

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
November 17, 2009

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

Those in attendance were:

POLICE COMMISSION:

S. Smith
L. Mayfield

DEPT. HEADS AND OTHERS:

Deputy Chief Thomas Hunt
Ed Carter, Administrative Assistant

ALTERNATES:

C. Ford
D. Branco
W. Bertotti

ABSENT:

Mayor Mezzo
B. Whitaker
R. Roper
J. San Angelo
A. Barnes

Public: 0
Staff: 1
Press: 0

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

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

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

4. A motion by D. Branco and seconded by W. Bertotti to accept the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners held on October 20, 2009.

Discussion: None

Vote: Unanimous

5. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Ed Carter asked the Commission about the status of its study regarding a request for a Handicapped Sign for a resident on North Main Street. He wanted to know if the Commission notifies a resident of its decision when a study has been

completed. Chairman Smith explained the process used by the Traffic and Land Use Subcommittees and noted that it could take a few months to reach fruition. He further explained that a response may come from the Commission or the Police Department. Ed asked if a resident may come before the Commission for further discussion of a particular issue once a decision has been made and was assured they could.

6. UNION BUSINESS: NONE

7. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING ALARM ORDINANCE:

Ed Carter discussed the burden to businesses that alarm fees impose. The appeals process was explained to him and also the decision to implement hang tags. Ed discussed his attempt to work with local businesses in difficult economic times. It was noted that Chief Edson will present a revised Alarm Policy to the Board of Mayor and Burgesses in December which will give the Police Commission the power to resolve alarm violation issues. The Commissioners are optimistic for the outcome.

8. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE CHANGES TO THE HIRING POLICY AND THE PROMOTIONAL PROCESS RECOMMENDED BY HUMAN RESOURCE DIRECTOR JEANNETTE DESCHESNES:

C. Ford felt it was important to have HR Director Deschesnes present during the discussion. Chairman Smith decided to hold a Special Meeting of the Hiring Subcommittee for review of the policy. Discussion of contractual issues, legal matters and possible changes took place regarding the policy. A Special Meeting will take place on December 3, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. for discussion and review of the policy. The Union and HR Director Deschesnes will be included in this meeting.

9. PRESENTATION OF CHIEF'S MONTHLY REPORTS:

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

Discussion: None

Vote: Unanimous

10. CORRESPONDENCE:

Stephen Sousa, Chairman, Fire Fighters Local 1219 Safety Committee, requested the installation of a traffic signal at Maple Street and Firehouse Road for the safety of firefighters and civilians. He also requested the installation of three signs "Do not pass emergency vehicles in the roadway" at the intersection of Maple Street and Firehouse Road. This will be referred to Chief Edson.

T.H. Fitzgerald, Jr., Parade Chairman, Naugatuck Veterans Council, notified the Commission that the 2010 Memorial Day Parade will take place on May 31st. As in past years, he requested parking be prohibited on Church Street, Maple Street and Rubber Avenue.

A motion by C. Ford and seconded by W. Bertotti to prohibit parking on both sides of Church Street from the intersection of Rubber Avenue to Maple Street to accommodate the Naugatuck Veterans Council Memorial Day Parade being held on May 31, 2010.

Discussion: None

Vote: Unanimous

Jennifer DeWitt, Central Naugatuck Valley Regional Action Council, commended the Police Department, Captain Jeremiah Scully and Officer Jay Pugliese for their participation in the "Medication Take Back Program" which was very successful.

Joanne Del Cioppo thanked Officer Carmine Fianza and Sergeant Bryan Cammarratta for assistance with her mother at Beacon Brook Health Center.

Chairman Smith noted that all Commissioners had received an invitation to the D.A.R.E. graduation being held on November 19th.

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

11. PUBLIC COMMENTS: NONE
12. OPEN ITEMS: NONE
13. SUBCOMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS:

Chairman Smith made appointments to the subcommittees as follows:

Hiring: Linda Mayfield, Chairman; all Commissioners
Land Use: Walter Bertotti, Chairman; Linda Mayfield, Domingos Branco
Towing: James San Angelo, Chairman; Walter Bertotti, Bruce Whitaker
False Alarms: Chris Ford, Chairman; Linda Mayfield, Andy Barnes

He requested that a new list be distributed to members along with an invitation to Commissioners to join a subcommittee of their choice.

14. REPORTS FROM SUBCOMMITTEES:

W. Bertotti, Land Use, presented a report regarding 365 North Main Street, 20-36 Arch Street, the intersection of Rubber Avenue/Hoadley Street, Rubber Avenue Extension/Southwoods Apartments, 1347 New Haven Road and interaction with Wetlands Commissioner Diane Raczkowski. (see attached report). Ed Carter asked the subcommittee to reconsider its decision on 365 North Main Street. Chairman Smith will refer the issues on Rubber Avenue/Hoadley Street and Rubber Avenue Extension to Chief Edson.

15. COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS:

C. Ford reported that his friend Andre Moutela is enjoying the police academy.

W. Bertotti asked if there was further information regarding badges for Commissioners. Chairman Smith said he would contact Chief Edson.

Chairman Smith congratulated L. Mayfield as the new Vice Chairman of the Police Commission. He also thanked the Police Department for the ceremony held for the promotion of Mark Pettinichi and the swearing in of the three new police recruits. He said the event was very nice and a tribute to the department.

16. A motion by C. Ford and seconded by D. Branco at 8:23 p.m. to adjourn to the next scheduled meeting on Tuesday, December 15, 2009 at the Town Hall, Naugatuck, CT.

Discussion: None

Vote: Unanimous.

ATTEST:

Steven Smith, Chairman
Naugatuck Police Commission