

**The Board of Police Commissioners
Regular Meeting, Tuesday, March 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, Scott Cicciari (6:40pm), Joan Plouffe Andy Sachs

Absent: Brian Budd

Also Present: Chief James Viadero, Capt. Vanghele and two members of the public.

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

Public Participation: **Candide Slinko**, 79 Toddy Hill Rd. and **Pete Sepi**, 83 Toddy Hill Rd. appreciate the continued police presence on Toddy Hill Road.

Police Union Participation: none

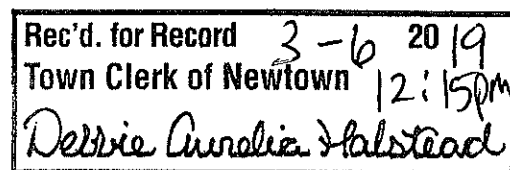
Consideration and action on the minutes of November 6, 2018: Commissioner Cicciari moved to accept the minutes of February 5, 2019. Commissioner Faxon seconded. Motion passed with two abstentions (Plouffe, Sachs).

Chief's Report: Chief Viadero stated that speed enforcement was done on three separate days, between 4:30am and 6:0am. The first day there were 80 vehicles with a high speed of 45mph and a low speed of 29mph; the second day 87 vehicles passed with a high speed of 46mph and a low speed of 18mph; the third day 126 vehicles passed with a high speed of 43mph and a low speed of 27mph. Chief Viadero is confident the unmarked vehicle was not noticed. It may appear vehicles are going faster but the data is consistent. He believes police presence is making a difference. Permanent signage has been ordered for Toddy Hill Road. There was a stolen car; it's the same juveniles committing the crimes. He encourages everyone not to leave key fobs in their cars.

Old Business:

- a.) **Police Building Update:** The Public Building & Site Commission recommended to the Board of Selectmen that Consigli be hired as the construction manager for the new police facility. Once the letter of intent is sent they will be on board immediately. Consigli has a very good reputation and did the work at Sandy Hook School. Chief Viadero asked for a moment of silence to recognize the loss of a nineteen year veteran Bridgeport officer, Sgt. Belinkie, to suicide. He said that the Chiefs organizations and police departments are on the forefront, looking at officer wellness.

Correspondence: Letters of Appreciation: The Woman's Club sent a letter of appreciation to Officer Felicia Figol who presented at an event with the canine.



New Business:

ADD TO THE AGENDA: Commissioner Plouffe moved to add Policy and Procedure Awards and Decorations to the agenda. Commissioner Sachs seconded. All in favor.

Policy and Procedure Awards and Decorations: Capt. Vanghele said that there are a few changes to the Awards and Decorations policy including: nominations control rests with the Awards and Decorations Committee; the wearing of citations bars have been formalized; the language for the Medal of Honor and the Award for Bravery was re-written to clarify that the Medal of Honor is the top award. Additionally, the Life Saving Award is now a stand alone award; Length of Service will be indicated by a hash mark on a long sleeve shirt. Commissioner Plouffe moved to accept the Policy and Procedure Awards and Decorations as presented. Commissioner Sachs seconded. All in favor.

Commissioners Participation: Commissioner Faxon urged the public to remove keys and fobs from their cars and also to lock their cars. Giving thieves' access facilitates car theft and endangers others. Property owners need to take responsibility; this problem is preventable. Commissioner Cicciari noted the commissioner fund drive continues, the ambulance has been proto typed and will be wrapped.

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*