

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
October 21, 2008

1. Chairman Bottinick 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
A. Bottinick
Mayor Bronko

DEPT. HEADS AND OTHERS:

Chief Christopher Edson

ALTERNATES:

F. Barnes
W. Bertotti
D. Branco

ABSENT:

R. Roper
J. San Angelo

Public: 1

Staff: 1

Press: 0

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

3. ALTERNATES APPOINTED AS VOTING MEMBERS:

Chairman Bottinick appointed F. Barnes and W. Bertotti as voting members in the absence of R. Roper and J. San Angelo respectively.

4. A motion by Mayor Bronko and seconded by S. Smith to accept the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners held on September 16, 2008.

Discussion: None

Vote: Unanimous

5. A motion by Mayor Bronko and seconded by F. Barnes to accept the minutes of the Special Meeting held on September 8, 2008.

Discussion: None

Vote: Unanimous

6. A motion by Mayor Bronko and seconded by S. Smith to accept the minutes of the Special Meeting held on September 23, 2008.

Discussion: None

Vote: Unanimous

7. ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

A motion by Chairman Bottinick and seconded by Mayor Bronko to nominate Ralph Roper as Secretary of the Naugatuck Police Commission.

Discussion: None

Vote: Unanimous

A motion by Chairman Bottinick and seconded by Mayor Bronko to nominate Steven Smith as Vice Chairman of the Naugatuck Police Commission.

Discussion: None

Vote:	<u>FOR</u>	<u>AGAINST</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>
	A. Bottinick		S. Smith
	Mayor Bronko		
	L. Mayfield		
	W. Bertotti		
	F. Barnes		

A motion by Mayor Bronko and seconded by S. Smith to nominate Andrew Bottinick as Chairman of the Naugatuck Police Commission.

Discussion: None

Vote:	<u>FOR</u>	<u>AGAINST</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>
	S. Smith		A. Bottinick
	Mayor Bronko		
	L. Mayfield		
	W. Bertotti		
	F. Barnes		

8. PUBLIC COMMENTS: NONE

9. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING NEW HIRING LIST:

A motion by S. Smith and seconded by W. Bertotti to close the current hiring list.

Discussion: It was noted that the current hiring list has been exhausted and candidate Matthew McGill has withdrawn his application for hire. Chief Edson presented a resume from a NYPD officer interested in making a lateral move to Naugatuck.

Vote: Unanimous

A motion by S. Smith and seconded by Mayor Bronko to instruct Chief Edson to contact the HR Director to initiate the process to establish a new hiring list.

Discussion: Chief Edson will solicit possible recruitment options from the HR Director. Posting on the Police Academy website was suggested as a recruiting source. It was noted that HR Director Jean Deschesnes is currently on medical leave. Chief Edson will wait for her return to begin the process.

Vote: Unanimous

10. UNION BUSINESS: NONE

11. PRESENTATION OF CHIEF'S MONTHLY REPORTS:

A motion by Mayor Bronko and seconded by S. Smith to accept the Chief's Monthly Reports.

Discussion: Overtime, D.A.R.E. and recruitment were discussed. Chief Edson reported that Officers Kosky and Walsh placed second in a sniper event held in North Carolina and Officer Poundstone will be interviewed on Channel 61 as the "World's Strongest Police Officer". Chief Edson reported that CTIC salary reimbursements are pending for Officer Paul Markette's participation in the unit.

Vote: Unanimous

12. CORRESPONDENCE:

Sgt. Steven Hunt notified the Commission of his intent to pursue a graduate certificate in Criminal Justice Leadership and Policy Development. He will begin classes in Spring 2009 with a cost of \$1625 for the course and supplies.

John Aselton thanked Chief Edson for motorcycle traffic assistance at the "Tenth Annual Officer Brian Aselton Memorial Motorcycle Run".

13. PUBLIC COMMENTS: NONE

14. OPEN ITEMS:

A. Traffic study Fawn Meadow/Apple Blossom/Cherry Blossom Roads: Chief Edson reported the completion of a traffic study by Lt. Bernegger. The conclusion of the study revealed that the current signage is appropriate for the area and federal guidelines are satisfied. Chief Edson said he will contact the resident who attended the Commission meeting to comment on this matter. S. Smith suggested placing the Stealth unit in the area. Chief Edson continued with a letter received by Mayor Bronko regarding a handicap sign at 24 Anderson Street. It was verified that a person in need of the sign does reside at the address. The last issue he reported on is the possible removal of the stop sign on Rubber Avenue at Pond and Arch Streets. It is being studied by the Borough Engineer.

15. REPORTS FROM SUBCOMMITTEES:

Due to the absence of J. San Angelo, the Towing Subcommittee's report will be presented at the next Regular Meeting.

S. Smith, Alarm Subcommittee, suggested that delinquent accounts will be sent for collection. Mayor Bronko reminded the Commission that the Borough Board must approve any change. Chairman Bottinick and S. Smith will compose a letter to be sent.

Chief Edson asked Chairman Bottinick to provide a list of subcommittees and the members of each.

16. A motion by Mayor Bronko and seconded by L. Mayfield to **add to the Agenda Item 15a "Discussion /Possible Action regarding scheduling an interview"**.

Discussion: None

Vote: Unanimous

17. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING SCHEDULING AN INTERVIEW:

A motion by Mayor Bronko and seconded by S. Smith to schedule an interview with NYPD Officer Dustin Levi.

Discussion: Chairman Bottinick asked J. LaCharity to contact the candidate to determine an interview date.

Vote: Unanimous

18. COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS:

L. Mayfield commended Officer Fidanza for his outstanding police work during the bank robbery at Naugatuck Valley S&L on New Haven Road. She asked Chief Edson if he can put a commendation into his personnel file. He said that an awards ceremony will be taking place shortly for all commendations.

S. Smith thanked the Commission for re-electing him as Vice Chairman and looks forward to another year of service. He asked Chief Edson to move forward with the ceremony for commendations.

Chairman Bottinick also thanked the Commission for re-electing him as Chairman and noted that the previous year had been very successful with Chief Edson. He is confident of a positive future for the department.

Mayor Bronko congratulated Chairman Bottinick and S. Smith on their appointments on the Commission.

19. A motion by Mayor Bronko and seconded by W. Bertotti at 7:44 p.m. to adjourn to the next scheduled meeting on Tuesday, November 18, 2008 at Town Hall, Naugatuck, CT.

Discussion: None

Vote: Unanimous.

ATTEST:

Andrew Bottinick, Chairman
Naugatuck Police Commission