



POLICE COMMISSION MEETING
Monday, September 23, 2013
6:30P.M. – Meeting Room 3

MEMBERS PRESENT: Commissioner's Rob Parlee, Ed Fusco, Jenny Langdon and Steve Caron
MEMBERS ABSENT: Commissioner Frank Jackter
OTHERS PRESENT: Sgt. Joe Mercer, Sgt. Rob Suchecki, Art Shilosky, Selectman Stan Soby (arrived at 6:54pm), Jim Paggioli (arrived at 7:08pm) and Pam Scheibelein

1. Call to Order

Commissioner Parlee called the Monday, September 23, 2013 meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.

2. Additions to Agenda

None

3. Citizen's Comments

None

4. Officer's Comments

None

5. Review Correspondence

Commissioner Parlee stated he received a letter from White Oaks Construction regarding renewing their permit for road work and he also received a letter from P. Scheibelein with concerns regarding the crosswalk by the Youth Center which the board will discuss under Local Traffic Authority.

6. Approve minutes:

August 26, 2013 Regular Meeting

Commissioner Fusco **MOTIONED** to approve the August 26, 2013 Police Commission meeting minutes as typed. **SECONDED** by Commissioner Caron. Commissioner Langdon abstained. All other members present voted in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**

7. Budget Review

Commissioner Parlee inquired about the status of YTD expended for police overtime. A. Shilosky had figures through the end of July. G. Santos will send Commissioner Parlee an updated version of the police budget to date.

8. Appropriation and Transfer

None

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9. Resident Trooper Report (Sgt. Mercer)

Sgt. Joe Mercer introduced himself as the new Colchester Resident Trooper and read his report for the month of August (see attachment #1).

10. Local Traffic Authority

P. Scheibelein stated her concerns regarding the crosswalk on Norwich Avenue the leads to the Youth Center which she feels is extremely unsafe and is reaching out to the Local Traffic Authority for any assistance they can provide to make the crosswalk safer for the children. P. Scheibelein stated that many students walk from the schools to the Youth Center during the week and she has witnessed students and other adults attempting to cross at the crosswalk that leads to the town green and vehicles do not stop. The board discussed possible options on how to make the crosswalk safer. Sgt. Mercer suggested direct patrol using the Colchester Police officers during Open Youth Center but calls for service must be a priority for the officers. Selectman Soby suggested placing something more visible at the crosswalk. Commissioner Parlee stated he will look into placing an orange barrel with lights at the intersection as a short term solution and the board will discuss a more permanent solution.

11. Old Business

a. Discussion and Possible Action on Revision to Rules and Regulations

Commissioner Fusco **MOTIONED** to approve the revisions to the Rules and Regulations. **SECONDED** by Commissioner Langdon. Commissioner Caron stated he had concerns regarding the revisions and opposed. All other members present voted in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**

b. Discussion and Possible Action on Selling of DARE Vehicle

J. Paggioli stated that they are looking at holding either a sealed bid or public auction for the selling of the DARE vehicle and suggests a sealed bid that can be held at Pumpkins & Pooches on the town green may be the better choice. The board agreed to go with the sealed bid.

c. Discussion on Spare Tires for Police Cruisers

J. Paggioli stated all but one vehicle has been completed with the installing of the spare tire.

12. New Business

None

13. Chairman/Commission Member Comment

Commissioner Parlee welcomed Sgt. Mercer and the entire board looks forward to working with him.

14. Executive Session to Discuss Personnel Issue

Commissioner Fusco **MOTIONED** to go into executive session to discuss personnel issue and to invite Selectman Soby, Sgt. Mercer, Sgt. Suchecki and G. Santos. **SECONDED** by Commissioner Caron. All members present voted in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**

The members of the Police Commission and invited guests went into executive session at 7:27 p.m.

The members of the Police Commission and invited guests came out of executive session at 7:30 p.m.

15. Adjourn

Commissioner Fusco **MOTIONED** to adjourn at 7:31 p.m. **SECONDED** by Commissioner Langdon. All members present voted in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Attachment

Resident Trooper Report (Attachment #1)

Respectfully Submitted,
Gina Santos, Administrative Assistant



State of Connecticut



Resident Trooper Supervisor
Sgt. Joe Mercer #176

Connecticut State Police Colchester Resident Troopers' Office

Colchester Police

TO: Colchester Police Commission
RE: Monthly Report for August 2013 (September 23, 2013 meeting)

1. **Introduction: New Resident State Trooper Sergeant.**
2. **Monthly activity: statistics – previously submitted**
 - a. S.R.O. activity – CARD classes are being planned by SRO for upcoming session.
 - b. Sgt. Mercer met with School Superintendent and all school principals to discuss SRO program expectations and performance to date.
 - c. All personnel on full duty, except for Sgt. Suchecki, who is still light duty.
3. **Equipment:**
 - a. Vehicles-
 - All vehicles in service
 - In process of ordering new vehicle to update fleet
 - b. In car video/MDT-
MVR cameras in vehicles #1 and #4 repaired under warranty. Currently in the process of repairing automated upload of video to server. Met with vendor, will coordinate meeting with DESPP and vendor to update software to allow wireless download of data.
Laptop computer in vehicle #3 installed, functioning properly
4. **Officer Training:**
 - a. Officer Regnere attended “Advanced Tactics for Criminal Patrol” training on 8/13/13
 - b. Officers Edwards and Green attended “Sig Sauer Armorer” training in NH on 8/16-8/17/13
 - c. Department Firearms trainers attended qualifications in new weapons on 9/23/13; All other CPD officers will receive training this month, will be fully in service by early October.
5. **Initiatives:**
 - a. RX Drug drop box. – over 299 lbs. of prescription drugs have been dropped off to date.
 - b. Operations plan for 57 Fest approved, in process of staffing officer positions.

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