

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING  
July 19, 2016

1. Chairman Savoy called the Regular Meeting of the Naugatuck Police Commission to order at 7:00 p.m.

Those in attendance were:

POLICE COMMISSION:

Stephanie Savoy  
Ralph Roper  
Steve Smith

ALTERNATES:

Andy Barnes  
Al Rollinson  
John Alves

ABSENT:

Mayor N. Warren Hess  
Linda Mayfield

DEPT. HEADS AND OTHERS:

Chief Christopher Edson  
Burgess Robert Burns  
Burgess Laurie Jackson  
Burgess Rocky Vitale  
Jim Cassidy Engineer

Staff: 0  
Press: 0  
Public: 0

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

3. ALTERNATES APPOINTED AS VOTING MEMBERS:

Chairman Savoy appointed J. Alves as a voting member in the absence of L. Mayfield.

4. A motion by R. Roper and seconded by S. Smith to accept the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners held on June 21, 2016.

Discussion: None

Vote: Unanimous

5. A motion by S. Smith and seconded by R. Roper to accept the minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners held on July 5, 2016.

Discussion: None

Vote: Unanimous

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Burgess Rocky Vitale, 180 E. Waterbury Road, said the 40mph sign is missing from Prospect Street, Route 68. He asked to have it replaced. Chief Edson said this is a state road therefore he will contact DOT to replace the sign.

7. A motion by S. Smith and seconded by R. Roper to add to the agenda Item 6A **DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING LAND USE APPLICATION FOR TRACTOR SUPPLY COMPANY 1160 NEW HAVEN ROAD.**

Discussion: This land use application arrived after the agenda had been distributed.

Vote: Unanimous

8. **DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING LAND USE APPLICATION FOR TRACTOR SUPPLY COMPANY 1160 NEW HAVEN ROAD:**

Jim Cassidy, Engineer for Hallisey, Pearson & Cassidy, presented the plans for the proposed building of the Tractor Supply Company located at 1160 New Haven Road and Candee Road. He explained the entrance/exit for the business will be on Candee Road and the project will require approximately 23,000 cubic yards of earthen material to be removed from the property. He said a traffic study has not yet been completed and he is uncertain of the material removal portion of the project. Mr. Cassidy further stated that no improvements were scheduled for Candee Road as of yet.

A motion by S. Smith and seconded by R. Roper to approve the Land Use Application for the Tractor Supply Company 1160 New Haven Road.

Discussion: None

Vote: Unanimous

9. UNION BUSINESS: NONE

10. PRESENTATION OF CHIEF'S MONTHLY REPORTS:

Chief Edson reported that a large outpouring of thanks from the public has been received at the department. The tragic events occurring throughout the country has prompted people to send letters, gifts and food to express their gratitude for the work performed by our police officers. He greatly appreciates the support he and the department have received. Chief Edson realizes there is always a need for improvement which is why he has mandated that his officers receive training in "Fair and Impartial Treatment", "De-Escalation" and "Crisis Intervention". He

will continue to do this every other year. The Naugatuck Police Department was one of the first departments in Connecticut to implement body-worn cameras which aids in capturing all police encounters on tape. Chief Edson said outreach into the community is extremely important and he plans to continue the efforts.

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

Discussion: None

Vote: Unanimous

11. CORRESPONDENCE:

Charles Sherwood, South Central Criminal Justice and Chief Jeffrey Hutchinson thanked Captain Steven Hunt for serving as assessor at the recent assessment center for the rank of Lieutenant at the Guilford Police Department.

Shawaz Hossein, 282 Quinn Street, asked to have a speed limit sign and children playing sign installed on Quinn Street due to the number of children in the area. Chief Edson said he will look into this request.

Chief Tracey Grove, West Hartford Police Department, thanked Deputy Chief Bernegger for his participation in the promotional process for the position of lieutenant.

Donna Cariello, 34 Forest Street, asked to have a stop sign installed at the intersection of Forest and Vine Streets. Chief Edson said he will look into this request.

Father Mathai Vellappallil, Pastor at St. Francis Church, thanked Chief Edson and his staff for their dedicated work. He offered condolences for the Dallas Police Officers killed and injured. He and his congregation have prayed for all deceased Police Officers and members of this department.

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

12. PUBLIC COMMENTS: NONE

13. OPEN ITEMS: NONE

14. REPORTS FROM SUBCOMMITTEES:

Chairman Savoy said the subcommittees have been stagnant and changes have not taken place since 2014. She asked the Commissioners to consider joining a

subcommittee - Land Use/Traffic, Towing, Alarms. Hiring is a subcommittee of all Commissioners. She is going to form a new subcommittee "Community Outreach" for the purpose of gaging what's happening in our community. She asked for responses at the next meeting.

15. COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS:

J. Alves asked if a sign "Yield to Pedestrians" can be placed on Church Street near the florist shop. Chief Edson said he will look into this request.

A. Rollinson commended Chief Edson for his work with the department.

A. Barnes apologized for Louisiana in the wake of recent events.

S. Smith also commented on recent events in the news and said it's had an effect on him. He asked everyone to put themselves in an officer's shoes.

R. Roper thanked Chief Edson for his work.

Chairman Savoy said that Chief Edson's contract needs to be extended. She is very happy with the job he is performing. As in the past, she will submit a letter to the Board of Mayor and Burgesses on behalf of the Police Commission to express their approval of Chief Edson and support his continued appointment as Chief of Police. She has spoken to Burgess Vitale to back this recommendation to the Board.

Chief Edson said he would like to stay in Naugatuck and continue his career. He feels there is more work to do and is very appreciative of the community.

16. A motion by S. Smith and seconded by R. Roper at 7:27 p.m. to adjourn to the next scheduled meeting on Tuesday, August 16, 2016 at the Naugatuck Police Department.

Discussion: None

Vote: Unanimous

ATTEST:

Stephanie Savoy, Chairman  
Naugatuck Police Commission