

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING  
September 15, 2015

1. Vice 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  
Ralph Roper  
Linda Mayfield

ALTERNATES:

None

ABSENT:

Mayor Mezzo  
Stephanie Savoy  
James San Angelo  
Andy Barnes  
Ron Blanchard

DEPT. HEADS AND OTHERS:

Chief Christopher Edson  
Deputy Chief Joshua Bernegger  
Burgess Robert Burns  
Burgess Rocky Vitale  
Burgess Catherine Ernsky  
Burgess Laurie Jackson

Staff: 0  
Press: 0  
Public: 3

2. Vice Chairman Smith led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.
3. ALTERNATES APPOINTED AS VOTING MEMBERS: NONE
4. A motion by R. Roper and seconded by L. Mayfield to accept the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners held on August 18, 2015.

Discussion: None

Vote: Unanimous

5. A motion by L. Mayfield and seconded by R. Roper to accept the minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners held on September 1, 2015.

Discussion: None

Vote: Unanimous

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Maria James, 1207 New Haven Road, expressed her concerns for the proposed gas station on New Haven Road regarding crime and increased traffic. She brought a petition with 900 signatures in protest. Chief Edson advised her to bring this matter to the Zoning Board. Mrs. James said that was her intention for Wednesday night. Chief Edson said the department will be mindful of the traffic and crime in the area and is sympathetic to her concerns.

Vincent Horgan, 54 Pleasant Avenue, asked to have the yield sign located at the intersection of Route 63 and Cherry Street moved to Cherry Street because its current location makes it difficult to see. Chief Edson will have a traffic study conducted.

Burgess Jackson, 204 Margaret Circle, brought a letter to thank the officers who assisted her and Joe Pesce during a motor vehicle accident on July 21, 2015. The officers are Andre Moutela, Thomas McGarvey and Sergeant Daniel Norck.

Art James, 1207 New Haven Road, spoke in favor of moving the yield sign on Cherry Street. He said as a school bus driver he's aware of the sign being difficult to see.

7. UNION BUSINESS: NONE

8. PRESENTATION OF CHIEF'S MONTHLY REPORTS:

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

Discussion: Chief Edson said there isn't much to report since the town is still without a budget. He noted there have been good arrests recently – the school bus batteries and soccer goal posts. There are two new candidates entering the academy on October 2, 2015. S. Smith questioned the increase in door checks which Deputy Chief Bernegger said is typical for the summer.

Vote: Unanimous

9. CORRESPONDENCE:

Chief Michael Kehoe, Newtown Police Department, thanked Captain Steven Hunt for his assistance in the testing process for sergeant.

The Ling family sent a note to thank the department for all they do for the public.

Mr. and Mrs. James Beebe thanked Sergeant Derek Poundstone and his officers for their assistance at an incident on June 26, 2015.

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

10. PUBLIC COMMENTS: NONE

11. OPEN ITEMS:

- a. Land Use Application for Vesel Nasufi, 24 Golden Court/451 North Main Street:

A motion by R. Roper and seconded by L. Mayfield to accept the plan review and allow the state to report their findings to the Zoning Board.

Discussion: None

Vote: Unanimous

- b. Land Use Application for HZM Petroleum Corp., 1198, 1202 and 1204 New Haven Road:

A motion by L. Mayfield and seconded by R. Roper to accept the plan review and allow the state to report their findings to the Zoning Board being aware of the citizens' concerns for crime and traffic.

Discussion: None

Vote: Unanimous

12. REPORTS FROM SUBCOMMITTEES: NONE

13. COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS:

R. Roper wanted to thank the officers who responded to a call at Hillside School today, particularly Officer Matthew Savoy for his calming manner in a difficult situation.

Chief Edson said he is curious to see the politics and referendum unfold in the community. He's anxious to go forward. He reported that Officer Michael Markette has resigned from the department to take a position with the Southbury Police Department.

14. A motion by R. Roper and seconded by L. Mayfield at 7:29 p.m. to adjourn to the next scheduled meeting on Tuesday, October 20, 2015 at the Naugatuck Police Department.

Discussion: None

Vote: Unanimous

ATTEST:

Steven Smith, Vice Chairman  
Naugatuck Police Commission

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