

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING  
October 15, 2013

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:

Steve Smith  
Linda Mayfield  
Ralph Roper

DEPT. HEADS AND OTHERS:

Chief Christopher Edson  
Deputy Chief Joshua Bernegger  
Attorney Cesar Sousa  
Burgess Laurie Jackson

ALTERNATES:

Stephanie Savoy  
Andy Barnes  
Walter Bertotti

ABSENT:

Mayor Mezzo  
Bruce Whitaker  
James San Angelo

Staff: 0  
Press: 0  
Public: 4

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 S. Savoy as voting members in the absence of Mayor Mezzo, B. Whitaker and J. San Angelo respectively.

4. A motion by A. Barnes and seconded by R. Roper to accept the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners held on September 17, 2013.

Discussion: None

Vote: Unanimous

5. A motion by W. Bertotti and seconded by L. Mayfield to accept the minutes of the Special Meeting held on September 9, 2013.

Discussion: None

Vote: Unanimous

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS: NONE

7. UNION BUSINESS: NONE

8. PRESENTATION OF CHIEF'S MONTHLY REPORTS:

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

Discussion: Chief Edson reported that a new candidate had recently entered the academy. He said there are no immediate positions open, however, the department has conducted oral interviews to maintain an active list for future hiring should the need arise.

Vote: Unanimous

9. CORRESPONDENCE:

Thomas J. Saadi, Assistant Attorney General, State of Connecticut, thanked Officer Colin McAllister for the professional support he provided to the Office of the Attorney General in connection with a recent Home Improvement Contractor prosecution.

All correspondence will be placed into the officer's personnel files.

10. A motion by W. Bertotti and seconded by R. Roper to **add Item #9a Election of Officers** to the agenda.

Discussion: This item was inadvertently left off of the agenda.

Vote: Unanimous

A motion by S. Savoy and seconded by L. Mayfield to **add agenda Item #9b Discussion/possible action regarding the site plan and land use application for the project at 1257 New Haven Road.**

Discussion: Larry Edwards, J. Edwards & Associates, LLC attended the meeting to determine the status of the proposal. He had dropped off the plans a few weeks prior to the meeting.

Vote: Unanimous

11. ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

A motion by S. Savoy and seconded by W. Bertotti to keep the existing officers in their same positions.

Discussion: Chairman Smith asked L. Mayfield and R. Roper if they would agree to maintain the offices Vice Chairman and Secretary respectively. They agreed. Chairman Smith thanked them for their continued service to the Commission.

Vote: Unanimous

12. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE SITE PLAN AT 1257 NEW HAVEN ROAD:

Larry Edwards, agent for Newtown Investors, discussed the proposal for a self-storage facility located at 1257 New Haven Road. He talked about the security measures that would be in place such as surveillance cameras, light sensors and automated gates. Chief Edson had directed an administrative officer to conduct a traffic study when the plans were delivered to the Police Department. The site lines and traffic patterns were studied and no issues were found. Chairman Smith referred this item to the Traffic and Land Use Subcommittees. W. Bertotti said that he did not have a problem with the project given the findings of the traffic study.

A motion by W. Bertotti and seconded by R. Roper to approve the site plan/ land use application for the self-storage facility located at 1257 New Haven Road.

Discussion: None

Vote: Unanimous

13. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Burgess Laurie Jackson asked Chief Edson about the status of the parking situation on Church Street. He reported that a portion of the street will have new parking signs with a two hour limit and the remainder will stay as is. Parking on the street after 5:00 p.m. will not have a time limit.

14. OPEN ITEMS:

a. Towing Policy: Attorney Cesar Sousa had submitted final revisions of the towing policy. Chief Edson asked the Commissioners to review the draft and send any revisions to Deputy Chief Bernegger via e-mail. He would like to have the final draft adopted at the next meeting.

15. REPORTS FROM SUBCOMMITTEES: NONE

16. COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS:

A. Barnes commented on the attendance of the Commissioners at the meetings. He noted that the Alternates have been consistent with their participation. Chairman Smith discussed the current opening for an Alternate position. Consideration was given to contacting Mayor Mezzo in order to address the absences and unfilled position.

L. Mayfield offered her condolences to Chairman Smith on the loss of his Mother. All of the Commissioners extended sympathy to him and his family as well.

Chairman Smith congratulated S. Savoy for her re-appointment to the Police Commission by Mayor Mezzo.

Deputy Chief Bernegger informed the Commission he had returned from the FBI academy in Virginia due to the shutdown of the federal government. He is expected to return in April.

17. A motion by A. Barnes and seconded by R. Roper at 7:30 p.m. to adjourn to the next scheduled meeting on Tuesday, November 19, 2013 at the Naugatuck Police Department.

Discussion: None

Vote: Unanimous

ATTEST:

Steve Smith, Chairman  
Naugatuck Police Commission