

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING  
June 16, 2009

1. Vice Chairman Smith called the Regular Meeting of the Naugatuck Police Commission to order at 7:00 p.m.

Those in attendance were:

POLICE COMMISSION:

L. Mayfield  
S. Smith  
R. Roper  
Mayor Robert Mezzo

DEPT. HEADS AND OTHERS:

Chief Christopher Edson  
Jeanette Deschesnes

ALTERNATES:

W. Bertotti  
C. Ford  
D. Branco  
A. Barnes

ABSENT:

J. San Angelo

Public: 2  
Staff: 1  
Press: 0

(L. Mayfield entered the meeting at 7:04; Mayor Mezzo entered the meeting at 7:12 p.m.)

2. Vice Chairman Smith led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.
3. ALTERNATES APPOINTED AS VOTING MEMBERS:

Vice Chairman Smith appointed D. Branco, A. Barnes and C. Ford as voting members in the absence of Mayor Mezzo, L. Mayfield and J. San Angelo. Vice Chairman Smith notified the Commissioners that Chairman Andy Bottinick did not have his appointment renewed on June 1<sup>st</sup>.

4. A motion by R. Roper and seconded by A. Barnes to accept the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners held on May 19, 2009.

Discussion: None

Vote: Unanimous

5. A motion by R. Roper and seconded by C. Ford to accept the minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners held on March 30, 2009.

Discussion: None

Vote: Unanimous

(L. Mayfield entered the meeting at 7:04 p.m.)

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Victorio Romano, owner of residential rental property on Arch Street asked the Commission for assistance in handling a traffic issue. Exiting the driveway at his property and turning left results in a blind spot. Vice Chairman Smith said he would refer this matter to the Traffic Subcommittee. Chief Edson will notify Mr. Romano of the outcome.

(Mayor Mezzo entered the meeting at 7:12 p.m.)

7. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE ELIMINATION AND/OR MODIFICATION OF POLICE APPLICANT POINTS PER HUMAN RESOURCE DIRECTOR JEANETTE DESCHESNES:

HR Director Jeanette Deschesnes informed the Commission that the Borough of Naugatuck is taking affirmative steps in complying with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission and the Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities in its hiring procedures. The town must be able to demonstrate the attempt to adhere to the requirements of the EEOC in the event of an audit. Ms. Deschesnes made recommendations regarding the scoring system used for police applicants in order to provide uniformity and improvements in hiring. A discussion took place regarding interviews, the elimination of a point system, Bruce Davey testing agency and the hiring process for surrounding towns. It was suggested to hold an HR subcommittee meeting to discuss the hiring recommendations and set up appropriate questions for the candidates. Ms. Deschesnes was invited to attend the meeting when it takes place.

8. UNION BUSINESS: NONE

9. PRESENTATION OF CHIEF'S MONTHLY REPORTS:

Chief Edson reported the "Click It or Ticket" campaign had been conducted with significant results. Sergeant Laura Harrison, Officers Peter Bosco, Colin McAllister, Kevin Zainc and Jonathan Slavin were noted for the highest number of infractions issued. He further added that DUI enforcement took place with assistance from the Watertown Police Department. Chief Edson explained that both events are partially funded by the Department of Transportation and Naugatuck works in conjunction with Middlebury and Watertown in many of the enforcement campaigns. Mayor Mezzo questioned the status of parking ticket

collections. Chief Edson said he is looking into a computer program for tracking tickets and has plans to present to the Board of Mayor and Burgesses a state program regarding unpaid tickets linked to motor vehicle registration.

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

Discussion: None

Vote: Unanimous

10. CORRESPONDENCE:

Jill and Joe DeFelice expressed thanks to Sergeant Randy Ireland, Officers Kevin Zainc and Jasen Markette for their quick response and compassionate manner in which they acted at a medical incident at their home.

Alan Banyacsky and George Petruny, Fraternal Order of Eagles – Eagle Riders, thanked Officer James Hennessey for the escort he provided to the memorial ride in honor of a past member.

Correspondence will be placed into the personnel files of the above-mentioned officers.

11. PUBLIC COMMENTS: NONE

12. OPEN ITEMS: NONE

13. REPORTS FROM SUBCOMMITTEES:

W. Bertotti, Land Use, reported that he had signed off on an application for a building project located at Woodcrest Drive and Florence Street. He and L. Mayfield looked at the area and didn't see any traffic or sight line issues.

Vice Chairman S. Smith, Alarm Violations Subcommittee, asked Mayor Mezzo to allow the Board of Mayor and Burgesses to grant permission to the Police Commission to have leeway in the disposition of alarm violations. He presented an appeal letter from APX Alarm Security Solutions, Inc. on behalf of their customer Reggie Huffman. The Commission denied the appeal based on faulty equipment. Captain Scully referred another appeal to S. Smith. The Commissioners needed time to research the claim and will address this at a subcommittee meeting. Robert Sutherland sent a letter to thank the department for notifying him regarding his faulty alarm system and has since installed a replacement.

14. COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS:

C. Ford commended Officer Paul Markette for once again organizing the Ryan Olsen Annual Golf Tournament. He also commented on the vandalism occurring at the new CVS plaza on Bridge Street.

Mayor Mezzo commended Chief Edson for his prompt and thorough handling of the incident on Svea Avenue. Chief Edson and members of his staff met with the residents to allay their concerns and fears.

Vice Chairman Smith congratulated Detective Ron Blanchard for the arrest of his 40<sup>th</sup> internet predator. He expressed his disappointment that former Chairman Andy Bottinick was not re-appointed and thanked him for his five years of service.

15. A motion by C. Ford and seconded by R. Roper at 8:00 p.m. to adjourn to the next scheduled meeting on Tuesday, July 21, 2009 at Town Hall, Naugatuck, CT.

Discussion: None

Vote: Unanimous.

ATTEST:

Steven Smith, Vice Chairman  
Naugatuck Police Commission