

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

MINUTES OF MEETING: December 6, 2017 (as corrected by the Clerk)

Present:

Commissioner Jill Marcus (Chairman)
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 5:30 p.m. by Chairman Marcus.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion made by Commissioner Goodwin to approve the minutes of September 18, 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 340 tickets, 32 of which were for cell phone/distracted driver violations. He reported cases of significance including a burglary at Rout 1 Wine and Liquor – suspects were in and out in about a minute; Criminal mischief was reported and two cars were vandalized on Austin Ryer Lane; DUI with MVA was reported on Pine Orchard Road resulting in arrest; Threatening/Disorderly Conduct reported involving a person with mental health issues against an employee at Continuum of Care; Theft from laundry room at Motel 6 was reported, two employees reported that their purses were stolen; Fraud reported in which the victim fell for the “Grandparent’s scam”; Theft of a snow blower was reported on Brushy Plains Road; Theft from Auto reported on Jefferson Road from an unlocked vehicle; Chief Halloran reminded the public to lock up your belongs especially while out Christmas shopping, take extra precautions, lock up gifts in the truck on your car, etc.; East Haven PD was assisting New Haven PD with locating a wanted person on numerous felony warrants, he was located along the trolley tracks and taken into custody; two drug overdoses were reported; Stolen MV reported from Jefferson Road; Stolen MV reported from Stannard Avenue; Detective Division also took a report of a missing 17 year old male. He was later found in Maine; Unlawful discharge of a weapon on East Main Street, while cleaning his gun the gun went off and hit a nearby residences; Part 1 Crimes, are up around 1% from last year, auto theft is almost doubled this year. Quality of Life Crimes are also up a little bit this year, MV accidents are up.

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Forfeiture Report: The Chief reported that the forfeiture balance is \$169,462.89. The last transaction was a deposit in the amount of \$486.36 and a payment for DNA services of approximately \$40.

Budget: The subcommittee should start to prepare for the next fiscal year budget. The subcommittee suggested meeting next Wednesday, December 13 at 3:00 p.m.

Chief Halloran discussed the funding of the Deputy Chief's position. Last year the Board of Finance funded 33% of the position into contingency. Chief Halloran stated we need to get the funding from contingency. Chief stated that the advertising for the position will be both internal and external. The Chief stated he would recommend using IACP to do a search.

Motion made by Commissioner Goodwin to request a transfer of the 33% of funding of the Deputy Chief's position set aside by the Board of Finance from Contingency to Regular Wages and Salaries. Seconded by Commissioner Grossman. Vote unanimous.

Personnel:

Injury Report – The department is full staffing. Unfortunately, Officer Burkhardt was injured while off duty and will be out for a while. Officer Roach is out on injury.

Letters:

Thank you letter to Officer Atkinson from a group of youths; Thank you letter to Officers Abely and Johnson; Thank you letter to Officer Cope from a New York Judge; Thank you letter to Officer Abely; Thank you letter from the Branford Food Pantry regarding the food drive in cooperation with Big Y, great job to all the officers involved.

Supernumerary – Two applications. The Chief stated that he would like to hire two additional part time supernumeraries. One is a retired state trooper at the other holds a badge with another department.

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

Traffic Committee:

A request to allow parking on only the "odd numbered" side of Wilford Avenue. The Traffic Committee recommends, for public safety reasons, parking be allowed on the "odd numbered" side only with painted spaces as configured by the Town Engineer. Motion made by Commissioner Goodwin to approve the recommendation. Seconded by Commissioner Marcus. Vote unanimous.

A request parking be allowed on only the “odd numbered” side of Buena Vista. The Traffic Committee recommends posting “No Parking” signs on both sides of Buena Vista Road from the intersection with Thimble Islands Road to approximately 100’ east (just beyond the “bump out”) on the south side. Motion made by Goodwin to approve the recommendation. Seconded by Commissioner Marcus. Vote unanimous.

A request to make Rextile Road a “No Parking” street. Possible action postponed until the January meeting to provide opportunity for the Town Engineer, Fire Marshal, Public Works and Selectman's Office to “weigh in” as to the best solution. Note-the Stony Creek Association will be consulted again for their input as well. The request was from 7 neighbors on Ridge and Rextile.

A request for a Stop sign on Old Hickory Lane at the intersection with Ridge Acres Road. The Traffic Committee recommended approval. Motion made by Commissioner Goodwin to approve the recommendation. Seconded by Commissioner Marcus. Vote unanimous.

A request for School Zone and other signage at Walsh Intermediate School in conformance with current State DOT regulations. The Traffic Committee recommended approval. Motion made by Commissioner Goodwin to approve the recommendation. Seconded by Commissioner Marcus. Vote unanimous.

Commissioner Goodwin requested that the January meeting is moved to January 11 instead of January 8.

Report of the Chair – no report

Citizens' Comments – none

Motion made by Commissioner Goodwin to adjourn the meeting at 6:53 p.m. Seconded by Commissioner Hugret. Vote unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted,



Trista Milici
Clerk