



Town of Colchester, Connecticut

127 Norwich Avenue, Colchester, Connecticut 06415

**Police Commission Minutes
Regular Meeting
Monday, January 25, 2016
6:30P.M. – Town Hall
Room 2**

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DANIEL FUSCO
TOWN CLERK

MEMBERS PRESENT: Commissioners Rob Parlee, Ed Fusco, Steve Caron, Jenny Langdon and Sue Dubb
MEMBERS ABSENT: none
OTHERS PRESENT: Sgt. M Martinez, and First Selectman Art Shilosky

1. Call to Order

Commissioner Parlee called the Monday, January 25, 2016 meeting to order at 6:36p.m.

2. Additions to the Agenda

Commissioner Caron MOTIONED to add #11c Contract Negotiation Update, #12a Discussion on Contractual Language for 2015 Contract, #11d Discussion on Town Website Police Department Page, #12b Discussion on Electronic File Keeping for the Town of Colchester, renumber agenda accordingly. SECONDED by Commissioner Dubb. All members present voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

3. Citizen's Comments – none

4. Officer's Comments – none

5. Review Correspondence - none

6. Approve Minutes: December 14, 2015 Police Commission Meeting

Commissioner Fusco MOTIONED to approve the December 14, 2015 Police Commission meeting minutes as written. SECONDED by Commissioner Caron. Commissioner Dubb abstained. All members present voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

7. Budget Review (Commissioner Fusco)

Commissioner Fusco stated on Jan 6th Officer Edwards and Sgt. Martinez presented the departments needs to the Board of Finance. Commented that they did a good job on presenting and answering questions. Several officers were also present to give their support. Commissioner Dubb also stated she saw the presentation on facebook and that it was well done. Commissioner Caron stated that the graphs were easy to understand. Commissioner Parlee asked Sgt. Martinez to elaborate on what the duties of the truck request would be for. Sgt. Martinez answered that it would be for training, transporting ammunition and patrol. Discussion ensued on alternate options for a vehicle and/or grant funding opportunities available. Commissioner Dubb will look into grant opportunities.

a. Report Regarding 24 Hour Police coverage (Commissioner's Caron and Dubb)

Commissioner Caron stated that it was hard to obtain stats from dispatch and officers. Commissioner Dubb will meet with CFO Cosgrove in Feb to obtain some information. Commissioner Caron stated that there may be an alternative to 24/7 by abiding by the contract and utilize the 3rd option bidding shift.

8. Appropriation and Transfer - none

9. Resident Trooper Report (Sgt. Martinez)

Sgt. Martinez read the December monthly report (attachment #1)

10. Local Traffic Authority

First Selectman Shilosky stated that they reached out to the DOT regarding changing the no turn on red at the intersection of Route 16/Route 85 to a green arrow going south onto Main Street to coordinate with the left arrow at the same intersection. The DOT at this point doesn't know if there is currently enough power in the cable to accommodate this change.

11. Old Business

a. Discussion on Charter

Commissioner Caron stated there are grammatical change recommendations, not content. Stated S Soby reviewed the request to drop the officer liaison and constable language. Would like to vote at the next meeting on the submitted change request to forward to the Charter Revision Commission. TABLED TO NEXT MEETING

b. Discussion on Police Officer's Body Cameras

First Selectman Shilosky stated that it is a priority to get cameras installed and working in all police cruisers. Discussion

c. Contract Negotiation Update

First Selectman Shilosky stated that the contract was sent to the Police Union counsel for review

d. Discussion on Town Website Police Department Page

Commissioner Caron stated that he would like to see an ACO link for lost dogs, change the mission statement, and add police officer names. Discussion was had.

12. New Business

a. Discussion on Contractual Language for 2015 Contract

Commissioner Caron stated that the present contract, on page 8 article 7 Hours of work, has a third slot bidding option that is currently not utilized for shift bidding. He recommended that since the option is already in the contract then they should look into if its attainable to schedule the third bidding option, 6:15p-3:15am, with the exiting staff. Discussion was had on options to fill the shift, contractual language and scenarios. First Selectman Shilosky asked for a proposed schedule from the commission with a plan that would not incur any overtime expense.

b. Discussion on Electronic File Keeping for the Town of Colchester

Commissioner Caron asked if there was a central server that kept all email correspondence for all Boards & Commissions. His main concern is with a trail of events for a new commission member coming in to have access to, to get up to speed. Commissioner Parlee stated that since commission members use personal emails there is no way the town would have access to that.

13. Chairman/Commission Member Comments

Commissioner Fusco thanked Sgt. Martinez, Officer Edwards, and the other officers for a great job on the presentation. Commissioner Parlee asked Sgt. Martinez to utilize the commission for whatever he needs, their door is always open. Saturday 1/30 at 1pm they will be at Stop & Shop to accept a check for the Town.

14. Adjourn

Commissioner Fusco MOTIONED to adjourn at 7:46p.m. SECONDED by Commissioner Dubb. All members present voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Attachment – Resident Trooper Report (attachment #1)

Respectfully submitted,

Tricia Dean, Clerk



Resident Trooper Supervisor
Sgt. Martin Martinez # 124

State of Connecticut



Connecticut State Police Colchester Resident Troopers' Office



Colchester Police

TO: Colchester Police Commission
RE: Monthly Report for December 2015 (Jan. 25, 2016 meeting)

- I. **Monthly activity: statistics – previously submitted**
 - a. S.R.O. activity – CARD classes started on October 26, 2015.
 - b. All personnel on full duty.
- II. **Equipment:**
 - a. Vehicles-
 - The new vehicle was ordered from MHQ and it is now anticipated that it should be delivered on or about January, 2016, I am waiting for a modem antenna.
 - b. New duty weapons are in use, all officers qualified in the use by range staff.
 - c. In car video/MDT-

The MVR cameras were checked on Nov. 04th by State Police personnel and Mario (IT Coordinator). Mario is in the process of ordering an AP access point to place in the office. This device will assist in the down loading of the MVR's. As of this date, **Mario has not received the AP access point.**
 - c. As of January 20, the State Police have not settled on a vendor to purchase any body cameras for the State Police. As a result, I am still 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. POSTC recertification training for all of our Officers is current.
- III. **Initiatives:**
 - a. RX Drug drop box. – over 904 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 was on Route 85.
 - c. The JRB is being utilized when possible in lieu of the Juvenile Justice System.
 - d. As you know our canine “Josie” was delivered to us on Nov. 04th. “Josie” will be on patrol with Ofc. Jonathan Goss. It is anticipated that “Josie” will start her training on or about March or April 2016.
- IV. **Notable Investigations:**

None to report.

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