



# Town of Colchester, Connecticut

127 Norwich Avenue, Colchester, Connecticut 06415

**POLICE COMMISSION MEETING**  
Regular Meeting  
Monday, July 28, 2014  
6:30 P.M. – Town Hall  
Meeting Room 3

NANCY A. BRAY  
TOWN CLERK

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**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Commissioners: Rob Parlee, Ed Fusco, Frank Jackter, Jenny Langdon and Steve Caron  
**OTHERS PRESENT** Sgt. Joe Mercer, First Selectman Stan Soby, Art Shilosky, Officer C. Scheel, and Officer J. Goss

**1. Call to Order –**

Commissioner Parlee called the Monday, July 28, 2014 meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

**2. Additions to Agenda – None**

**3. Citizen's Comments – None**

**4. Officers Comments –**

Officer Scheel asked the Commission to consider using funds for other options instead of the promotion of an Officer to Sergeant such as a midnight shift, a drug canine or Statewide Narcotics training. Discussion followed. Commissioner Caron suggested that all the officers be polled anonymously as to their opinion on these options.

**5. Review Correspondence– None**

**6. Approve Minutes – June 30, 2014 Special Police Commission Meeting  
July 9, 2014 Special Police Commission Meeting**

Commissioner Fusco **MOTIONED** to approve the June 30, 2014 Special Police Commission Minutes as written. **SECONDED** by Commissioner Jackter. All other members present voted in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Commissioner Fusco **MOTIONED** to approve the July 9, 2014 Special Police Commission Minutes as written. **SECONDED** by Commissioner Langdon. All other members present voted in favor. **MOTION CARRIED**

**7. Budget Review**

Commissioner Parlee asked Art Shilosky, Board of Finance Liaison, if he had the latest budget figures. A. Shilosky said that he would get the figures to him.

**8. Appropriation and Transfer**

Commissioner Parlee said that the transfer of the monies from the sale of the DARE car is in the process. The transfer will be discussed at the Board of Finance meeting on Wednesday, August 6, 2014 and the Selectmen's meeting on Thursday, August 7, 2014.

**9. Resident Trooper Report (Sgt. Mercer)**

Sgt. Mercer read the June monthly report (see attachment #1).

**10. Local Traffic Authority**

Commissioner Parlee said that the walkways are now completed on Route 16 and the poles will be installed soon. He also said that drivers are not obeying the rules regarding the crosswalks on Norwich Avenue.

**11. Old Business**

**a. DARE Vehicle Funds**

Commissioner Parlee said that he will attend the Board of Finance and Board of Selectman's meeting when the transfer of the DARE Vehicle Funds is on the agenda. Commissioner Fusco asked if the full amount of the sale will be transfer for the purchase of police equipment. Commissioner Parlee said that the full amount will be transferred.

**b. Discussion on Facebook Pages**

Commissioner Parlee said that he did not want to keep revisiting this item every meeting. He said he feels that the Facebook Page is successful and in fact other Town Departments are now considering using Facebook. Sgt. Mercer said there was a problem with negative and some nasty comments being posted in the comment section. He said that changes have now been made to the comments section. Discussion followed regarding what arrests and other content that should be included on the page. Commissioner Parlee suggested that Sgt. Mercer evaluate it again and then tweak it as necessary.

**12. New Business**

**a. Discussion and Possible Action on the Appointment of Officers to First Class**

Chairman Parlee said that the Officer First Class Project Summary had been distributed to all Commission members. He said that if approved, Officer Scheel & Officer Goss would be promoted to Officers First Class effective August 1, 2014. They have met all the requirements.

Commissioner Caron **MOTIONED** to advance Officer Scheel & Officer Goss to Officers First Class. **SECONDED** by Commissioner Langdon. All other members present voted in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**13. Chairman/Commission Member Comment**

Commissioner Parlee congratulated Officer Scheel & Officer Goss on their promotion.

**14. Adjourn – Commissioner Jackter MOTIONED to adjourn at 7:15 p.m. SECONDED by Commissioner Fusco. All members present voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Gail Therian, Acting Clerk

Attachment  
Resident Trooper Report (attachment #1)



# 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 June 2014 (July, 2014 meeting)

- **Monthly activity: statistics – previously submitted**
  - All CPD officers on full duty.
- **Equipment:**
  - Vehicles - All vehicles in service.
  - New police vehicle delivered and in service
  - Radio Replacement- Received 3 mobile radios from NE Communications. 6 Portable radios on order, all need programming by CSP.
- **Officer Training:**
  - All officers are current in their POST certifications and training.
  - Taser Instructor training for CPD instructors scheduled for August.
- **Initiatives:**
  - RX Drug drop box. – over 500 lbs. of prescription drugs have been dropped off as of 7/28/14.
- **Notable Investigations:**
  - Officers have been making an increased amount of heroin arrests either on-site or in connection with other offenses. CPD is making drug violations a priority.
  - Facebook page being monitored closely for compliance with Rules and Regs. Changes made to comments section.

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