



TOWN OF NEWTOWN
BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES FROM THE BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING HELD TUESDAY, MARCH 7, 2017
TOWN HALL SOUTH CONFERENCE ROOM
3 MAIN STREET, NEWTOWN

**These minutes are not finalized until approved
At the next regularly scheduled meeting.*

PRESENT: Dan Rosenthal, Virgil Procaccini, Vice-Chairman Brian Budd, and Chairman Joel Faxon

ABSENT: Andy Sachs

ALSO PRESENT: Chief James Viadero, 1 member of the press, and 1 member of the public

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: Mark Dawley, 10 Jangling Plain Road, informed Police Commissioners that he had emailed the First Selectman Pat Llodra explaining that the condition of Jangling Plain was deteriorating; and that drivers were using Flat Swamp Road as a cut through to get from Dodgingtown Road to Poverty Hollow Road. According to Mr. Dawley, he observed one SRT Jeep going around the curve at no less than 60 mph; and said he was shocked he didn't hit someone. He asked if there was a way they could get a police presence out there. Chief Viadero said of course but noted that it was like triage. The Chief explained that Traffic Enforcement has been on Poverty Hollow as well as other roads, but said he would tell officers to make a presence up there. He recommended that Mr. Dawley email him directly next time so he didn't have to take time out to come to the meeting. Mr. Dawley said ok but added that it was nice to come in and talk to the Board.

POLICE UNION PARTICIPATION: none

CONSIDERATION AND ACTION ON THE MINUTES: February 7, 2017:

Commissioner Rosenthal moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting February 7, 2017. Vice-Chairman Budd seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.

Commissioner Rosenthal made the motion to amend the agenda of March 7, 2017 to include the minutes of the special meeting February 27, 2017. Vice-Chairman Budd seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Budd moved to accept the minutes of the special meeting February 27, 2017. Vice-Chairman Budd seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.

CHIEF'S REPORT: Traffic Enforcement - Chief Viadero reported that Officers were busy monitoring traffic activity on several roads around Town including Poverty Hollow, Riverside

Road, as well as other hot spots. He said he would add Mr. Dawley's complaint to the list. The Chief added that they were doing speed enforcement on Poverty Hollow, Pearl Street, Great Ring, Boggs Hill and Benedicts Bridge to name a few. Detective Bureau – Chief Viadero informed the Board that the Detective Bureau had no burglaries to report. Red Rooster Suspect – The Chief stated they had served an arrest warrant for the incident at the Red Rooster in January. He commended all the officers involved. In addition the Chief noted that they had a warrant application pending at the State's Attorney's office for a robbery that occurred the night before. SRO's – Chief Viadero stated that the SRO's were taking care of all the juvenile matters up at the high school. State Grant Program to Improve Treatments on Curved Roads – The Chief thanked the State for looking at all the roads in Town to determine their needs for signage and striping of the roads curves. He indicated that both State and Town roads were to be addressed including such local roads as Albert's Hill, Brushy Hill, Butterfield, Parmalee Hill, Obtuse and Pond Brook. The Chief said the State will start in April putting out signage and hatch mark striping on the curved roads. He told Commissioners that the State received a Federal Grant for the Program. Meetings – Chief Viadero stated that he recently met with the Legislative Council, spoke to the Board of Realtors, and has a couple more speaking events this year. Chairman Faxon suggested that he was surprised there was only one arrest by an SRO for narcotics up at the high school and asked the Chief what that tells them about the presence of drugs up there. Chief Viadero indicated that there was a strong presence of security and police up at the high school together with a vigilant staff. In addition, he noted that they have had Officer Figol up there with the Canine and she will go up there once or twice more before the end of the school year.

Commissioner Rosenthal suggested that brining dogs up there adds an element of surprise.

CAPTAIN's REPORT: Chief Viadero indicated that Captain Chris Vanghele was not present to give his report because he was on vacation.

OLD BUSINESS: none

CORRESPONDENCE: none

NEW BUSINESS: Update on State Grant Program to Improve Treatments on Curved Roads – covered in Chief's Report above

COMMISSIONER'S PARTICIPATION: Commissioner Budd suggested that if the Streetscape Project moves forward they should let the State get back to them first. Commissioner Rosenthal suggested that it should go before the community as it should be something they want. Chairman Faxon stated that he would like to put off discussing it until next month when they have more information. Chief Viadero suggested they change the venue for their meeting and hold it up at the Town Hall.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: none

ADJOURNMENT: Commissioner Rosenthal made the motion to adjourn at 6:45 pm.
Commissioner Procaccini seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Ted Swigart, Clerk