

**The Board of Police Commissioners  
Regular Meeting, Tuesday, January 8, 2019  
Town Hall South Conference Room  
3 Main Street, Newtown**

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

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

**Absent:** Scott Ciccari

**Also Present:** Chief James Viadero, four members of the public and one member of the press.

Commissioner Faxon called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

**Public Participation:** **Candide Slinko**, 79 Toddy Hill Rd., noticed solar powered speed monitors in another town. Chief Viadero reported that he is working with three vendors on bids for solar powered monitors. The Department of Public Works will install them once the job is awarded. There will be one northbound and one southbound. Commissioner Faxon encouraged the public to attend the Board of Selectmen and Board of Finance budget meetings to support funding for monitors in other areas of town. **Pete Sepi**, 83 Toddy Hill Rd. recognized there is enforcement but added between 5am-6am is a hot time for speeding. He questioned what other traffic calming is being done. Chief Viadero is collecting data and will get some answers. The speed trailer works. **Carolyn Sepi**, 83 Toddy Hill Rd., thanked the commission for continued enforcement, saying it really works. She asked about signs she's been seeing that are covered. Chief Viadero said it is for construction being done on Rte. 25 in Monroe, to detour traffic. Work was postponed during rainy weather. **Andy Gorosko**, Newtown Bee asked where the speed signs will be. Chief Viadero said they will be place equal distance between both ends and at a place where they will best serve the purpose.

**Consideration and action on the minutes of December 4, 2018:** Commissioner Plouffe moved to accept the minutes of December 4, 2018 noting the final sentence in paragraph two should read ...and thanked Chief Viadero and Capt. Vanghele for his special guidance and support. Commissioner Budd seconded. All in favor of the minutes as amended.

**Police Union Participation:** none.

**Chief's Report:** Chief Viadero reported he met with the First Selectman on the budget proposal. Increases are contractual; capital items include traffic calming and a pick-up truck for special details. Surveyors and designers have been on site of the new police facility almost every day since closing. The Department of Public Works will trim trees to clear the site and remove furniture from the building. The furniture will be stored on site, in trailers, for use by other departments. Public Building and Site will choose a construction contractor at their Jan. 29 meeting. The project is active and moving along. Chief Viadero stated he is very happy with the crime stat numbers. There is an ongoing, very active investigation into the bomb threat at Sandy Hook School in December. There was a home invasion in town, with an arrest, thanks to public response to a person acting erratically in public. It was an isolated incident. Chief Viadero thanked Monroe, Bethel, Brookfield and a couple of other agencies for mutual aid provided during Sgt. Wisentaner's wife's funeral. Newtown Honor Guard was present at the funeral. The oral boards for the Sergeant test is January 15<sup>th</sup>. There will be final results in February. There was a 911 outage, at 1am. The lines were switched to routine roll over and no calls were missed.

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Debbie Aurelie Halstead		

**Old Business:**

**Police Building Update:** covered under Chief's Report.

**Correspondence:** A letter of appreciation was received by a family member of an individual experiencing emotional problems. Officers were praised and thanked for their compassion.

**New Business:**

- a.) **Alarm Ordinance Appeal Newtown Youth and Family Service:** Chief Viadero recommended the commission forego the fee. This was a one time, isolated event. Commissioner Faxon said the explanation is more than satisfactory; an isolated system failure and they immediately called the vendor. Commissioner Faxon moved to waive any fee associated with the issue contained in the 12/31/18 appeal of the Newtown Youth and Family Services. Commissioner Plouffe seconded. All in favor.
- b.) **Alarm Ordinance Appeal Newtown Deli:** This will be tabled as Chief Viadero is waiting on documentation.

**Commissioners Participation:** Commissioner Budd asked about budget deliberations. Chief Viadero will get the commission meeting dates.

**Public Participation:** none.

**Adjournment:** Having no further business to report the police commissioners adjourned their regular meeting at 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, *Susan Marcinek, Clerk*