

**The Board of Police Commissioners  
Regular Meeting, Tuesday, February 5, 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, Scott Cicciari

**Absent:** Joan Plouffe, Andy Sachs

**Also Present:** Chief James Viadero and five members of the public.

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

**Public Participation:** **Pete Sepi**, 83 Toddy Hill Rd. stated that traffic calming is needed with the spring like weather. He knows the police are doing their jobs. Enforcement is needed most at 5am.

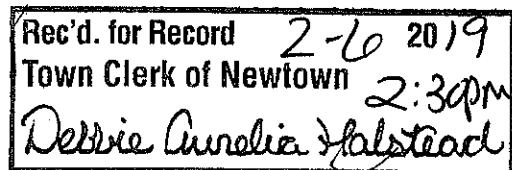
**Police Union Participation:** Commissioner Faxon spoke with Officer Penna who reported everything is operating smoothly.

**Consideration and action on the minutes of November 6, 2018:** Commissioner Budd moved to accept the minutes of January 8, 2019. Commissioner Cicciari seconded. All in favor.

**Chief's Report:** Chief Viadero noted two policies are on the agenda to revise: Motor Vehicle Policy and a Domestic Violence Policy. In the past the policy in town has been to get written consent to search a vehicle; with the body cams consent can be verbal. Police presence continues on Toddy Hill Road. The permanent signs are solar operated and will be installed by the Department of Public Works. The state re-engineered Alberts Hill Road relative to the rural route state project; they will pull back on some of the signage. The state will be doing cross walk work on Glover, Queen and Church Hill, when the construction is complete. The DUI grant was approved for \$15,000. The distracted driving grant and the drug recognition expert grant were also approved. The new vehicles that were approved in the current budget are being outfitted; some cars will be downgraded. The recent sergeant test results are in, with good results. There is no vacancy at this time.

**Old Business:**

- a.) **Police Building Update:** The building is into phase 1, conceptual design; working with designers. They met with the Sustainable Energy Commission; working on the air condition systems. Department of Public Works is cutting trees. Next, the furniture will be removed and stored. Chief Viadero will be meeting with the Public Building and Site Committee and interviews for construction managers will take place at the end of the week. The project is ahead of schedule.
- b.) **Alarm Ordinance Appeal Newtown Deli:** Chief Viadero requested this item be carried as the deli is waiting on alarm documentation from their alarm service. There have been no additional active alarms.



**Correspondence:** none.

**New Business:**

- a.) **Revised Motor Vehicle Search Policy:** Commissioner Budd moved to adopt P&P #7.09 Policy and Procedure Motor Vehicle Searches. Commissioner Cicciari seconded. All in favor.
- b.) **Revised Domestic Violence Policy (Dominant Aggressor):** Commissioner Budd moved to adopt the Police Response to Crimes of Family Violence revised December 2018, by the State of Connecticut. Commissioner Cicciari seconded. All in favor.

**Commissioners Participation:** none.

**Public Participation:** **Brian Fishman**, 224 Brushy Hill Road, suggested a reverse alarm on vehicles that is directional, not throughout the whole neighborhood. It dissipates quickly and is designed for the person behind the vehicle that is backing up. Planter's Choice equipment is noisy in the spring and fall. He suggested an \$80 device for such purpose. Chief Viadero will do research on regulations. Commissioner Faxon said there is an in depth process of ordinance; the Legislative Council is the ordinance body. Starting at the Police Commission level allows for the research prior to initiating an ordinance change. Commission Faxon invited Mr. Fishman to return to the next meeting for an update. Mr. Fishman stated that OSHA governs this.

**Patrick Ross**, 75 Toddy Hill Road inquired to the timing of the Toddy Hill bridge work. The work will commence when the asphalt plants open, April 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Adjournment:** Having no further business to report the police commissioners adjourned their regular meeting at 6:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, *Susan Marcinek, Clerk*