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## TOWN OF NEWTOWN

### POLICE COMMISSION

The Board of Police Commissioners  
Regular Meeting, Tuesday, February 7, 2023, 6:30 P.M.  
191 South Main Street, Newtown, CT  
Conference Room

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

**Present:** Brian Budd, Scott Cicciari, Neil Chaudhary, Stephen Sedensky  
**Absent:** Joel Faxon

**Also Present:** Capt. Bishop, one member of the public, one member of the press and Officer McCarthy

Vice Chairman Budd called the meeting to order at 6:30p.m. beginning with the Pledge of Allegiance

**Public Participation:** none.

**Police Union Participation:** none.

**Consideration and action on minutes:** Commissioner Chaudhary moved to accept the minutes of the regular meeting of January 3, 2023. Commissioner Cicciari seconded. All in favor.

**Chief's Report:** Of the 45 officers two are out on injury/extended leave, one is on light duty and one is in field training, leaving the effective strength of the department at 41 officers. There continues to be a high percentage of fraud, mail theft and check fraud. Today, officers arrested two people involved in an ongoing fraud scheme at the East Haven Lumber yard; there was over \$40,000 in thefts on fraudulent invoices. During January, Sgt. Chapman, Officer Hayes and Officer Wlasuk participated in the Bender Classic charity hockey game benefiting Special Olympics; over \$12,000 was raised. Newtown PD hosted a weeklong police recertification training. They are looking to hold more in service training. One training is ABLE - Active Bystandership for Law Enforcement which is training on intervention, state law and state use of force policy mandated intervention. This is a training block put on by Georgetown Law. The Detective Bureau is busy. There is an increase in officer motor vehicle activity. The Meadow Brook Bridge should be reopening this week and will close temporarily for repaving. Commissioner Sedensky inquired about the child pornography charge. Capt. Bishop reported this is being handled by the state. Commissioner Sedensky said the officers involved in the DCF referral did a very nice job.

#### Old Business:

**a.) Jordan Hill traffic complaint** – Patrols have increased. There are no traffic count devices as it is winter. 1800 feet of the road is in Newtown; a lot of activity is coming in from Monroe. There has been no conversation with Monroe. Officers are given verbal warnings and also taking enforcement action. With the grade of the hill, the road being narrow and curvy it isn't likely speed tables would be an option.

**Correspondence:** Sgt. Chapman replied to inquiries relative to Jordan Hill Road.

Rec'd. for Record 2-8 2023  
Town Clerk of Newtown 10:10am  
Debbie Aurelia Halstead

**Commissioners Participation:** Commissioner Chaudhary said he attended the ordinance committee meeting. The Do Not Block the Box is going to the Town Attorney for review. It then goes back to ordinance, a public hearing is held and the Legislative Council will vote on it. Realistically, this can be two months out.

Commissioner Cicciari voiced concern that residents reaching out through the website be addressed. Capt. Bishop said that Sgt. Chapman replied to inquiries.

**Adjournment:** Having no further business the regular meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners adjourned at 6:42p.m.

*Susan Marcinek, clerk*