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TOWN OF NEWTOWN

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS

The Board of Police Commissioners
Regular Meeting, Tuesday, May 1, 2018
Town Hall South Conference Room
3 Main Street, Newtown

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Present: Joel Faxon, Brian Budd, Joan Plouffe, Andy Sachs

Absent: Scott Cicciari

Also Present: Chief James Viadero, seven members of the public and one member of the press

Commissioner Faxon called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

Public Participation: Andrew Willie, 51 Butterfield Rd. reported cars speeding on Butterfield Road, saying it's a narrow road where often one car has to move over for another to pass. Speeding is a problem, a safety issue, and he requested enforcement. Chief Viadero said that police have been in that area and will continue enforcement. **Candide Slinko**, 79 Toddy Hill Road witnessed illegal passing on Toddy Hill Road, which creates a dangerous situation with the side streets. The police presence is appreciated. Chief Viadero said the plan is to put a permanent, solar operated speed sign. **Pete Sepi**, 83 Toddy Hill Road thanked the commission for the speed trailer, saying it does work in that one direction. Chief Viadero said he believes permanent signage is the best solution.

Police Union Participation: none.

Consideration and action on the minutes for March 6, 2018. Commissioner Plouffe moved to accept the minutes of April 3, 2018. Commissioner Budd seconded. All in favor.

Chiefs Report: Chief Viadero reported Officer James made two sizable narcotics arrests, through personal observation. Officer Wickman made a burglary arrest. The needs assessment for the new police building is complete. The Chief is happy with the budget. One officer is back from medical leave, another will be back soon. The Police Memorial Dinner is May 7. Steve Ketchum's name will be honored, his name placed on the Law Enforcement Memorial. The awards ceremony will be May 15, Newtown officers will be honored for jobs well done. Steve Ketchum's name will be unveiled on the Law Enforcement Memorial at the Post Academy in Meriden, on May 24. Many upcoming special events are expected. A Cinco de Mayo fundraiser at Pecks Lane will be this weekend. Road construction includes Edmond Road project, Pecks Lane, Toddy Hill Road and Rte. 302. Data on Toddy Hill Road since the second week of April includes one misdemeanor arrest, 19 infractions, 6 written warnings, 18 verbal warnings and 44 speed related stops with radar. The speed limit is 30 mph. The average speed was recorded at 34 mph; the highest recorded at 70 mph. The average amount of cars per day is 3,739 with 52,347 vehicles traveling northbound on Toddy Hill Road. Newtown was designated #67 on the 100 safest cities list. Professor McCabe completed his focus groups and survey and is compiling a report which will be presented to the commission and to the officers to review. Officer hours due to extra hours

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with road work in town will generate approximately \$225,000 in revenue, based on past figures, for the town, with six to seven officers a day working in town and in Easton. Chief Viadero will meet with the Superintendent to discuss an alternative location, other than the Exit 11 lot, for student parking.

Old Business:

Alarm Ordinance Appeal – Newtown Savings Bank: Chief Viadero said this problem has resolved through the alarm vendor. Representatives will attend the June commission meeting.

Correspondence: Chief Viadero reported Anthony Corcella is the new warden at Garner Correctional Institution.

New Business: none.

Commissioners Participation: none.

Public Participation: none.

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Adjournment: Having no further business report of police commissioners adjourned their regular meeting at 6:49 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Marcinek, Clerk