

# EAST WINDSOR POLICE COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING: December 10, 2014

East Windsor Town Hall Meeting Room

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## 1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER AND ATTENDANCE:

Meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by Chairman Stremper. Commissioners Mancuso, Leach and Long were present. Also present were Chief of Police Edward DeMarco, Jr. and Deputy Chief Roger Hart. Selectwoman Dale Nelson (liaison – public safety) was present in the audience.

## 2. ADDED AGENDA ITEMS:

Agenda #5, Unfinished Business: Chief DeMarco requested added agenda item for Budget authorization.

Agenda #6, Traffic Authority: Chief DeMarco requested added agenda item for no parking at bottom of Craftsman Road and to set the speed limit to 30 miles per hour.

Agenda #7, New Business: Chairman Stremper to approve 2015 Police Commission meeting dates.

**MOTION** made by Commissioner Long to add agenda items. **SECONDED** by Commissioner Mancuso.

**VOTED IN FAVOR:** Mancuso/Long/Leach

**ALL THOSE VOTING, VOTE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.**

## 3. PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:

The minutes from the November 12, 2014, regular meeting were reviewed by all commission members. **MOTION** made by Commissioner Mancuso to accept the regular meeting minutes of 11/12/2014. **SECONDED** by Commissioner Long. No discussion.

**VOTED IN FAVOR:** Mancuso/Long

**ABSTAINED** by Commissioner Leach

**ALL THOSE VOTING, VOTE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.**

## 4. BUDGET AND EXPENDITURES:

**A) Police Department – Monthly Billing:** **MOTION** made by Commissioner Mancuso to accept the monthly billing as submitted, including Animal Control in the total amount of \$10,788.76.

**DISCUSSION:** None.

**SECONDED** by Commissioner Leach

**VOTED IN FAVOR:** Mancuso/Long/Leach

**ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.**

**B) Police Department – Financial Statement:** **MOTION** made by Commissioner Mancuso to approve the monthly financial statements, including Animal Control, as of December 5, 2014, as submitted. No discussion.

**SECONDED** by Commissioner Long.

**VOTED IN FAVOR:** Mancuso/Long/Leach

**ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.**

**C) Police Commission – Monthly Billing:** **MOTION** made by Commissioner Mancuso to approve the monthly billing as of 11/30/2014 in the total amount of \$125.00.

**SECONDED** by Commissioner Long. No discussion.

**VOTED IN FAVOR:** Mancuso/Long/Leach

**ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.**

**D) Police Commission – Financial Statement:** **MOTION** made by Commissioner Mancuso to accept the police commission monthly financial statement dated 11/30/2014 for \$1,075.00 as submitted.

**SECONDED** by Commissioner Long. No discussion.

**VOTED IN FAVOR:** Mancuso/Long/Leach

**ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.**

## **5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Chief DeMarco proposed to remove the following out of the 2015-2016 proposed budget: \$47,000 for the radio console.

## **6. TRAFFIC AUTHORITY:**

Chief DeMarco wants to set the speed limit on Craftsman Road to 30 miles per hour. In addition, he wants there to be no parking from the bottom of the Craftsman Road hill to Thompson Road on both sides. There have been numerous traffic complaints in the area including tractor trailers parking on the road and fear of accidents. To check the complaints, East Windsor police officers went out to the area and took pictures of the parked vehicles and enforced radar. Chief DeMarco has spoken to some of the local business owners who are considering putting up and paying for their own signs and/or radar signs to slow traffic down.

**DISCUSSION:** Commissioner Mancuso asked what Lincoln Tech thinks about these issues. Chief DeMarco explained Lincoln Tech is in agreement and has been educating their students about the dangers of the parking and speeding on the road. Lincoln Tech has also opened a

coffee/snack shop to try and keep the students on site and has teachers outside monitoring the traffic from the students.

**MOTION** made by Commissioner Leach to amend town regulations to provide no parking signs from the bottom of Craftsman Road hill to the stop sign at Thompson Road on both sides. **SECONDED** by Commissioner Mancuso.

**MOTION** made by Commissioner Leach to allow Chief DeMarco to petition the state to change the speed limit to 30 miles per hour on Craftsman Road. **SECONDED** by Commissioner Mancuso.

**VOTED IN FAVOR:** Mancuso/Long/Leach

**ALL THOSE VOTING, VOTE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED**

## **7. NEW BUSINESS:**

**MOTION** made by Commissioner Mancuso to accept 2015 Police Commission meeting dates. **SECONDED** by Commissioner Leach.

**VOTED IN FAVOR:** Mancuso/Long/Leach

**ALL THOSE VOTING, VOTE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED**

## **8. COMMUNICATIONS:**

(A) Commissioner Leach has a complaint from a parent who is concerned about speeding on Route 140, specifically 197 North Road. She states while her child is getting on the bus in the morning, cars are speeding and sometimes the bus driver honks the horn at cars that are passing the bus.

(B) Commissioner Leach has a neighbor that has a complaint about another neighbor's dog defecating on his property. Commissioner Leach will get the name and address of the complainant to Chief DeMarco so it can be addressed accordingly.

## **9. MONTHLY REPORTS:**

(A) Chief DeMarco will be presenting the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) at the town hall on Tuesday, December 16<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm.

(B) Chief DeMarco has an update on the radio console. The original estimate was approximately \$242,000 and it is believed they will be able to reduce that cost to \$75,000 due to a re-bid.

(C) Chief DeMarco is working on getting a \$250,000 grant to do a complete study for the Route 5 corridor from Sofia's Plaza to the South Windsor town line due to the backed up traffic conditions. He is working with a team comprised of Deputy Chief Hart, Len Norton, and First Selectman Denise Menard to come up with long term solutions.

**DISCUSSION:** Commissioner Mancuso wanted to express his appreciation for the “stuff a cruiser” event that was done on December 29<sup>th</sup> at the local East Windsor Walmart and thinks it was great for the community. This event was staffed by police officers and their families who volunteered their own time. Chief DeMarco added that the “stuff a cruiser” event was so successful that they stuffed the command center and it really helped a lot of local families. He is very proud of the officers and their families for taking their own time to help the community.

Chief DeMarco also added we have a new East Windsor Police Department webpage that will be going live in the next few weeks and we also have a Facebook page. He encourages our community to visit the sites.

#### **10. PUBLIC INPUT – Comments and Discussion (5 minutes maximum time per subject)**

Ms. Nelson added that she also thought the “stuff a cruiser” event was a really great thing to do for the community.

#### **11. EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

**MOTION** made by Commissioner Mancuso to enter into Executive Session (7:33pm) to include Chief Edward DeMarco and Deputy Chief Hart.

**SECONDED** by Commissioner Long.

**VOTED IN FAVOR:** Mancuso/Long/Leach

**ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION** made by Commissioner Mancuso to end Executive Session at 8:13pm.

**SECONDED** by Commissioner Long

**VOTED IN FAVOR:** Mancuso/Long/Leach

**ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED**

#### **12. ADJOURNMENT:**

**MOTION** made by Commissioner Mancuso to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:13pm.

**SECONDED** by Commissioner Long. No further discussion.

**VOTED IN FAVOR:** Mancuso/Long/Leach

**ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Judith Tweedlie - EWPC Recording Secretary**