



Police Commission Minutes
 Regular Meeting
 Monday, October 26, 2015
 6:30P.M. – Town Hall
 Room 2

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MEMBERS PRESENT: Commissioners Ed Fusco, Rob Parlee, Steve Caron, Sue Dubb and Jenny Langdon
OTHERS PRESENT: Sgt. M. Martinez, First Selectman Stan Soby, Art Shilosky, Officer Craig Scheel and Officer Bryan Kowalsky

1. Call to Order

Commissioner Fusco called the Monday, Oct. 26, 2015 meeting to order at 6:31p.m.

2. Additions to Agenda

None

3. Citizen's Comments

None

4. Officer's Comments

Officer Scheel stated he read in last week's Bulletin that a change had been made to the Social Media policy which he was not aware of and would like a copy. First Selectman Soby stated a copy is available through the First Selectman's office. Officer Scheel also stated Public Act 15-164 which took effect October 1, 2015 may impact what needs to be published on the Facebook page. Discussion was had on what can and should be published on the Facebook page. First Selectman Soby asked for a copy of the Public Act so he can review.

Officer Kowalsky stated he is looking at two possibilities for the Traffic Data Recorder and gave an overview of both. Discussion was had.

Commissioner Dubb **MOTIONED** to move forward with the purchase of the StatTrak Traffic Data Collector not to exceed \$2700 also provided the money is available in the budget. **SECONDED** by Commissioner Parlee. Commissioner Caron opposed. All other members present voted in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**

5. Review Correspondence

None

6. **Approve minutes: September 28, 2015 Police Commission Meeting**
Commissioner Parlee **MOTIONED** to approve the September 28, 2015 Police Commission meeting minutes as written. **SECONDED** by Commissioner Langdon. Commissioners Dubb and Caron abstained. All other members present voted in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**
7. **Budget Review (Commissioner Fusco)**
 - a. **Report Regarding 24 Hour Police Coverage (Commissioners Caron and Dubb)**
Commissioner Caron stated he reached out to Sgt. Martinez regarding third shift data and Commissioner Dubb stated she has not had an opportunity to meet with Maggie Cosgrove. Discussion tabled to next meeting.
8. **Appropriation and Transfer**
None
9. **Resident Trooper Report (Sgt. Martinez)**
Sgt. Martinez read the September monthly report (attachment #1).
10. **Local Traffic Authority**
 - a. **Discussion Regarding Speed Enforcement**
Commissioner Parlee stated he received an approval for a highway permit for a walk taking place in town.
11. **Old Business**
 - a. **Discussion on Charter**
Commissioner Caron stated he met with First Selectman Soby in September regarding the Charter and they thought it would be best to eliminate the Liaison Officer language in the Charter. Commissioner Caron sent the First Selectman draft language for his review. First Selectman Soby stated he made suggestions for the Commission members to review. First Selectman Soby also stated the Charter Revision Committee, when established, will take all of this information and make recommendations for revisions to Charter. The Commission members will review and discuss at the next meeting.
 - b. **Discussion on Colchester Police Facebook Page**
The Commission members discussed the Rules and Regulations social media policy and agreed they will take a look at the revised policy once it is received from the First Selectman's office.
 - c. **Discussion and Possible Action on K-9 Policy**
The members discussed the K-9 policy that was created by Sgt. Martinez. Sgt. Martinez presented an estimate of the canine and equipment cost. Commissioner Dubb stated the policy was very comprehensive. Commissioner Dubb **MOTIONED** to move forward with the K-9 policy with Section C on page 9 removed to be addressed through the collective bargaining process. **SECONDED** by Commissioner Parlee. All members present voted in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**

d. Discussion on Police Officer's Body Cameras

Discussion was had on whether the body cameras are mandated at this time for the town police department and what steps need to be taken to bring the present cruiser cameras and computer system up to date. First Selectman Soby will have the town IT department look into the issues of the cruiser cameras and computer system.

12. New Business

None

13. Chairman/Commission Member Comments

Commissioner Parlee stated he has been renewed as a member of the board for the next three years. Commissioner's Parlee and Dubb thanked Sgt. Martinez for all the work he has done on the K-9 policy and cost estimate. Commissioner Parlee thanked Commissioner Fusco for attending the last Board of Selectman quarterly meeting on his behalf.

14. Adjourn

Commissioner Parlee **MOTIONED** to adjourn at 7:50 p.m. **SECONDED** by Commissioner Caron. All members present voted in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Attachment

Resident Trooper Report (attachment #1)

Respectfully Submitted,
Gina Santos



State of Connecticut



Resident Trooper Supervisor
Sgt. Martin Martinez # 124

Connecticut State Police Colchester Resident Troopers' Office

Colchester Police

TO: Colchester Police Commission
RE: Monthly Report for September 2015 (Oct. 26, 2015 meeting)

I. Monthly activity: statistics – previously submitted

- a. S.R.O. activity – CARD classes started today, October 26, 2015.
- b. All personnel on full duty, except for Ofc. Owens (Maternity Leave).

II. Equipment:

- a. Vehicles-
 - One vehicle is out of service, this vehicle was put out of service due to undercarriage rot, this vehicle (SUV) will not be put back in service.
 - The new vehicle was ordered from MHQ and will be outfitted by them.
- b. New duty weapons are in use, all officers qualified in the use by range staff.
- c. In car video/MDT-

I am still in the process of checking all of the MVR cameras in the vehicles because I was informed that some were not working properly. We have four vehicles that do not have cameras and car # 4 has an old camera that is not working. We have four cameras in vehicles that are operational.
- d. I am in the process of obtaining quotes for body cameras to purchase them for all of our Officers in the next budget (FY2016-2017).

Officer Training:

- a. Department Firearm trainers conducted qualifications in new weapons, all completed.
- b. POSTC recertification training for all of our Officers is current.
- c. Ofc. Brown attended COLLECT Training Recertification on October 22, 2015.

III. Initiatives:

- a. RX Drug drop box. – over 805 lbs. of prescription drugs have been dropped off to date.
- b. Officers are conducting visibility/enforcement patrols at numerous locations within the town. The Speed Trailer has been deployed at numerous locations throughout the town and it is currently on Norwich Ave.
- c. The JRB is being utilized when possible in lieu of the Juvenile Justice System.

IV. Notable Investigations:

- a. The burglary investigation of DH Marvin & Son has been suspended by the Detective Unit, no update at this time.

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