

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
December 21, 2010

1. Chairman Smith called the Regular Meeting of the Naugatuck Police Commission to order at 7:01 p.m.

Those in attendance were:

POLICE COMMISSION:

Steve Smith
Ralph Roper
Linda Mayfield
Mayor Mezzo

DEPT. HEADS AND OTHERS:

Chief Christopher Edson
Deputy Chief Josh Bernegger
Attorney John Knuff

ALTERNATES:

Walter Bertotti
Chris Ford
Andy Barnes
Domingos Branco

ABSENT:

James San Angelo
Bruce Whitaker

Public: 3

Staff: 1

Press: 1

2. Chairman Smith led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

3. ALTERNATES APPOINTED AS VOTING MEMBERS:

Chairman Smith appointed C. Ford, A. Barnes, W. Bertotti and D. Branco as voting members in the absence of Mayor Mezzo, R. Roper, B. Whitaker and J. San Angelo respectively.

4. A motion by C. Ford and seconded by W. Bertotti to accept the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners held on November 16, 2010.

Discussion: None

Vote: Unanimous

(R. Roper arrived @ 7:06 p.m.; Mayor Mezzo arrived @ 7:07 p.m. removing C. Ford and A. Barnes as voting members)

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS: NONE

6. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE WAL-MART EXPANSION:

Attorney John Knuff spoke on behalf of Wal-Mart to discuss the expansion. He informed the Commission of his appearance before the other pertinent Commissions in Naugatuck relative to the expansion and earth excavation. W. Bertotti reported that he and L. Mayfield had reviewed the proposal and found no problems. The question of a truck route for earthen removal was discussed. Attorney Knuff stated the service driveway will be used as trucks head towards Route 8. Chief Edson did not have an issue with the plans submitted.

A motion by W. Bertotti and seconded by L. Mayfield to accept the plans to expand the Wal-Mart building and the earthen excavation of 1200 cubic yards.

Discussion: Mayor Mezzo commented this is being done for safety purposes.

Vote: Unanimous

7. UNION BUSINESS: NONE

8. PRESENTATION OF CHIEF'S MONTHLY REPORTS:

A motion by D. Branco and seconded by R. Roper to accept the Chief's monthly reports.

Discussion: Chief Edson informed the Commission that lateral transfer Officer Bastos will be joining the department on January 3, 2011; Officer Kosky and his dog Vane will graduate from the CSP K-9 Academy on January 13, 2011; police candidate Kehoss will graduate from the Police Academy in February.

Vote: Unanimous

9. CORRESPONDENCE:

Captain Jeremiah Scully, Detective Ronald Pugliese and Officer Amanda Devan each notified the Commission of their intent to pursue their college education.

T.H. Fitzgerald, Naugatuck Veterans Council, requested that parking be prohibited on both sides of Church Street from the intersection of Rubber Avenue to Maple Street immediately prior to and during the Memorial Day parade to be held on May 30, 2011.

A motion by W. Bertotti and seconded by D. Branco to provide all of the services requested by the Naugatuck Veterans Council.

Discussion: Deputy Chief Bernegger informed the Commission that the department has a well planned, successful strategy for traffic issues on the day of the parade.

Vote: Unanimous

Sharon Pelky, Connecticut Special Olympics, thanked Detective Jay Pugliese for his assistance with the organization of the Naugatuck Police Department's Tip-A-Cop event.

Scott Grant, Criminal Justice Instructor, Naugatuck Valley Community College, thanked Officer Paul Markette for attending his class as a guest speaker.

These items will be placed into the officers' personnel files.

10. PUBLIC COMMENTS: NONE

11. OPEN ITEMS: NONE

12. REPORTS FROM SUBCOMMITTEES:

C. Ford informed the Commission that the newly proposed alarm ordinance had been given to the Board of Mayor and Burgesses. A Special Meeting is being held on December 28, 2010 at which the new ordinance will be adopted.

Chairman Smith discussed the current subcommittees and interests of Commissioners to join. D. Branco and R. Roper expressed their intent to join the Land Use Subcommittee. R. Roper also asked to be part of the Traffic Subcommittee. Chairman Smith will join the Alarm Appeals Subcommittee.

A motion by D. Branco and seconded by W. Bertotti to form a subcommittee for "Robert's Rules" with Chris Ford as the Chairman.

Discussion: Chairman Smith and W. Bertotti will also serve on the subcommittee.

Vote: Unanimous

13. COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS:

A. Barnes wished everyone happy holidays and a prosperous New Year. He said he would be absent from the January meeting.

W. Bertotti echoed the holiday comments of A. Barnes. He commended Chief Edson and Deputy Chief Bernegger for their great work.

L. Mayfield wished everyone happy holidays and thanked Chief Edson and Deputy Chief Bernegger for the wonderful work of the past year.

Mayor Mezzo commended the Police Department for the great job last week in its search for a missing child.

D. Branco commented on the good job Chairman Smith is doing as the leader of the Commission.

C. Ford agreed with D. Branco regarding Chairman Smith. "Go UConn".

Chief Edson said it had been a good year for the Police Department and significant progress was made. He appreciates the support of the Commission.

Deputy Chief Bernegger agreed with Chief Edson's comments.

Chairman Smith thanked Officer Danielle Parady and Detective Jay Pugliese for their efforts at the Tip-A-Cop event. He also thanked the Commissioners for a successful and busy year and appreciated serving with them.

14. A motion by D. Branco and seconded by R. Roper at 7:26 p.m. to adjourn to the next scheduled meeting on Tuesday, January 18, 2011 at the Naugatuck Police Department, Naugatuck, CT.

Discussion: None

Vote: Unanimous.

ATTEST:

Steven Smith, Chairman
Naugatuck Police Commission