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TOWN OF NEWTOWN

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS

The Board of Police Commissioners
Regular Meeting, Tuesday, November 5, 2019
Town Hall South – Main Conference Room
3 Main Street, Newtown

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

Absent: Andy Sachs

Also Present: Capt. Vanghele, five members of the public and two members of the press

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

Public Participation: **Candide Slinko**, 79 Toddy Hill Road thanked the commission for the rumble strip and hopes it works. **Pete Sepi**, 83 Toddy Hill Road thinks the rumble strip is very effective and is appreciative. He hopes signage and the speed trailers will be installed before winter. **Steven Carr**, 30 Still Hill Road asked about the construction on Rte. 34, mentioned talk about what might be happening with the mulch property and asked about the houses that were purchased on Rte. 34. Chairman Faxon explained that there is a detailed state project planned for Exit 11/Rte. 34 that will likely be a multiyear project; the houses were purchased by the state as part of the project. Nothing has come to the Police Commission relative to the mulch property. Chairman Faxon suggested Mr. Carr speak to zoning for more information. **Ann Rose Carr**, 30 Still Hill Road said the traffic is incredible on Toddy Hill Road. Capt. Vanghele referred residents who have questions on the project the State of Connecticut DOT website. He will look to have more concrete answers for the next meeting. **Carolyn Sepi**, 83 Toddy Hill Road said that Waze directs trucks through Old Mill Road and Still Hill. There are 'No Thru Trucks' signs.

Police Union Participation: Officer Lorancaitis stated that everything is good; status quo.

Consideration and action on the minutes of Oct. 2, 2019: Commissioner Budd moved to accept the minutes of October 2, 2019. Chairman Faxon noted that Commissioner Budd was listed as both present and absent. Commissioner Budd confirmed he was present at the 10/2 meeting. Commissioner Plouffe seconded. The minutes were approved as amended.

Chief's Report: Capt. Vanghele reported there was a burglary on Walker Hill Rd in Sandy Hook. The person ran off once the homeowner woke up to noise. Nothing was taken and the police believe this was not a random act. The investigation is ongoing. Four jet skis were recovered in Waterbury.

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Two were stolen in September, two in October, both from Lake Zoar, totaling approximately \$55,000. An arrest warrant has been submitted with confidence it will be signed. There were two extradition arrests. Det. McAnaspie and Sgt. Seabrook flew to Hawaii to take into custody Stephen Sanders who was wanted on twenty-two counts of felony sexual assault. Officer Monkton accompanied Danbury Adult Probation to serve one of their extraditable warrants, for a deadly weapons charge, and flew that person back to CT. The Newtown Police had a car wrapped in pink for breast cancer awareness month. On Oct. 16 the police brought the CT Tobacco Prevention and Enforcement Program to town. Trained youth visited eighteen Newtown businesses and only one business, Yankee Wine & Spirits, sold to a minor. A new law went into effect raising the age to purchase tobacco or vaping material to 21. Sixty five pounds of prescription medication was turned in during the Drug Takeback. Anyone wishing to dispose of prescription medication can do so at the PD at any time, in the lobby. There was a smaller crowd on Main Street for Halloween due to weather; there were no issues. Newtown has been voted the 2nd safest city in CT, second to Easton. Chairman Faxon stated that #2 is impressive given the size and activity of Easton; it is a testament to the department.

Old Business:

a.) Police Building Update: The final three bids have come in within the cost projections. There will be a joint Public Building & Site Commission meeting on 11/6 to approve the GMP. Once the GMP is approved site work will commence.

b.) Toddy Hill Road Update: The center rumble strip has been completed the entire length of the road. The rest of Currituck was done also. The Highway Dept. has contracted for the road striping. Concrete bases were poured for the speed signs. Once the concrete dries the signs can be mounted.

Correspondence: Thank you letters were received for Chief Viadero, Officer Hayes and Lt. Robinson. A thank you letter was received from Faith Food Pantry relative to police assistance in the food collection during the Labor Day Parade. Boy Scout pack #570 thanked Officer Figol and Aris for attending a meeting.

Commissioners Participation: Commissioner Plouffe expressed concern from parents about 16 year olds driving with other kids in their car, particularly at the high school, and driving past curfew. Capt. Vanghele said officers come across this frequently; he will speak to Superintendent Dr. Rodrigue. Chairman Faxon stated the responsibility for enforcing this begins at home. Commissioner Budd asked about the budget. Capt. Vanghele said the budget process will be in December and will include police cars. Everything else is status quo. There may be a need to include street signs in the budget. Commissioner Ciccari wished all well in the election.

Public Participation: **Andy Gorosko** stated that the chevron signs indicating curves were placed well and work beautifully on Butterfield Road. **Carolyn Sepi** praised the department for making Newtown the #2 safest town in CT.

Adjournment: Having no further business to report the police commissioners adjourned their regular meeting at 6:57p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Marcinek, Clerk