

OLD SAYBROOK POLICE COMMISSION
Special Meeting
May 23, 2011
MINUTES

A Special meeting of the Old Saybrook Police Commission was held on Monday, May 23, 2011 at the Old Saybrook Town Hall. PRESENT: Chairman Burnham, Vice Chairman Conklin, Secretary Winkler, and Commissioners Gallicchio, Sparaco, and Metsack. Chief Spera was also present.

I. Call to Order

Chairman Burnham called the meeting to order at 7:45 PM.

II. Overview of the Promotional Process

The Chief advised the Commission of the status of the Patrol Sergeant, Master Sergeant and Lieutenant Promotional processes. Commission members asked questions about the testing processes which were answered by the Chief.

III. Discussion and Action on the Proposed Organizational Structure for the Department of Police Services

The Chief explained the revised Department Organizational Chart. He detailed the minor changes which included moving the Lieutenant's position from the Patrol Division to a second in command position, adding the animal control officers (that were inadvertently left off the previous chart) the police explorers, the EMS Director, and moving the Sergeant assigned to Youth Services to the newly named Records, Professional Standards, and Technology Division. The Chief spoke to the reasons behind the minor alteration in the organizational chart and the renaming of some programs.

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Conklin to approve the revised Department of Police Services Organizational Chart and recommend and presented by the Chief of Police. Motion seconded by Commissioner Winkler. Motion Passed by unanimous vote.

IV. Executive Session to Conduct Interviews for the Positions of Lieutenant, Master Sergeant, and Patrol Sergeant.

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Conklin to enter into executive session, inviting the Chief of Police, for the purpose of interviewing and discussing candidates for the positions of Lieutenant, Master Sergeant, and Patrol Sergeant Motion seconded by Commissioner Gallicchio. Motion Passed by unanimous vote.

Sergeant Roche entered executive session at 8:03 PM.

Sergeant Rankin entered executive session at 8:50 PM.

Sergeant Rankin exited executive session at 9:40 PM.

Patrolman Walsh entered executive session at 9:50 PM

Patrolman Walsh exited executive session at 10:10 PM

Patrolman Smith entered executive session at 10:15 PM

Patrolman Smith exited executive session at 10:35 PM

Patrolman DeMarco entered executive session at 10:40 PM.

Patrolman DeMarco exited executive session at 11:01 PM.

Patrolman Bergantino entered executive session at 11:05 PM.

Patrolman Bergantino exited executive session at 11:45 PM.

Entered into public session at 12:15 AM.

V. Discuss and Act on the Appointment of a Lieutenant

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Conklin to promote Patrol Sergeant Kevin Roche to the position of Lieutenant effective June 19, 2011. Motion seconded by Commissioner Metsack. Motion Passed by unanimous vote.

VI. Discussion and Act on the Appointment of a Master Sergeant

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Conklin to promote Patrol Sergeant Jay Rankin to the position of Master Sergeant effective June 19, 2011. Motion seconded by Commissioner Winkler and Gallicchio. Motion Passed by unanimous vote.

VII. Discuss and Act on the Appointment of Patrol Sergeants

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Conklin to promote Patrolman Chris DeMarco to the position of Patrol Sergeant effective June 19, 2011. Motion seconded by Commissioner Winkler. Motion Passed by unanimous vote.

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Conklin to promote Patrolman William Bergantino to the position of Patrol Sergeant effective June 19, 2011. Motion seconded by Commissioner Winkler and Gallicchio. Motion Passed by unanimous vote.

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Conklin to establish a promotional list for the position of Patrol Sergeant for a duration of one year. The list shall read 1) Patrolman Walsh and 2) Patrolman Smith. Motion seconded by Commissioner Gallicchio. Motion Passed by unanimous vote.

VIII. Comments from the Chief of Police

The Chief thanked the Commission for their time and dedication to the Department and the Town. Commission members thanked the Chief for both coordinating the very successful promotional process, the way he is leading the department and then spoke about how impressed the Commission was with the quality and abilities of the candidates.

The Chief noted the dates of the Department's Awards and Promotional Ceremony, Saint John DARE Graduation ,and the Middle School DARE Graduation – all of which Commission Member are invited.

IX. Comments and Concerns of Police Commissioners

There were no additional comments.

X. Adjournment

- A. A motion was made by Vice Chairman Conklin to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by all Commissioners. Motion Passed by unanimous vote. The meeting was adjourned at 12:29 AM.**