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**TOWN OF NEWTOWN**  
**BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS**

**The Board of Police Commissioners**  
**Regular Meeting, Tuesday, January 7, 2020**  
**Town Hall South – Main Conference Room**  
**3 Main Street, Newtown**

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**Present:** Joel Faxon, Scott Cicciari, Andy Sachs, Neil Chaudhary  
**Absent:** Joan Plouffe

**Also Present:** Chief Viadero, Capt. Vanghele, Director of Public Works, Fred Hurley, five members of the public and one member of the press.

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

**Public Participation:** Carolyn Sepi, 83 Toddy Hill Road thanked the Board for the progress; all the work has come to fruition. She requested more speed limit signs Northbound. Chief Viadero said he has already put in a work order for more speed limit signs. Pete Sepi, 83 Toddy Hill Road is said neighbors are concerned about Northbound traffic; things have reversed since the signs went up, Southbound used to be the concern.

**Police Union Participation:** none.

**Consideration and action on the minutes of Nov. 5, 2019:** Commissioner Sachs moved to accept the minutes of December 3, 2019. Commissioner Chaudhary seconded. Commissioner Cicciari abstained. The acceptance of the minutes passed.

**Chief's Report:** It was a quiet, uneventful holiday month. Movie with a cop was hosted by Maryhelen McCarthy, Felicia Figol, Adam Greco, Rich Monkton and Bill Hull played the Grinch. It was well attended and well received. There were toy drives and food drives. Coffee with a Cop was well received. A tentative budget has been submitted; Chief Viadero will be meeting with the First Selectman soon to discuss. There is regional training going on.

**Old Business:**

- a.) **Police Building Update:** The building is progressing well. Weather is holding up and progress is a bit ahead of schedule. The inside has been completely gutted and they are getting ready to pour the concrete for the addition. Chief Viadero invited commissioners to the job meetings for an update on progress and to have a tour of the building. There is a proposal for a communications upgrade for public safety, which will go to referendum. They will upgrade Fire, Ambulance, Police and Public Works.
- b.) **Toddy Hill Road Update:** Enforcement continues; it is known as a hot area with extra personnel.

Fred Hurley was present to discuss road striping. Commissioner Cicciari said the decision was made to follow the federal standard and move forward, as roads are redone, with double line striping. The Police Department has a list of Class A roads. Primarily, due to lack of funding, all those road don't have

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double yellow epoxy. Progress has been made. Mr. Hurley has asked for additional money in the striping budget this year. He has also asked for a specific line item, under contractual, that deals with safety improvements. The Toddy Hill Road project, including the rumble strip, double yellow line, fog lines, permanent speed signage and the traffic consultant cost approximately \$80,000. There is a continuous rumble strip from Rte. 34 to Rte. 25. Mr. Hurley believes the rumble strips are an effective safety measure. There are an additional six or seven roads that may be candidates for rumble strips such as Hanover, Huntingtown and Poverty Hollow. Newtown is unique with narrow, hilly road and difficult terrain. It will take a year or two, at least, to get all the identified roads done. Toddy Hill Road is done. Commissioner Cicciari said the fog lines are fantastic, highlighting where you are. Chairman Faxon noted the Police Commission will continue to partner with the Department of Public Works.

**Correspondence, Letters of Appreciation:** The Cub Scouts Pack 570 thanked Officer Figol and Aris for attending the October 2019 Pack meeting to teach the scouts about safety.

**Commissioners Participation:** none.

**Public Participation:** Pete Sepi said the southbound sign is working well but doesn't believe the northbound sign is working as well; there's no speed limit sign near it. The line of sight to see the sign isn't as good as it is southbound. Chairman Faxon stated the commission has been proactive in addressing issues, quickly and comprehensively. The focus has been on Toddy Hill Road for the last several months. Safety is important; the Commission listens. Chief Viadero has orders in for more signage. Traffic enforcement continues. Capt. Vanghele said the permanent signs are new. Following up the traffic unit will do traffic counts and speed counts, with traffic tubes, in the spring. Data will be compared, before and after. Mr. Sepi wants a stop sign. There will not be a stop sign. The Police Department is responsive to requests coming from Toddy Hill Road.

**Adjournment:** Having no further business to report the police commissioners adjourned their regular meeting at 6:58p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Susan Marcinek, Clerk*