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TOWN OF NEWTOWN

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS

The Board of Police Commissioners
Regular Meeting, Wednesday, October 2, 2019
Town Hall South – Main Conference Room
3 Main Street, Newtown

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

Present: Joel Faxon, Brian Budd, Joan Plouffe, Andy Sachs

Absent: Brian Budd, Scott Cicciari

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

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

Public Participation: **Candide Slinko**, 79 Toddy Hill Road said that the stop line at the north end of Toddy Hill Road needs to be moved back. Chief Viadero said it is a state engineered road, by state standards. Ms. Slinko asked if the sight lines could be cleared; Chief Viadero will make a call to the DOT. **Carolyn Sepi**, 83 Toddy Hill Road asked about the speed control signs. Chief Viadero said that the commission took the recommendations of Michael Galante (see Toddy Hill Road Update). **Pete Sepi**, 83 Toddy Hill Road reported a few cars flew by his property today. When asked about recent accidents Chief Viadero reported there was minor accident at Pilgrim Lane and Toddy Hill, a rear end collision. A truck made contact with a telephone pole at Marlin and Toddy Hill. No serious injuries were reported.

Police Union Participation: none.

Consideration and action on the minutes of Sept. 3, 2019: Commissioner Plouffe moved to accept the minutes of Sept. 3, 2019. Commissioner Sachs seconded. Motion unanimously passed.

Chief's Report: Officers have been busy with traffic enforcement and working with the schools. There was a very serious accident at Sherman Street and Rte. 34; a motorcycle vs. car. Officers conducted an accident reconstruction and continue to investigate. A report of roads that have been paved, and will be paved, was shared with the commission. These roads will be striped within standards; vendors are lined up. Mr. Hurley anticipates completion by the end of this season. Chairman Faxon noted that he was pleased there were no stolen vehicles reported this month and said part of that is the outreach being done encouraging residents to lock cars and remove keys/fobs.

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Town Clerk of Newtown 10:32 a.m.
Debbie Aurelia Halstead

Old Business:

a.) **Police Building Update:** The building has gone out to bid; some packages will be rebid as there weren't enough bidders. The rebid will not delay the schedule

b.) **Toddy Hill Road Update:** The signs will be up by the end of October. Property owners were notified and have no problem with the signs on their property. The center rumble strip will be the entire length of Toddy Hill Road/Botsford Hill Road once areas of pavement are repaired. Once that is done the road will be restriped, and have white guide lines. There will be signage replacement as well as stop bars on all the side streets.

Correspondence: none.

New Business:

a.) **Hanover/Hall Lane Sight Line Report:** There were some minor accidents over the summer. The traffic division investigated and made suggestions. Some issues require major grading of the area that are not within the budget. The highway department cut back the vegetation, the road will be re-striped, with stop bars and new stop signs. The flow of traffic will not be changed at this point.

Commissioners Participation: none.

Public Participation: Pete Sepi, 83 Toddy Hill Road asked about speed signs saying the engineer recommended four signs. Chief Viadero clarified that two signs were recommended and he requested two additional sites to place signs should funding become available at a later date for more signs. Andy Gorosko asked if the signs are solar powered; they are.

Adjournment: Having no further business to report the police commissioners adjourned their regular meeting at 6:44p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Marcinek, Clerk