



**TOWN OF NEWTOWN**  
**BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS**

**MINUTES FROM THE BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS**  
**SPECIAL MEETING HELD TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2013**  
**TOWN HALL SOUTH CONFERENCE ROOM**  
**3 MAIN STREET, NEWTOWN**

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

Chairman Paul Mangiafico called the special meeting to order at 7:33 pm.

**PRESENT:** Brian Budd, James Viadero, Joel Faxon, Andy Sachs and Paul Mangiafico

**ABSENT:** none

**ALSO PARTICIPATION:** Police Chief Michael Kehoe, Captain Jose Rios, and 2 members of the public.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** Donald Ramsey, 3 Prospect Drive, told the Board he was there for the Highland Plaza traffic signal and passed out a 2-page document containing maps. Mr. Ramsey said he was happy the speed limit on Route 25 was lowered by the State but indicated that the speed limit was still 45 mph from Button Shop Road to the Citgo station. He added that within that area is the difficult intersection of Prospect Drive to Route 25 by the antique shop.

Mr. Ramsey stated that the Highland Plaza group was thinking of putting a traffic light in and said he thinks it's a good idea. He believes that either a light at the Highland Plaza driveway or a light at the intersection by the antiques shop, or both, would be good too.

Mr. Ramsey expressed his concern about motorists traveling southbound by the plaza. He stated that the Plaza had been obligated to put in a shoulder which was narrowed just to the point of the intersection. He suggested that it gives the illusion that someone can pass on the right and it forces cars into the vortex. Mr. Ramsey questioned why the shoulder was narrowed and it wasn't continued.

Chairman Mangiafico asked Mr. Ramsey whether the ending of the wide shoulder was a problem if a light was there or not and Mr. Ramsey said yes.

Chief Kehoe stated that the spot where the wide shoulder ends at the intersection of Prospect, Pecks Lane and Route 25 was on the State's radar for many years. He noted that the narrowed shoulder was part of the State's proposed reconfiguration of the intersection 5 years ago but when the State got into financial trouble a lot of projects were put on the back burner.

**POLICE UNION PARTICIPATION:** none

**CONSIDERATION AND ACTION ON THE MINUTES FOR: Regular Meeting November 5, 2013 and the Special Meeting December 3, 2013:** Commissioner Faxon moved to accept the minutes from the regular meeting November 5, 2013. Commissioner Budd seconded and the motion unanimously carried.

Commissioner Faxon moved to accept the minutes from the special meeting December 3, 2013 as corrected. Commissioner Budd seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.

Correction: 2<sup>nd</sup> line, under Executive Session should read “under General Statute 1-210-B3”

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**Request for Traffic Control Signal, Highland Plaza, 125 South Main Street** – Chairman Mangiafico indicated the matter was tabled until the Board’s meeting next month as those representing Highland Plaza were unable to attend.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**2014 Board Police Commissioners Meeting Schedule** – Commissioner Budd moved to accept the 2014 Board of Police Commissioners regular meeting schedule as presented. Commissioner Faxon seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

2014 Board of Police Commissioners Regular Meetings: January 7, February 4, March 4, April 1, May 6, June 3, July 1, August 5, September 2, October 7, November 4, December 2, and January 2015

**Discussion on letter from Chief to Chairman regarding Officer Tom Bean** – Commissioner Faxon moved to accept the letter from Chief Kehoe to Chairman Mangiafico dated December 5, 2013, which stated the termination of Thomas Bean had been withdrawn, and remove his name from the calendar. Commissioner Budd seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.

**COMMISSIONER’S PARTICIPATION** – none

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Commissioner Faxon moved to go into executive session at 7:46 pm under General Statute 1-210-B8 to discuss personnel matters concerning employment of potential police officers: 8 pm Seth Petzing, 8:15 pm Thomas Minutelli, 8:30 pm William Crone, 8:45 pm Adam James, and 9 pm Timothy Schoen. He invited Chief Kehoe and Captain Rios to attend. Commissioner Budd seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.

At this time the clerk left the meeting.

Ted Swigart, Clerk