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TOWN OF NEWTOWN

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS

The Board of Police Commissioners
Regular Meeting, Tuesday, January 2, 2018
Town Hall South Conference Room
3 Main Street, Newtown

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Present: Joel Faxon, Brian Budd, Scott Cicciari, Joan Plouffe

Absent: Andy Sachs

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

Commissioner Faxon caught the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

Commissioner Faxon moved to add to the agenda the election of chairman and vice chairman.
Commissioner Cicciari seconded. All in favor.

Public Participation: **Candide Slinko**, 79 Toddy Hill Rd. asked about signage relative to the four side streets, Deerfield Dr., Pilgrim Lane, Clearview Dr. and Still Hill Rd., saying she has witnessed cars trying to pass in that area. Chief Viadero said that speed signage is up along Toddy Hill Road. Ms. Slinko said the people are not adhering to the speed limits, and also questioned the yellow signs stating cars are required to leave 3 feet for a bicyclist. Commissioner Faxon stated that it is the law that a motor vehicle has to pass a bicyclist by 3 feet. Chief Viadero will put money in the budget for permanent speed signs for Toddy Hill Road. This will be in either the police budget or the Public Works budget and will be requested for the 2018-19 budget year. **Carolyn Sepe**, 83 Toddy Hill Road, asked how long it would be before the permanent speed signs were installed. Capt. Vanghele said upon approval the funding would be in place July 1.

Commissioner Faxon welcomed Joan Plouffe as the new Commissioner to the board.

Commissioner Plouffe moved to nominate Commissioner Faxon as the Chairman and Brian Budd as the Vice Chairman. Commissioner Cicciari seconded. All in favor.

Police Union Participation: none.

Consideration and action on the minutes for December 5, 2017: Commissioner Budd moved to accept the minutes of December 5, 2017. Commissioner Faxon seconded. All in favor.

Chiefs Report: Chief Viadero reported he has a budget meeting scheduled with the First Selectman. The main increase will be contractual in nature. There was a very good arrest made by Paul Wickman, stemming from the car theft in Sandy Hook. There was a lot of DUI enforcement on the holiday week, with a number of arrests made. The uniform changeover is almost complete. A date in the last two weeks of January needs to be decided for the final to design firms. Three new vehicles are in. Three officers

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remain on leave due to injuries; scheduling has been adjusted to fill those vacancies. Speed enforcement continues on Toddy Hill Road and Juniper. There won't be a traffic plan for Walnut tree Hill Road until after it's approved through Water and Sewer Authority and Zoning. The same applies for the assisted living facility plans for the corner of The Boulevard. The police department and the highway department have looked at the site line issue at 37 Sugar St. and Rte. 302. Mr. Hurley, Director of Public Works, will work with the state to see if anything can be done. There are not a lot of accidents in that area; the issue is limited to the one address. The holiday was quiet; nothing out of the ordinary. There is a proposal by school security and the bussing and company to open up the gate on Old Farm near Reed school in the morning to let the traffic in there and around the school. The police department does not have an issue with it, however someone will have to open and close the gate in the mornings. This may help alleviate some of the traffic at the light in the morning. Commissioner Budd said traffic exiting would need to be right turn only. Commissioner Faxon suggested a trial run for a week; Chief Viadero agreed.

Old Business:

Discussion of possible action on the 2018 meeting calendar: Commissioner Faxon moved the proposed 2018 meeting calendar with the change to the July date, from July 3 to July 10. Commissioner Cicciari seconded. All in favor.

Correspondence: There was a letter of appreciation from Newtown Congregational Church relative to officer Figol.

New Business:

Discussion of possible action:

* **Sugar Street site line issue:** this item covered under Chiefs report

* **appointment of commissioner Cicciari to the flagpole subcommittee:** Commissioner Faxon moved to a point commissioner Cicciari to the flagpole sub-committee which will be comprised of commissioners Cicciari and Commissioner Budd. Commissioner Plouffe second it. All in favor.

Commissioners Participation: none

Public Participation: Mr. Gorosko, of the Newtown Bee, Asked if there were any new updates with the flagpole intersection. Commissioner Budd responded that there are no new updates. They will initiate a meeting with the state in the spring.

Adjournment: Having no further business report of police commissioners adjourned their regular meeting at 6:56 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Marcinek, Clerk

Attached: 2018 meeting calendar