POLICE COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

14 MARCH 2016

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Don Sauvigne called the meeting to order at 7:26 pm. In attendance were Commissioners Sauvigne, Waters, and Mason, Chief Crosby, and Captains Lynch and Conlan.

MINUTES

Commissioner Water's motion to approve the minutes of the February 9, 2016 regular meeting, which was seconded by Commissioner Mason was approved 3-0.

DISCUSSION OF MONTHLY REPORTS

Monthly reports were reviewed and considered. The Commission discussed the merits of reviewing the year over year activity reports to check for any significant spikes or decreases. For example, if there was a significant increase in motor vehicle accidents with injuries we would want to determine if there was an ascertainable cause for the increase or if the increase necessitated or suggested different PD response or action.

The MAC report included a discussion of the Distracted Driving High Visibility Enforcement (DDHVE) grant that authorizes up to $20,000 for hiring of officers specifically for distracted driving enforcement between April – August 2016. The Federal grant reimburses the Town for 75% of the officers' salaries that work the assignments. In addition, 25% of the citation fees will be returned to the Town as per Connecticut General Statutes to help offset the costs to the Town.

The Commission also discussed and expressed concern about overtime expenses. The Chief explained they are largely due to mandated training, which is cyclical and is hitting the department hard at this time.
An update on Accreditation efforts was also discussed including the timeline for completion. Significant progress has been made. There was discussion of a new software product “PowerDMS” which helps monitor accreditation and populate standards. This product will be mandated by the State of CT for use starting next year. Options were discussed in terms of when to purchase including which fiscal year makes the most sense. The Chief and his staff will look further into the timing and cost options.

The K-9 report was reviewed, including discussion on ways to use the K-9 team as a possible education tool particularly with our schools.

REPORT OF CHIEF

Chief Crosby provided his report, including reference to various letters from community members. He also indicated that body cameras for use by all patrol officers would be going online soon.

NEW BUSINESS

A. FTO PROGRAM FOR NEW SERGEANTS

The Chief explained the new program for training of new sergeants akin to the existing program for new patrol officers. The Commission agreed it makes perfect sense to have specific training for new sergeants.

B. OFFICER PATRY

Commissioner Water’s motion that Officer Patry be removed from new hire probationary status effective March 22, 2016, subject to his satisfactory performance through that date, seconded by Commissioner Sauvigne, passed 3-0.

C. CROSSWALK at Wolfpit and Route 7

After discussion, in its capacity as the Traffic Authority, Commissioner Water’s motion, seconded by Commissioner Sauvigne, passed 3-0 that:

1. As per the recommendation of the Chief, the NVRT’s request that a crosswalk be installed at the south end of the intersection of Route 7 and Wolfpit Road provided that the NVRT pay for the Town portion of any associated improvement was approved; and

2. The NVRT’s request for “No Turn on Red” signage at the Route 7 southbound and the Wolfpit Road eastbound intersection was denied.
REPORTS OF COMMISSIONERS

The Commission expressed their pleasure with the award ceremony that occurred immediately before the meeting recognizing the exceptional achievements of many of its officers. The PD continues to represent the Town well and provides exemplary service.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 8:26 pm the Commission went into executive session to discuss personnel matters.

At 9:15 pm the Commission came out of executive session, no action having been taken.

Commissioner Water’s motion to accept the Chief’s recommendation that Patrol Officer Patenaude be assigned K-9 Handler, seconded by Commissioner Sauvigne, passed 3-0.

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:17 p.m., Commissioner Water’s motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Mason, passed 3-0.

Respectfully Submitted, Acting Secretary Matthew C. Mason