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Commissioner
Ed Fusco
100 State Street
Colchester, CT 06415

**Police Commission Minutes
Regular Meeting
Monday, February 23, 2015
6:30P.M. – Town Hall
Suite 201**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Commissioner’s Ed Fusco, Steve Caron and Jenny Langdon
MEMBERS ABSENT: Commissioner’s Rob Parlee and Frank Jackter
OTHERS PRESENT: Selectman Stan Soby, Sgt. Mercer, Art Shilosky and Colchester Citizen

1. **Call to Order**
Commissioner Fusco called the Monday, February 23, 2015 meeting to order at 6:31p.m.
2. **Additions to Agenda**
None
3. **Citizen’s Comments**
Selectman Soby stated he wanted to recognize the Colchester Police Union for their generous contribution to “Freezin for a Reason”.
4. **Officer’s Comments**
None
5. **Review Correspondence**
None
6. **Approve minutes: December 15, 2014 Police Commission Meeting**
Commissioner Caron **MOTIONED** to approve the December 15, 2014 Police Commission meeting minutes as written. **SECONDED** by Commissioner Langdon. Commissioner Caron abstained. All other members voted in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**
7. **Budget Review (Commissioner Fusco)**
First Selectman Soby spent quality time with Maggie Cosgrove this afternoon going through the budget and he will be meeting with department heads within the next day or two to finalize things for the Board of Finance meeting on March 3, 2015.

8. Appropriation and Transfer

None

9. Resident Trooper Report (Sgt. Mercer)

Sgt. Mercer read the January 2015 monthly report (attachment #1).
Discussion had.

10. Local Traffic Authority

Commissioner Fusco stated Commissioner Parlee received an email from Commissioner Tarlov with several concerns from citizens regarding the new “no turn on red” sign located at the corner of Route 16 and Route 85 regarding traffic backing up. First Selectman Soby stated they have requested that the state look at the timing of the lights to see if possibly the timing can be improved to prevent traffic backing up.

11. Old Business

a. Discussion on Officer Vacant Position/New Hire

Sgt. Mercer stated that the physical agility testing took place this past weekend and he is in the process of scheduling oral interviews with all the candidates that passed the first phase.

12. New Business

a. Discussion on Proper Procedure on Spending

First Selectman Soby stated there was a question raised by a citizen regarding an item placed in the minutes of a previous meeting regarding sending a good will gesture and it was not clear on how that was being paid for apart from the good intention. First Selectmen Soby stated it is not budgeted for and not an authorized use of money in the police department budget and has been addressed.

13. Chairman/Commission Member Comment

Commissioner Fusco thanked First Selectman Soby, Fred Brown and Officer Suchecki for making “Freezin for a Reason” a success.

14. Adjourn

Commissioner Caron **MOTIONED** to adjourn at 6:56 p.m. **SECONDED** by Commissioner Langdon. All members present voted in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Attachment

Resident Trooper Report (attachment #1)

Respectfully Submitted
Gina Santos, Clerk



Resident Trooper Supervisor
Sgt. Joe Mercer #176

State of Connecticut



Connecticut State Police Colchester Resident Troopers' Office



Colchester Police

TO: Colchester Police Commission
RE: Monthly Report for November 2014 (December, 2014 meeting)

- **Monthly activity: statistics -- previously submitted**
 - All CPD officers on full duty, Admin Asst on Med Leave.
 - Received 203 applicants (5 certified) for vacancy. Will be sending out invites to agility test to be held (tentatively) on January 24.
- **Equipment:**
 - Vehicles - All vehicles in service, no major issues, repairs are tapering off lately.
 - Met with representative from Goodrich Solutions, Inc. to get quote for police vehicle electronics package. Should have estimate shortly.
- **Officer Training:**
 - All officers are current in their POST certifications and training.
 - Ofc. Scheel has attended Instructor Development and Explosive Recognition training.
 - Ofc. Kowalsky attended POST recert training.
 - Ofc. Edwards attended/instructed at Active Shooter training.
 - Ofc. Watrous is currently attending POST recert.
- **Initiatives:**
 - RX Drug drop box. -- over 620 lbs. of prescription drugs have been dropped off as of 12/13/14.
 - DWI Grant application has received DOT approval; enforcement shifts commenced 12/11/14.
 - Click it or Ticket wave of enforcement Nov 25 through Nov 30, 2014 was successful.
- **Notable events:**
 - Facebook page being monitored closely for compliance with Rules and Regs. Page continues to generate numerous crime tips which have resulted in arrests and positive investigative leads.

Sgt. Joseph Mercer #176
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