



TOWN OF NEWTOWN
BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS

The Board of Police Commissioners
Regular Meeting, Tuesday, July 11, 2017
Town Hall South Conference Room
3 Main Street, Newtown

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

ALSO PRESENT: Chief James Viadero, four members of the public and two members of the press.

Chairman Faxon called the meeting to order at 6:30pm

Public Participation: **Candide Slinko**, 79 Toddy Hill Road said many people exceed the speed limit. She asked if a sign has been considered to indicate there are side streets, Still Hill, Pilgrim, Clearview and Deerfield. Chief Viadero said that older signs will be removed and newer ones will be installed all the way up and down Toddy Hill Road. Mr. Faxon said the signs have to conform to the standard manual used for traffic. **Bill Duffy**, 17 Pilgrim Lane has noticed that the new street signs have gotten knocked over. Chief Viadero said that officers make note of that and report to DPW and explained how residents can use the work order system on line to report problems. **Pete Sepe**, 83 Toddy Hill Road is anxious to hear a report on the traffic study. Chief Viadero said the first level of traffic calming is enforcement. There were 54 recorded motor vehicle stops last month. **Carolyn Sepe**, 83 Toddy Hill Road asked if it was possible to make Toddy Hill a no thru truck road. Chief Viadero said it cannot be designated in that manner. The underpass does limit the truck traffic. Chief Viadero said the road construction will begin soon. The public thanked the Police Commission for all they do.

Police Union Participation: none.

Consideration and action on June 6, 2017 minutes: Commissioner Budd moved to accept the minutes of June 6, 2017. Commissioner Sachs seconded. Commissioner Budd stated he did not attend the meeting but was listed as present. The minutes were unanimously accepted as amended.

Chief's Report: Chief Viadero notified the board that the state requested a revision to the traffic control signal at the intersection of Rte. 6/25 (Mt. Pleasant) at Route 25 (Hawleyville Road) and Saw Mill. The fiscal year ended with budgetary items within limit. Money was encumbered for next year. There will be final test for body cameras with an anticipated purchase in the fall. The RFQ for the design of the police facility is due to close on July 14. The new K9 training is going very well. There are other K9's from around the state also being trained. There are designated

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areas for training. They have been trained in Newtown. Officer Figol and the K9 will be ready by the end of the summer. Recruit training is going well, the new recruit should be finished by the end of September. Last month all officers participated in an active shooter training. There was also training on defensive tactics. There is training on the mutual aid plan, a unified plan for a request for mutual aid. The department is transitioning over to blue uniforms. There was a smash and grab at Sal e Pepe. The Honor Guard is in New York for the NYC officer that was killed; another NY State police officer was killed and they will attend that as well. There is grant money for traffic enforcement and the underage drinking patrol.

Captain's Report: none.

Old Business (Toddy Hill Rd. Update): addressed under public participation.

Correspondence: The Honor Guard attended the Hospice breakfast at the Waterview, a letter of appreciation was received. A letter of thanks was sent to Officer McGowan from a woman involved in a recent car accident.

Commissioner's Participation: Commissioner Rosenthal would like to recognize Officer Chapman for his efforts in Waterbury. Chief Viadero plans to invite him to the next meeting. Chief Viadero updated the commission on a meeting Fred Hurley is scheduling with CTDOT to present the Flagpole Streetscape plan to their regional director relative to support for the proposal/design concepts. The food truck event was very well attended, the officers as well as others involved, did a great job. There were traffic complaints. Shuttle buses will be included in the planning for next year.

Public Participation: none.

Executive Session: Commissioner Rosenthal moved to enter executive session, under statute 1-200 (a) (6) (b) to discuss strategies and negotiations for collective bargaining, to discuss the Chief's evaluation and a citizen complaint and invited Chief Viadero to attend. Commissioner Budd seconded. Executive session was entered into at 6:52pm and returned to regular session at 7:20pm with no motion taken.

Adjournment: Having no further business the Board of Police Commissioners adjourned their regular meeting at 7:20pm

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Marcinek, clerk pro-tem