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TOWN OF NEWTOWN

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS

The Board of Police Commissioners
Regular Meeting, Tuesday, March 3, 2020
Newtown Community Center
8 Simpson Street, Newtown

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

Also Present: Chief Viadero, six members of the public and one member of the press.

Chairman Faxon called the meeting to order at 6:32p.m.

Public Participation: **Pete Sepi**, 83 Toddy Hill Road said there is still a problem on Toddy Hill Road. The speed controls work great in one direction but not the other. He requested a 30 mph speed limit sign, northbound, in closer proximity to the flashing speed signs. Commissioner Cicciari sated he believes there are speed limit signs posted along the road and asked that Mr. Sepi give it time and allow a chance to collect data with the speed strips. The Commission followed the recommendations of a traffic expert. **Carolyn Sepi**, 83 Toddy Hill Road asked if it was feasible to paint something on the road. Chief Viadero said he can explore that. He said the signs were placed in such a way that gives a person the time to react to it once they see it.

Police Union Participation: Chief Viadero noted that contract negotiations begin this week.

Consideration and action on the minutes of February 4, 2020: Commissioner Cicciari moved to accept the minutes of February 4, 2020. Commissioner Plouffe seconded. All in favor.

Chief's Report: There are no significant arrests to report. The department is in a training cycle. The budget was presented to the Board of Finance. Stolen cars continue to be an issue. Key fobs are left in cars. Chief Viadero urged people to lock their cars and not leave fobs or valuables in the car.

Chairman Faxon commended Chief Viadero and Capt. Vanghele on their power point presentation to the Board of Finance, saying that any questions were anticipated and answered through the comprehensive presentation. Commissioner Plouffe watched the video and agreed it was a very good presentation.

Old Business:

a.) **Police Building Update:** Steel is being put in and walls studded. They are ahead of schedule. There is a lot of progress at this phase.

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b.) Toddy Hill Road Update: Enforcement continues. Chief Viadero said they will not be there all the time at the same time. He said that infractions given out have decreased because people are adhering to the speed limit. There will always be outliers.

Correspondence: Commissioner Chaudhary asked about a stop sign complaint in the Taunton area. Chief Viadero said Public Works cleaned back vegetation so the signs are more visible. Chairman Faxon requested Public Works paint stop lines at Old Green and Valley Field South.

Commissioners Participation: Commissioner Plouffe asked about the curve signs that were installed by the state, saying there are still complaints. Chief Viadero said that some signs were pulled out but the rest remain as there is a need. Commissioner Plouffe agreed.

Public Participation: Carolyn Sepi thanked the commission for the continued presence on Toddy Hill Road.

Relative to **Joe Wasik**, 80 Engleside Terrace, and the parking issues in the neighborhood, Chief Viadero said he is working with the Land Use Department and zoning and will get back to Mr. Wasik once he has a definitive answer.

Adjournment: Having no further business to report the police commissioners adjourned their regular meeting at 6:49p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Marcinek, Clerk