

**The Board of Police Commissioners
Regular Meeting, Monday, July 10, 2018
Town Hall South Conference Room
3 Main Street, Newtown**

***MINUTES ARE NOT FINALIZED UNTIL APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF POLICE
COMMISSIONERS***

Present: Brian Budd, Scott Cicciari, Joan Plouffe, Andy Sachs

Absent: Joel Faxon

Also Present: Chief James Viadero, Capt. Christopher Vanghele, Officer Penna, three members of the public and two members of the press.

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

Public Participation: none.

Police Union Participation: Officer Penna noted there was nothing to report from the union.

Consideration and action on the minutes for June 11, 2018. Commissioner Plouffe moved to accept the minutes of June 11, 2018. Commissioner Sachs seconded. All in favor.

Chiefs Report: Chief Viadero said the construction at Rte. 302 became problematic when work stopped. Closing down Elm Drive, which was supposed to be temporary, compounded the problem. After calls from himself, the First Selectman and state representatives to the Commission of DOT, the work began again; work is moving along. Pecks Lane work has been steady. Commerce Drive work is ongoing with an expected December completion. Temporary speed tables will be installed on Juniper under the supervision of the traffic division. A traffic study on Juniper revealed that the speeds have remained the same, post construction in 2016 and during construction. Speeds observed were an average of 22.2 – 22.4. The volume has increased by approximately one hundred cars a day. Toddy Hill Road has daily enforcements. Permanent speed fixtures are on hold until the Town knows better about FEMA reimbursement. No thru trucks signs will be installed at the lower end of Toddy Hill Road. Auto thefts continue. Lock cars, don't leave keys, fobs and garage door openers in cars. An individual from Danbury was arrested and confessed to a number of car thefts. Chief Viadero continues to meet with Chiefs from Fairfield County and works with a task force in Waterbury relative to auto thefts. The body cameras are in, IT is working on getting infrastructure and policy set up. It will take two or three months to get them up and running. The Sandy Hook Permanent Memorial Commission will hold a meeting on July 17, in the Council Chamber of the Municipal Center, during the day; the final three designs will be presented. The commission is invited to attend.

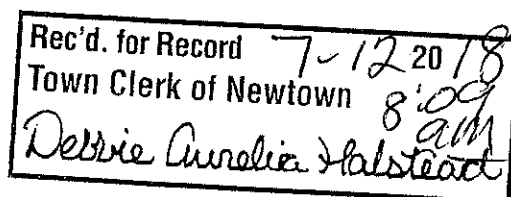
Old Business:

State Road Construction Update: discussed under Chiefs report.

Birch Rise/Rte. 302 Intersection update: discussed under Chiefs report.

Building Design Update: The Board of Selectmen voted to move forward with an offer to purchase 191 South Main. Chief Viadero works closely with Kaestle Boos. Elected officials will be invited to tour the building soon.

Correspondence: Chief Viadero shared that Marie Sturdevant sent a thank you to the Honor Guard for attending a Hospice event at the Waterview. Rumble strips on Rte. 34 will be completed.



New Business: none.

Commissioners Participation: Commissioner Budd inquired about personnel. Chief Viadero stated that one office is out on light duty. Commissioner Cicciari said that he and Commissioner Plouffe have started the process relative to striping; looking at standards other towns are using as well as state and federal guidelines.

Public Participation: none.

Adjournment: Having no further business report of police commissioners adjourned their regular meeting at 6:42 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Marcinek, Clerk