Chairman Chris Weldon called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. In attendance were Commissioner David Waters, Commissioner Donald Sauvigne, Interim Chief Robert Crosby and Captain John Lynch.

MINUTES

Commissioner Waters made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 20 and July 29, 2015 special meetings. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sauvigne. Motion carried 3-0.

DISCUSSION OF MONTHLY REPORTS

Monthly reports were reviewed and discussed. The Commissioners noted that the number of MV Stops in July achieved a “steady rate” and expressed satisfaction with the level of activity. The Commissioners also notes that larceny numbers have remained high for 4 months. The Chief explained an increase in fraud cases and internet crime. Fingerprinting activity was also up for the period attributable to the number of new school employees hired. Fingerprinting school employees is standard procedure.

As previously requested, Chief Crosby provided a detailed overtime report for FY 2014-2015. “Shift Coverage Sgt” as a separate line item was noted as very high. The Chief explained this as part of the new hire and turnover activity of the past year. The Commission asked the Chief to maintain a continued focus on overtime especially in the supervisory positions.

The MAC Report for July was reviewed. There were no reporting concerns. The SEU report shows continued vigilance responsive to resident reports in traffic enforcement; and in specialized Distracted Driving Campaigns and DUI enforcement.

The SRO Report for July was reviewed and discussions held about preparations for the commencement of the school year. The Commission expressed satisfaction with the report.
The Accreditation Report for July was reviewed. The Department has completed the Tier I accreditation standard. As proofs are now required to be reorganized and restructured, additional assistance will be required. The Chief will have the Training Officer assist and upon the promotion of a Sergeant additional resources may be available. The Commission expressed satisfaction with efforts underway and the commitment to bring all standards into compliance.

REPORT OF INTERIM CHIEF CROSBY

Copies of Complimentary Letters:
- Letters from Monroe Chief John Salvatore to Captain John Lynch and Lt. Robert Kluk thanking them for participating in the Oral Board promotional process on July 30, 2015
- Letter from Plymouth Chief Karen Krasicky, thanking Chief Crosby for Detective Sear’s participation in promotional oral boards on July 7, 2015
- Letter from Ridgefield Captain Terzian thanking Chief Crosby for assistance from Detectives Tarrant, Trahan and Zimnoch, along with Lt. Brennan, in solving a case.
- Letter from Human Services Council to Chief Crosby for donating a ride to or from school in a cruiser for their fund raiser
- Letter from Chief Crosby to Darien Chief Lovello thanking him for the assistance of Sgt. Alison Hudyma
- Letter from Chief Crosby thanking Jackie McCoy (Ogden House) for cookies brought to the department

Miscellaneous:
- P.O.S.T. first marking period grades for recruits Brandon Harris and Steven Zawacki
- Resignation letter from Brandon Spear, Assistant Animal Control Officer
- Memo from Chief Crosby notifying Officer Fridinger of his assignment to Training Officer
- Memo from Chief Crosby notifying Officer Sisenstein of his assignment to MAC position
- Memo from Chief Crosby notifying Officers Tomello and Tyler of their assignments to the FTO positions
- FTO Policing Business Contacts

Additionally, the Chief reported that Officer Tim Fridinger has been appointed as the Department Training Officer; Officer Sisenstein appointed to the MAC position; and Officers Tomello and Tyler to Field Training Officer positions.
Also discussed by the Chief was the efforts underway to increase and document Community Policing. This is a goal of the department and the Commission to bring greater awareness and contact with the community by the department officers.
The chief reported that the department is pursuing the hiring of a new civilian dispatcher, and that the part time Animal Control Officer announced his resignation to pursue other opportunities.
OLD BUSINESS

A. Update on Intersection at School Road and Danbury Road

Chief Crosby advised that the prior realignment of the striping at the School Road/Route 7 intersection is final and the State does not see the need to do further road realignment. The First Selectman had previously requested the State to reassess the need. The matter is now closed.

B. Update on Intersection at Grumman Hill Road and Route 7

The Chief reported that the State is reviewing the need to change the traffic light configuration and the matter is not finalized. However, the Commission asked the Chief to forward all citizen complaints and traffic issues at the intersection to the State in-charge-engineer.

C. Update on New Police Department Building

The Chief reported that the property on Cricket lane is no longer available to the town for a new PD Facility. Additional efforts will now be focused on the Danbury Road and Station Road location.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

REPORTS OF THE COMMISSIONERS

There were no reports of the Commissioners.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 8:10 p.m., the meeting went into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters. At 11:30 p.m., the Commission came out of Executive Session. No action was taken in the Executive Session.

NEW BUSINESS (CONTINUED)

A. Consideration of Promotions to the Rank of Lieutenant and Captain

Commissioner Sauvigne made a motion to accept Chief Crosby’s recommendation to select Sergeant Cipolla for promotion to the rank of Lieutenant; and Lieutenant Conlon to the rank of Captain conditional upon the formalization of Interim Chief Crosby to the position of Chief of Police with a promotion date to be expected in early September.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Waters. Motion carried 3-0.
ADJOURNMENT

At 11:45 p.m., a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Commissioner Sauvigne seconded by Commissioner Waters and passed 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,

[Signature]

Donald II. Sauvigne
Police Commissioner