

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING  
October 19, 2010

1. Chairman Smith called the Regular Meeting of the Naugatuck Police Commission to order at 7:04 p.m.

Those in attendance were:

POLICE COMMISSION:

Mayor Mezzo  
Steve Smith  
Linda Mayfield  
Ralph Roper

DEPT. HEADS AND OTHERS:

Chief Christopher Edson  
Acting Deputy Chief Josh Bernegger

ALTERNATES:

Walter Bertotti  
Chris Ford

ABSENT:

James San Angelo  
Bruce Whitaker  
Andy Barnes  
Domingos Branco

Public: 0  
Staff: 3  
Press: 0

(Ralph Roper arrived at 7:05 p.m.; Mayor Mezzo arrived at 7:17 p.m.)

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

3. **ALTERNATES APPOINTED AS VOTING MEMBERS:**

Chairman Smith appointed C. Ford and W. Bertotti as voting members in the absence of Mayor Mezzo and B. Whitaker 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 September 21, 2010.

Discussion: None

Vote: Unanimous

5. **ELECTION OF OFFICERS:**

A motion by C. Ford and seconded by L. Mayfield to re-elect Steven Smith as Chairman of the Board of Police Commissioners.

Discussion: The Commissioners stated they were pleased with the progress of the past year and happy to re-elect S. Smith as Chairman and maintain the officers in their current positions.

Vote: Unanimous

A motion by R. Roper and seconded by C. Ford to re-elect Linda Mayfield as Vice Chairman of the Board of Police Commissioners.

Discussion: None

Vote: Unanimous

A motion by C. Ford and seconded by W. Bertotti to re-elect Ralph Roper as Secretary of the Board of Police Commissioners.

Discussion: None

Vote: Unanimous

Chairman Smith thanked all of the Commissioners for their hard work and dedication during the past year.

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS: NONE

7. UNION BUSINESS: NONE

8. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING GRIEVANCE #2010-01:

Sergeant Cammarata asked to have grievance #2010-01 removed from the agenda until the time when it is ready to be addressed.

9. PRESENTATION OF CHIEF'S MONTHLY REPORTS:

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

Discussion: Chief Edson informed the Commission that Officer Ian Kosky and his new dog Vane are doing well in K-9 training at the academy. He also reported that he is proceeding with the hiring process of Officer Baskins. There are more interviews for lateral candidates scheduled for this week and next week. While Chief Edson is away at a conference, Acting Deputy Chief Bernegger will contact the Commission to notify them of the results of the interviews. Chairman Smith set November 4, 2010 as a tentative date for a Commission meeting. Further discussion took place regarding a training course attended by Chief Edson and

Acting Deputy Chief Bernegger. The status of an officer on workers' compensation was explained to the Commission.

Vote: Unanimous

10. CORRESPONDENCE:

Teresa Fow complained of speeding cars on Mulberry Street and asked for police assistance regarding this problem. Chief Edson said he will respond to her concerns.

A notice from the Police Commissioners Association was read.

Lillian Toth suggested the installation of "No Parking" signs for a portion of Scott Street. This item will be directed to the Traffic Subcommittee and will be reviewed by the Police Department.

11. PUBLIC COMMENTS: NONE

12. OPEN ITEMS: NONE

Mayor Mezzo arrived at 7:17 p.m. Chairman Smith named C. Ford as a voting member in place of J. San Angelo.

13. REPORTS FROM SUBCOMMITTEES:

Land Use Subcommittee: W. Bertotti presented a request for the installation of a telecommunication antenna on the roof of Maple Hill School.

A motion by W. Bertotti and seconded by L. Mayfield to approve the installation of a telecommunication tower on the roof of Maple Hill School.

Discussion: Mayor Mezzo explained there will be multiple placements throughout Naugatuck which will provide income to the Borough.

Vote: Unanimous

Traffic Subcommittee: Chief Edson reported there will be a press release with the proposed changes for traffic in the area of Gunntown Road, Rubber Avenue Extension and South Street in Middlebury. He further stated there will be new signs placed on Maple Street/High Street regarding truck traffic. The Police Department notified GPS manufacturer Garmin regarding directional routes being provided. It was suggested to notify the other manufacturers as well.

Alarm Violation Subcommittee: C. Ford presented the proposed changes to the alarm violation ordinance which extends the time for the appeals process.

A motion by C. Ford and seconded by R. Roper to accept the recommendation of the Alarm Violation Subcommittee for changes in the alarm violation ordinance.

Discussion: C. Ford said he will make the presentation to the Borough Board. Mayor Mezzo asked him to send the proposal to members of the Borough Board in advance of the meeting.

Vote: Unanimous

Towing Subcommittee: W. Bertotti questioned certain charges imposed by the towing companies. Mayor Mezzo stressed his concern regarding the importance of going out to bid for all business expenditures. He stated he will discuss the towing issues with Controller McAllister.

14. COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS:

Chairman Smith commended all of the Commissioners for their outstanding service over the past year.

15. EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR THE DISCUSSION OF PERSONNEL MATTERS REGARDING OFFICER IAN KOSKY:

A motion by C. Ford and seconded by R. Roper to enter into Executive Session at 7:40 p.m. inviting in Chief Edson and Acting Deputy Chief Bernegger.

Discussion: None

Vote: Unanimous

The Regular Meeting resumed at 7:44 p.m.

16. A motion by C. Ford and seconded by L. Mayfield at 7:45 p.m. to adjourn to the next scheduled meeting on Tuesday, November 16, 2010 at the Naugatuck Police Department, Naugatuck, CT.

Discussion: None

Vote: Unanimous.

ATTEST:

Steven Smith, Chairman  
Naugatuck Police Commission

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