

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
May 17, 2011

1. Chairman Smith called the Regular Meeting of the Naugatuck Police Commission to order at 7:05 p.m.

Those in attendance were:

POLICE COMMISSION:

Steve Smith
Ralph Roper

ALTERNATES:

Walter Bertotti
Chris Ford
Andy Barnes

ABSENT:

Mayor Mezzo
Bruce Whitaker
Linda Mayfield
James San Angelo
Domingos Branco

DEPT. HEADS AND OTHERS:

Chief Christopher Edson
Deputy Chief Josh Bernegger
Jim Goggin Tax Collector
Paul Russell 2nd Assistant Fire Chief

Public: 2

Staff: 0

Press: 1

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

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

Chairman Smith appointed W. Bertotti, A. Barnes and C. Ford as voting members in the absence of J. San Angelo, L. Mayfield and B. Whitaker respectively.

4. A motion by R. Roper and seconded by W. Bertotti to accept the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners held on April 19, 2011.

Discussion: None

Vote: Unanimous

5. It was agreed to table Agenda Item #5 until the next Regular Meeting. The minutes for the Special Meeting on May 9, 2011 have not been completed.

6. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Joe DaSilva, Rotary Club, asked to have Church, Maple and Water Streets closed on July 17, 2011 from noon to 6:00 p.m. for their annual bicycle race.

A motion by C. Ford and seconded by W. Bertotti to approve the request to close Church, Maple and Water Streets on July 17, 2011 between the hours of 12:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. for the Naugatuck Rotary's annual bicycle race.

Discussion: S. Smith asked Chief Edson and Deputy Chief Bernegger if they had any issues with the event. Deputy Chief Bernegger said this has been an annual event for many years and there are not any concerns.

Vote: Unanimous

7. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE SAO PAIO ROAD RACE AS PROPOSED BY JIM GOGGIN:

Jim Goggin presented his proposal for the 5K Sao Paio Road Race which will take place at the Portuguese Club on September 3, 2011 during the Sao Paio festival.

A motion by R. Roper and seconded by C. Ford to approve Jim Goggin to conduct a 5K Road Race on September 3, 2011 for the Sao Paio festival.

Discussion: The Police Department will perform an analysis of the proposed route and report back to Mr. Goggin. A determination on where the runners can cross Rubber Avenue will also be decided.

Vote: Unanimous

8. UNION BUSINESS: NONE

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 reported that the 2011/2012 budget was voted on by the Burgesses and a few minor cuts were made. Comments were made regarding Chief Edson's ability to maintain low overtime expenditures. R. Roper questioned the reduction in parking tickets issued and Chairman Smith discussed the state ticket program with Chief Edson.

Vote: Unanimous

10. CORRESPONDENCE:

Dawn Bishop, 15 Bradley Street, requested the installation of a Handicapped Parking sign in front of her home. This item will be referred to the Traffic Subcommittee.

A notice from the Police Commissioners Association of CT was read regarding the Distinguished Chief's Awards on May 25, 2011.

Naugatuck Savings Bank notified Detective Ronald Pugliese that his grant application in the amount of \$4,291 had been approved for computer forensics.

11. PUBLIC COMMENTS: NONE

12. OPEN ITEMS: NONE

13. MEMORIAL DAY PARADE MARCHING SCHEDULE FOR POLICE COMMISSIONERS:

Chairman Smith confirmed with Chief Edson that the Memorial Day Parade will assemble for marching at 8:45 a.m. The Commissioners will meet under the bridge on North Main Street and be dressed in white shirts. Chairman Smith asked J. LaCharity to notify all Commissioners by mail.

14. REPORTS FROM SUBCOMMITTEES:

a. Discussion/possible action regarding request for stop signs at North Hoadley and Chestnut Streets as reviewed by the Subcommittee for Traffic:

A motion by W. Bertotti and seconded by R. Roper to deny placement of stop signs at North Hoadley and Chestnut Streets.

Discussion: W. Bertotti reported his findings to the Commission which determined there was not a problem in the area. Deputy Chief Bernegger had a traffic study compiled that noted a split rail fence in the area does obstruct the line of sight, which was referred to the Zoning Department; however, a stop sign is not warranted. There were two motor vehicle accidents in this area in the past three years and both involved the citizen making this request. Mrs. Lawlor will be notified of the decision.

Vote:	<u>FOR:</u>	<u>AGAINST:</u>
	S. Smith	C. Ford
	R. Roper	
	W. Bertotti	
	A. Barnes	

W. Bertotti will look into the request for a handicapped parking sign on Bradley Street as mentioned earlier in the meeting and report his findings next month. In

his capacity as Land Use Chairman he received a land use application which he will also review.

C. Ford reported the Alarm Violation Subcommittee met on May 9, 2011 and made their decisions for the two appeals presented to them.

A motion by C. Ford and seconded by R. Roper to accept the recommendations of the subcommittee to approve the appeal of Mr. Crocket and deny the appeal of Mrs. Hurt. Mrs. Hurt will have the penalty on her fine waived.

Discussion: C. Ford forwarded the responses to the appellants to J. LaCharity for mailing.

Vote: Unanimous

15. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

David Dows, 21 Pond Street, asked the Commission to reconsider their decision to deny the installation of a handicapped parking sign at his address on behalf of his tenant. It was agreed to revisit the address for study.

16. COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS:

W. Bertotti said he experienced a traffic problem a few weeks ago on New Haven Road due to a motor vehicle accident which resulted in a detour. Deputy Chief Bernegger stated there was a miscommunication of information from utility companies which compounded the problem. W. Bertotti said the department did a good job on the ATM theft from Cindy's store.

C. Ford commended Officers Matt DaSilva and Danielle Bailey for their participation at the Special Olympics event held at Southern CT State University.

Chairman Smith encouraged the Commissioners to attend the Citizens' Police Academy. He said it is very informative and impressive. He also reported that Deputy Chief Bernegger can be notified if anyone wanted to do a "Ride-Along".

17. A motion by C. Ford and seconded by W. Bertotti at 7:47 p.m. to adjourn to the next scheduled meeting on Tuesday, June 21, 2011 at the Naugatuck Police Department, Naugatuck, CT.

Discussion: None

Vote: Unanimous

ATTEST:

Steven Smith, Chairman
Naugatuck Police Commission

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