

**MINUTES FROM THE BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING HELD TUESDAY, JUNE 4, 2013
IN THE MEETING ROOM OF THE TOWN HALL SOUTH
3 MAIN STREET, NEWTOWN**

**These minutes are not finalized until approved
At the next regularly scheduled meeting.*

Chairman Paul Mangiafico called the meeting to order at 7:30pm.

PRESENT: Brian Budd, James Viadero, Joel Faxon, Paul Mangiafico

ABSENT: Andrew Sachs

ALSO PRESENT: Chief of Police Michael Kehoe, Police Captain Jose Rios, 1 member of the public, 2 members of the press and Captain Douglas Stolze and his family.

Captain Douglas Stolze from Bridgeport Police Department presented Chief Kehoe with a flag that was flown at half-staff at Kandahar Airfield, Afghanistan, as a mark of respect for the victims of the senseless acts of violence perpetrated on December 14, 2012.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: NONE

POLICE UNION PARTICIPATION: None

CONSIDERATION AND ACTION ON THE MINUTES FOR: REGULAR MEETING MAY 7, 2013: Commissioner Faxon moved to accept the minutes of the May 7, 2013. With the correction of the following: Executive session ended at 9:40pm. No further business was conducted. Commissioner Budd moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Faxon. Motion unanimously accepted and the meeting was adjourned at 9:41pm. Commissioner Viadero seconded, motion unanimously accepted.

CHIEF'S REPORT: Hiring/Personnel report – On June 1st they gave a written test to those who are not certified and who would like to be hired in Newtown. There were 115 applicants and 102 showed up for the test. At this point, they are compiling the scores and will start the process thereafter. They have also been receiving applications from certified applicants but have not moved forward because of funding. The SRO grant has been finalized and they have applied for 2 positions. **Budget** – The Town of Newtown has been working on grants that will help re-coop some of the expenses that have occurred. The overtime expense has skyrocketed, spending \$45,000 per month. Chief Kehoe explained that they have increased responsibilities. The extra days they are in the schools are times that would be their normal time off. Some of the duties at the schools are not always done by a Town of Newtown Police officer; it may be done by another town through mutual aid.

FLEET – they are still waiting for the cars to be finished at the vendor. They will be keeping every car and looking to keep them in service in a secondary manor.

TRAINING REPORT – Officer Vanghele has provided the training report for the last few months.

LETTERS OF GRATITUDE – many have come in over the last 30 days.

CPCA will be giving Officer Grant a Motorola grant for continuing education. They also received a grant from OPM for the police video technology. This and the budgeted money, they can begin work on their interrogation room.

CORRESPONDENCE - Route 34 and Toddy Hill Road light will be updated.

K9 Barro did have a couple of medical issues that were thought to be serious. They are still evaluating him and have not made a decision about his retirement.

Queen Street Update – The 10 mph signs have been removed. There is a work order in with DPW to paint the cross walk, the shoulder line and the divided lines that begin by the Big Y traffic light.

Sandy Hook Center realignment is being completed. It will make that intersection safer and the light is updated. They will monitor it to make sure that the traffic flow is moving.

CAPTAIN'S REPORT: Captain Rios provided an incident analysis report from April 2012 through April 2013. The traffic unit report was also provided for the Month of May. The traffic unit is involved in ancillary duties which also include Sandy Hook Elementary School investigation and security issues. They had a Tactical debriefing with the Chief of Glastonbury and Greenwich. They had a round table discussion with the first responders about the events at Sandy Hook School and looked at the tactical response that the Officers took. There was possible feedback and gave them an opportunity to sit in a room and discuss the situation. Click it or ticket campaign has taken off. Several citations were given out for no seatbelts and cell phones use. They will also be attending a cell phone texting conference training. They will be out there in full force trying combat people texting while they are driving.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Secondary Employment Request – Commissioner Faxon moved to approve Officer Kullgren's secondary employment request. Commissioner Budd seconded, motion unanimously accepted.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: Bill Vayan, 9 Fleetwood Drive – expressed concern about the traffic flow in Sandy Hook center during peak times. Turning left from Washington Avenue to Church Hill has an arrow and then turns to a green but the drivers are not allowing the right hand turns from Glen Road enter Church Hill Road. Chief Kehoe said that they will be monitoring the traffic plans.

COMMISSIONER'S PARTICIPATION: Commissioner Faxon thanked the Chief for getting the support from the Hawley School reading program. He has received good feedback from the children. It is useful, educational and makes them feel safe.

Commissioner Mangiafico expressed concern over what he said in the last meeting and that it could have misconstrued. He is not opposed to the two stop rule. In order to remove it, there has to be something to replace it. It seems to him that they need to accelerate or work with the labor management committee to and see if they can come up with a happy compromise.

Commissioner Faxon made motion to move into executive session at 8:32pm under General Statute 1-210-B3 to discuss an ongoing police investigation and General Statute 1-210-B8 to discuss strategy and negotiation of personnel matters and collective bargaining. He invited Chief Kehoe and Captain Rios to attend. Commission Budd seconded, motion unanimously accepted.

At that time, the clerk left the meeting.

Executive session at 9:15pm. Having no further business, Commissioner Faxon motioned to adjourn, Commissioner Budd second, motion unanimously accepted.

Respectfully Submitted,
Arlene Miles, Clerk Pro-Tem