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TOWN OF NEWTOWN

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS

The Board of Police Commissioners
Regular Meeting, Tuesday, May 4 2021
191 South Main Street, Newtown
Conference Room

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Present: Joel Faxon, Scott Cicciari (via phone), Neil Chaudhary, Joan Plouffe

Absent: Andy Sachs

Also Present: Capt. Vanghele, Lt. Kullgren, Officer Lorancaitis and Director of Public Works Fred Hurley.

Chairman Faxon called the meeting to order at 6:33p.m.

Public Participation: none.

Police Union Participation: Officer Lorancaitis reported all processing is at the new facility now; call volume is increasing. Any issues are now squared away.

Consideration and action on the minutes: Commissioner Plouffe moved to accept the minutes of the regular meeting of April 6, 2021. Commissioner Chaudhary seconded. All in favor.

Chief's Report: Capt. Vanghele reported there was a Silver Alert for a 28 year old male from California. The police had communication with his parents; nobody knows why he came to Newtown. He was located within 24 hours. Social media has been helpful in cases such as these. Officer James apprehended a 27 year old male with outstanding warrants. The 20th annual drug take back yielded 37 lbs. of unused prescription drugs; thirty five residents dropped off. There were 419 tons of unused drugs and prescriptions dropped off across the country that day. Commissioner Plouffe asked if there was an update on the most current Silver Alert. Capt. Vanghele noted the information was put online that afternoon; no word yet.

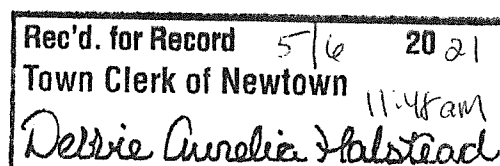
Old Business:

a. Personnel Update: Lt. Kullgren reported PPO Wlasuk is beyond the half way point, has good grades and is given good reviews by his instructors and his peers at the academy. PPO Piazza began the academy on April 15 in Milford; all is going well. Hugo Rojas is the first ever comparative certification lateral from out of state. He is half way through the comparative certification training and will participate in a 40 hour EMR (Emergency Medical Responder) training.

Correspondence: A letter was submitted to the Newtown Bee from a mother whose son died in a motor vehicle accident in February. Given such a loss the recognition of a difficult job done well was appreciated by the officers.

New Business:

a. Public Works Director, Fred Hurley (Road Striping): Fred Hurley presented his report to the commission (att.) and answered questions. The current budget of \$125,000 for road striping is six times



what was in the budget in the past and he anticipates this budget level to continue over the next couple of years. There is money under contractual for safety measures which can cover crosswalks, lighted identifiers for crosswalks or other limited safety measure projects. Guiderail projects have a \$175,000 budget. Mr. Hurley estimates a cost of \$1 million to install guiderail where there is none. There is not currently an inventory of areas that are not guiderail compliant. Developers will install guiderail in new developments per the Town Engineer. The guiderail funding is a start; there is more needed. Commissioner Cicciari said it makes sense to increase the amount and suggested advocating for that during the next budget season. The metal beam is state certified. The list of 46 roads are currently approved roads for striping. The Police Commission can review and add roads. Depending on the paving schedule roads may be able to be striped before winter; if not, they will be done in the spring. Heated epoxy is used to stripe the roads in Newtown; this lasts longer. The expectation is that 40 miles of road will be striped based on a bulk purchase agreement. The roads on the list, #2 through #46 will be paved as needed, and striped, this year. Twenty miles of striping will commence in July.

ADD TO THE AGENDA: Commissioner Plouffe moved to add to the agenda voting on including a set of roads that will be requiring the double 4" yellow center line. Commissioner Chaudhary seconded. All in favor.

There was further discussion on receiving periodic updates from Fred Hurley. Chairman Faxon suggested having Mr. Hurley come to the July meeting with additional roads deserving of double stripes.

Commissioner Plouffe moved to endorse fourteen roads, #32 through #46 for striping. Commissioner Chaudhary seconded. All in favor.

Mr. Hurley noted he has additional funding for stop bars.

Commissioner Participation: Commissioner Cicciari asked about Exit 11 and flagpole updates. The general construction will begin this year. After discussion about what has been done up to this point relative to the flagpole, it was noted there was no consensus and not an easy process. Commissioner Cicciari inquired what the next steps are, saying if it is a safety issue it should be flushed out more. Mr. Hurley suggested broaching the subject with the Borough. Crash rates and traffic counts were discussed and requested. This item will be on the agenda next month.

Public Participation: none.

Adjournment: Having no further business to report Commissioner Chaudhary moved to adjourn the regular meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners at 7:28 p.m. Commissioner Cicciari seconded. All in favor.

