

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING  
November 20, 2012

1. Chairman Smith called the Regular Meeting of the Naugatuck Police Commission to order at 7:03 p.m.

Those in attendance were:

POLICE COMMISSION:

Steve Smith  
Ralph Roper (arrived 7:22 p.m.)  
Linda Mayfield

DEPT. HEADS AND OTHERS:

Deputy Chief Joshua Bernegger

ALTERNATES:

Walter Bertotti  
Andy Barnes

ABSENT:

Mayor Mezzo  
Bruce Whitaker  
James San Angelo  
Stephanie Savoy  
Domingos Branco

Public: 4  
Staff: 0  
Press: 0

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

Chairman Smith appointed A. Barnes and W. Bertotti as voting members in the absence of Mayor Mezzo and J. San Angelo respectively.

4. A motion by A. Barnes and seconded by W. Bertotti to accept the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners held on October 16, 2012.

Discussion: None

Vote: Unanimous

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Gilbert Sidella, 17 Gus Street, requested a "No Parking" sign be installed opposite his driveway due to the difficulty he has backing out. Deputy Chief Bernegger said he will look at the location and report his findings at the next meeting.

6. UNION BUSINESS:

President Bryan Cammarata asked the Commission to extend the lieutenants' promotional list for six months which will be June 19, 2013. The lists for captain and sergeant will not be extended due to the eligibility of other department members to test for these positions in the next six months. It was noted that due to the language of the new contract, the promotional list for lieutenants can be extended for up to eighteen months should no one become eligible.

A motion by L. Mayfield and seconded by W. Bertotti to extend the lieutenants' promotional list for six months.

Discussion: None

Vote: Unanimous

President Cammarata informed the Commission that his term in office will be ending shortly and Detective Paul Markette will be the next union president because he is running unopposed.

7. PRESENTATION OF CHIEF'S MONTHLY REPORTS:

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

Discussion: Chairman Smith questioned the status of hiring. Deputy Chief Bernegger informed the Commission that Chief Edson was currently at the meeting of the Joint Boards to request a transfer for funding to join the South Central Criminal Justice Administration of CT. This agency will provide the testing for recruits as well as promotional testing.

Vote: Unanimous

8. CORRESPONDENCE:

The union had submitted a letter to be read, however, the topic was covered under "Union Business".

Ruth Morris, 5 Deepwood Road, thanked Officer Jonathan Slavin for his courteous and helpful assistance during storm Sandy.

An application from Stanley Pakula for the installation of a handicapped sign at his home was received. This item is already listed on the agenda and will be discussed shortly. It was noted that the correct address is "28 Greenwood Street" not "38 Greenwood Street" as on the agenda.

9. PUBLIC COMMENTS: NONE

10. OPEN ITEMS: NONE

11. REPORTS FROM SUBCOMMITTEES:

Traffic Subcommittee: W. Bertotti reported that he received a request from Ken Healy, Diversified Financial, 21 Maple Street, to install a handicapped parking sign in front of his business. W. Bertotti recommended the sign but Deputy Chief Bernegger suggested this be studied as all other requests to comply with regulations.

A motion was made by W. Bertotti to install a handicapped sign in front of 21 Maple Street. The motion was not seconded. It was agreed to place this as an "Open Item" on the agenda for the December meeting. In the meantime, a study of state statutes will take place to determine installation of a sign.

a. Handicapped parking sign at 76 Walnut Street:

A motion by W. Bertotti and seconded by L. Mayfield to remove the existing handicapped parking sign at 76 Walnut Street.

Discussion: Deputy Chief Bernegger reported that this sign was installed 17 years ago. It has been grandfathered in due to the needs of the home's resident. It had been removed and then replaced therefore the vote to remove the sign should be reconsidered. A new approach by the department will be to review current signage in Naugatuck on an annual basis and mandate the residents to provide documentation to support the use of handicapped parking signs.

The motion was retracted.

A motion by W. Bertotti and seconded by L. Mayfield to send a letter to the resident of 76 Walnut Street indicating a review of the handicapped sign in front of the home and documentation to support the continued placement of the handicapped sign.

Discussion: Deputy Chief Bernegger will assist in the composition of correspondence to the resident.

Vote: Unanimous

b. 28 Greenwood Street:

A motion by L. Mayfield and seconded by W. Bertotti to install a handicapped sign in front of the residence with the oversight of the Police Department and the approval of such.

Discussion: It was determined there are no driveways in this vicinity and a six unit multi-family house borders Mr. Pakula's home. It is understood that any vehicle with a handicapped sticker can park where the sign is placed and it is not

designated for any particular individual. This item will be on the agenda for the December meeting.

Vote: Unanimous

Deputy Chief Bernegger reported the findings of J. SanAngelo regarding the state parking ticket program. Discussion took place of the towns using the system, research of the project, involvement of the Borough Board and cost effectiveness. It was agreed to discuss this further at the December meeting.

12. COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS:

A. Barnes wished everyone a happy Thanksgiving.

Chairman Smith announced the Police Commissioners Association holiday party for December 5, 2012. He congratulated W. Bertotti on his re-appointment to the Commission. He also wished everyone a happy holiday.

13. A motion by L. Mayfield and seconded by R. Roper at 7:50 p.m. to adjourn to the next scheduled meeting on Tuesday, December 18, 2012 at the Naugatuck Police Department.

Discussion: None

Vote: Unanimous

ATTEST:

S. Smith, Chairman  
Naugatuck Police Commission