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MINUTES OF MEETING: September 17, 2018

**Present:**

Commissioner Jill Marcus (Chairman)  
Commissioner Richard Goodwin  
Commissioner Anthony Lasala (arrived late)  
Commissioner Peter Hugret  
Commissioner John Sousoulas  
Commissioner Valerie Wiel-Wilkins.

Also present were: Chief Halloran and Deputy Chief Mulhern.

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

**Approval of Minutes:**

Motion made by Commissioner Goodwin to approve the minutes of July 9, 2018. Seconded by Commissioner Sousoulas. Vote unanimous.

**Report of the Chief:**

Compstat Report – Chief Halloran reported cases of significance including numerous power tools stolen from an unlocked work van parked in the driveway of a home on Queach Road; A window and door were found pried open at SuCasa, appears to be a diversionary burglary for an attempt to steal an ATM machine from the Shell gas station; The total calls for service on the B Squad is down during the current period; Several thefts from unlocked vehicles were reported; Attempted theft at Premier Subaru Detail Shop, strands of barbed wire were cut; The totals call s for service on the C Squad were down; An arrest for violation of a protective order was made; A DUI arrest was made following a routine MV stop; A DUI/Narcotics arrest was made after a vehicle was stopped for erratic operation; Theft from auto by smashing a window occurred at the Chowder Pot; A residential burglary was reported of an unoccupied residence; A arrest was made for Possession of Narcotics, large amount of cash, baggies of crack cocaine and numerous bundles of heroin were also seized; An arrest was made for Possession of a Controlled Substance and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia; An arrest was made for DUI following motor violations; and Surveillance of Congregational Church has been conducted due to complaints from narcotics being sold after NA meetings.

Part I Crimes and Quality of Life Crimes – Overall are down. Year to date Part 1 Crimes are down 12% from 2017; Year to date Quality of Life Crimes are down 2% from 2017.

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**Weapon Change** – Deputy Chief Mulhern addressed the Board to provide additional information concerning Active Shooter Training and use of the currently issued weapons. He stated that it is important for officers to conduct the Active Shooter training using their issued weapon. His recommendation is to replace the current gun inventory of H&K 40C's with Glock pistols. He stated that although the department replacing the guns on a regular basis there is a portion of the current inventory that is in need of replacement. In order, for the current weapons carried by the officers to be used for training, they would be required to purchase conversion kits at a cost of \$465.00 per gun. In addition, he also stated that it is beneficial for the officers to carry weapon mounted lights. Glock is offering a trade up program that would allow the trade in of the current weapons and the purchase new Glock pistols, holsters and weapon mounted lights for \$6,179.50. Motion made by Commissioner Goodwin to approve the recommendation. Seconded by Commissioner Marcus. Vote unanimous.

**Forfeiture Report:** The Chief reported that the forfeiture balance is \$152,714.11. There were three purchases this month including canine Arrow.

**Personnel:**

Retirement of Capt. Geoff Morgan on 8/26/18

Promotion Exams – Sgt., Lt. and Capt. The written test has been given interview will be conducted.

Injury report – Currently no one is out on injury. Eula and Herten are back to full duty.

**Letters:**

Board of Police Commissioners – letter of gratitude from former Commissioner Grossman.

Officer Abely – letter of appreciation from Nancy Tingley

Officer Amarante – letter of appreciation from John Moran

Captain Morgan – letter of appreciation from John Moran

Officer Cheesman – letter from BH Care honoring him for outstanding service.

Hiring process – Police and Dispatch – Advertisement for dispatcher position has been posted to replace Dispatcher Deno. The Chief there is another dispatcher that is seeking a position out of town, which will result in another vacancy.

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

**Traffic Committee:**

Motion made by Commissioner Goodwin to add an item to the agenda under Traffic Committee as item J for a request for a traffic signal to sound at the crosswalk at the intersection of Main and Montowese Streets to indicate when it's safe to cross after pushing the button. Seconded by Commissioner Sousoulas. Vote unanimous.

- A. Request for a safety evaluation at the intersection of Stannard & Goodsell Point Road. The Traffic Committee recommended no action.

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- B. Request for Stop Signs one on S. Montowese (southbound) at intersection with Linden Ave. and a 2<sup>nd</sup> on Sybil Avenue (northbound) at the same intersection. The Chief will contact the state for evaluation.
- C. A request for some kind of barrier to help prevent vehicles who miss the turn on eastbound Pine Orchard Road at its intersection with Wildwood from damaging the lawn at 1 Wildwood and possibly risking injury to the residents at this address. The Traffic Committee recommended that a "Curve ahead" sign is installed.
- D. A request for a crosswalk on Florence Road in the vicinity of the Clubhouse where the new bus stop has been moved to. The Town Engineer stated that sidewalk will need to be made ADA compliant. The Traffic Committee recommended approval of the request with the stipulation that the bus stop has to be fully ADA Compliant. Motion made by Commissioner Goodwin to approve the recommendation. Seconded by Commissioner Sousoulas. Vote unanimous.
- E. A request for the installation of a "Slow Children at Play sign on Cherry Hill Road. The Traffic Committee recommended no action.
- F. Notice from the CT State DOT has recently been received identifying the installation of new traffic control signal equipment. The work in Branford will be at two intersections. US 1 (East Maia Street) at Windmill Hill Road and Rt. 142 (Short Beach Road) at Maple Street. No action necessary this was informational only.
- G. Request for a review of the parking near the Short Beach Post Office and possible action. The Traffic Committee recommended no action.
- H. Request to remove "recently installed" No Parking signs at the end of Linden Avenue. The Traffic Committee recommended no action.
- I. Request for Radar Signs (\$1,500-\$2,000) on Kirkham. The Traffic Committee recommended that research and evaluation is conducted to identify areas where the signs should be installed. Motion made by Commissioner Goodwin to approve the recommendation. Seconded by Commissioner Sousoulas. Vote unanimous.
- J. Request for a traffic signal to sound at the crosswalk (intersection of Main and Montowese) when safe to cross after pushing button. Motion made by Commissioner Goodwin to refer this request to the First Selectman's Office for further consideration. Seconded by Commissioner Marcus. Vote unanimous.

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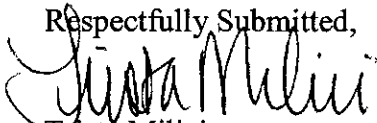
Report of the Chair – No report.

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Citizens' Comments – none

Motion made by Commissioner Goodwin to adjourn the meeting at 6:20 p.m. Seconded by Commissioner Lasala. Vote unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted,



Trista Milici  
Clerk