Att.: Report to the Police Commission, 5/4/21, from F. Hurley

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Marcinek, Clerk



TOWN OF NEWTOWN
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Report To Police Commission
May 4, 2021

This report has been issued subsequent to the latest Town Budget Referendum. The funding references are as approved by that referendum. There are two topics covered by this report: Centerline painting and guide rail installation. This report will also serve as our request for acceptance of additional roads added to the stripping list.

Centerline Rumble Strips and Line Painting:

The original list of "Class A Roadways" requiring double 4" yellow centerlines was as is indicated below. The first listing (#1) is omitted because it only referred to State or US numbered highways. The total linear feet and mile equivalent is 258,410 LF or 48.941 miles.

Road Name	Length/LF	Project Condition	Completion Code

2. Queen Street	5,283	OK	A
3. Glover	1,439	OK	A
4. Currituck *	14,794	Partial (7,000)	B
5. Hanover	21,883	Partial (1,900)	B
6. Poverty Hollow	14,395	OK	A
7. Hattertown	20,474	Partial (6,125)	B
8. Key Rock	4,498	OK	A
9. Toddy Hill *	12,699	OK	A
10. Botsford Hill *	6,192	OK	A
11. Elm Drive	6,315	Entire	B
12. Boggs Hill	16,442	Entire	C

13. Glen Road	2,981	OK	A
14. Walnut Tree Hill	17,152	OK	A
15. Brushy Hill	21,411	Partial (3,650)	C
16. Huntingtown Road	16,186	Partial (1,500)	B
17. Meadowbrook	4,854	OK	A
18. The Boulevard	7,207	Partial (3,750)	B
19. Riverside	13,853	Partial (5,000 + Water Project)	D
20. Schoolhouse Hill	6,828	Partial (4,060)	B
21. Castle Hill	10,843	Entire	B
22. Taunton Hill	14,843	Entire	B
23. Bennetts Bridge	11,296	Entire	E
24. Castle Meadow	6,542	OK	A

This concludes the original list of roads. The three roads with the asterisk mark (Currituck, Botsford Hill and Toddy Hill) are the only roads noted for centerline rumble strips. They may be repainted without requiring replacement of the rumble strip. The timing for completion of work is indicated by the following letter code:

“A” - No work required.

“B” - Available July 1st for (partial or entire) new or restriping 1 to 2 lines.

“C” - Fall 2021 after fog seal applied to May/June chip seal roads

“D” - Immediately after 21-22 paving completed / date TBD

“E” - After 21-22 chip seal program/ date TBD

The next group of roads were those added to the original list last year and endorsed by the Commission. They are 51,373 LF or 9.729 miles in length.

25. Old Hawleyville	6,103	OK	A
26. Great Ring	11,029	Partial (6,225)	B
27. New Lebbon	9,069	OK	A
28. Narragansett	2,942	Entire	B
29. High Rock	10,766	Partial (6,015)	D
30. High Bridge	4,942	Partial (2,620)	B
31. Philo Curtis	6,522	Entire	B

The final grouping of roads are those which the Public Works Department feels fits the general criteria of need for safety purposes because of traffic volumes and speed as well as continuity of major thru roads. We request that the Commission endorse

the inclusion of these roads in our list requiring the double 4" yellow centerline. The new roads total 81,633 LF or 15.46 miles, in length. Some of these roads have already been requested for centerline painting by the Commission. A number of them were painted in the past but only with a single line.

32. Washington Ave.	2,249	Entire	D
33. Jeremiah	6,922	OK	A
34. Mile Hill South	8,083	Entire	D
35. Dinglebrook	3,770	OK	A
36. Pole Bridge	8,564	Entire	C
37. Turkey Hill	5,008	Entire	B
38. Peck's Lane	4,244	Entire	B
39. Gray's Plain	2,522	OK	A
40. Taunton Lake	8,661	Entire	D
41. Great Hill	7,887	Entire	B
42. Plumtrees	3,212	Entire	B
43. Old Bethel	5,260	Entire	C
44. Obtuse	6,136	Entire	C
45. Bancroft	1,950	Entire	D
46. Orchard Hill	7,165	Entire	B

This completes the review of all roads currently approved or proposed for centerline stripping and the proposed action to complete stripping the entire system. The totally proposed system has 391,416 LF or 74.13 miles of centerline stripping. This specific proposal is for 210,215 LF or 39.81 miles of roadway striping. About 53.7% of the designated and proposed for designation roadway. The initial cost estimate for this item is \$115,000 out of a budget line item of \$125,000. The first mobilization would be immediately after July 1st for all roads in category "B". The second mobilization would probably be either in September or October for all the other roads that were ready for striping at that time.

Guiderail Projects: There are three major guiderail projects designated in the new budget totaling \$175,000. They are as follows:

Currituck/Parmalee Hill	762 LF
Hanover	675 LF
Hattertown	2,938 LF

There are many other identified projects should funding become available.

