MEETING: July 10, 2017

Present:

Commissioner Jill Marcus (Chairman)
Commissioner James Ryan
Commissioner Jon Grossman
Commissioner Richard Goodwin
Commissioner Anthony Lasala
Commissioner Peter Hugret

Also present were: Chief Kevin Halloran.

The meeting was called to order at 5:33 p.m. by Chairman Marcus.

# **Approval of Minutes:**

Motion made by Commissioner Goodwin to approve the minutes of June 15, 2017 (special meeting). Seconded by Commissioner Hugret. Vote unanimous.

### Report of the Chief:

Compstat Report – Chief Halloran reported that during the past month the department issued 207 tickets, 36 of which were for cell phone/distracted driver violations. He reported cases of significance including an attempted burglary/possession on Monticello Drive; An arrest was made for a fugitive from justice; An assault was reported that resulted in significant injuries, an arrest warrant is pending; An Overdose form unknown substance was reported; Theft of a boat motor was reported at Bruce and Johnson's Marina; Theft of spare tire from Al Mac Motors was reported; money and other contents taken from vehicles at In-Shape occurred on separate occasions; A purse was taken from a vehicle at YMCA; vandalism was reported on Matthew and Stony Creek Roads; A theft of Auto was reported from the Branford Motel, the vehicle was later recovered in New Haven; An arrest was made in the shooting incident that occurred in May at 65 School Ground Road; An arrest was made in a residential burglary that occurred in March at 100 Flax Mill Road; A person was found deceased believed to be the result of a drug overdose; An arrest warrant has been issued in the burglary that occurred at the Elm Café; the department assisted the State Police with the prostitution at the Angel Spa, the establishment has now been closed; Lishan Wang has pleaded no contest to all of the charges he faced in the connection the with murder of a Yale University doctor and his then-pregnant wife; Detective Atkinson gave a "Summer Safety Brief" at the summer camp program at WIS; Part 1 Crimes are down 2% from 2016; there is a slight increase in Quality of Life Crimes.

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Forfeiture Report: The Chief reported that the forfeiture balance is \$152,905.34. Two expenditures were made.

Budget:

No transfers needed.

Personnel:

Injury Report: One injury - Officer Carney is on light duty.

Crime Analyst: An offer of employment has been made to a candidate.

Letter – officer Zadjura – Chief Halloran read a letter from Denise Kuhn complementing Officer Zadjura for his professionalism and kindness.

The Chief and the board offered their condolences to the Callahan family in the tragic death of their 10 year child. This is the hardest type of case that the officers have to work on. The Branford Fire Department and Public Works Department were tremendous as well. He stated that officers commandeered a boat and its owner to aide in the search. All resources that were available were called in to assist.

Chief Halloran received a letter from the Connecticut Special Olympics stating that the Branford Police Department broke the record for fundraising.

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

#### Traffic Committee:

A request for traffic calming measures on Rt. 146 in the Hotchkiss Grove area. A request for portable crosswalk sign at the corner of Route 146 (Limewood Avenue) and Waverly Road. The department will focus on enforcement in this area and work on a letter to DOT asking for the state to look at possibility installing a crosswalk

A request to assess placement of no parking signs on Parker Place. This was reviewed and determined that emergency vehicles cannot access this street. The no parking signs are already there but hard to see or covered by brush. Commissioner Hugret will work with Public Works to get the signs replaced.

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A request for approval of OSTA # 014-1706-01 Francis Walsh Intermediate School renovation and possible impact on traffic. The Traffic Committee sees no additional impact. Motion made by Commissioner Goodwin to approve the report. Seconded by Commissioner Marcus. Vote unanimous.

# Report of the Chair:

Chairman Marcus talked about the problem with dog fighting in Connecticut and warned residents to keep an eye on their dogs.

Motion made by Commissioner Goodwin to adjourn the meeting at 6:12 p.m. Seconded by Commissioner Hugret. Vote unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Clerk