

MINUTES

WATERTOWN POLICE COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

WATERTOWN POLICE STATION
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8, 2009, 7:30 P.M.

PRESENT: Patricia Kropp, Secretary
Robert LeBlanc
Judy Sprano, Chairman
Mark Tedesco
Jack Walton

ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Herm Desena, Deputy Police Chief
John Gavallas, Police Chief

1. Convene Regular Meeting - 7:30 P.M.

Ms. Pilicy-Sprano, Chairman, Called the Meeting to Order at 7:30 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Ms. Pilicy-Sprano, Chairman, executed the Roll Call.

3. Public Participation

None

4. Minutes

A. Regular Meeting – March 11, 2009

This meeting was cancelled.

5. Correspondence

1. A letter was received from Milone & MacBroom dated April 6, 2009 concerning follow-up for Traffic Signal Permit Application.
2. The Traffic Signal Plan was submitted to the Town for future use as requested.

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3. A copy of the fax submitted by Dave LeBlanc to Elaine Adams, Chairman of the Town Council, dated March 23, 2009 regarding a Freedom of Information violation. All special meeting notices must be filed on the Town's internet web site. Chief Gavallas was not aware of this Freedom of Information requirement and will provide training to personnel at the Police Department on these requirements next week. A brief discussion took place regarding this issue.
4. Chief Gavallas provided a copy of a letter from Senator Robert Kane and Representative Sean Williams requesting a left-turn signal phase for Route 73 northbound at Route 63 and the Rite-Aid driveway. A discussion took place regarding this issue and we will wait to hear the State's response and review again at that time.

6. New Business

- A. None

7. Unfinished Business

- A. Taft School Traffic Issue

Ms. Pilicy-Sprano reported that phone calls were made to the State and the Engineer concerning the Taft School Site Work List that was provided by Fuss & O'Neill to this Commission at the Special Meeting dated March 18, 2009. The engineer stated that no new work was being done, that this was a requirement by the Bank (providing a mortgage to Taft School) for the School to obtain a State Traffic Certificate. Taft was never required to obtain this certificate in the past because they had been grandfathered in on the work that had been completed. In order to obtain a State Traffic Certificate the local traffic authority would have to give the okay for all past (completed) work. This does not include any future work.

MOTION: (Mr. Tedesco, sec. Mr. Walton) to accept past work completed at Taft School in order for them to obtain their State Traffic Certificate.

Discussion: Mr. LeBlanc raised questions concerning traffic light and State Highway.

In Favor: Ms. Kropp, Ms. Pilicy-Sprano, Mr. Tedesco, Mr. Walton

Opposed: None

Abstained: Mr. LeBlanc

MOTION CARRIED (4-0-1)

8. Chairman's Report

None

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9. Chief's Report

A. March, 2009 – Police Department Activity

Chief Gavallas and Deputy Chief Desena gave a report concerning the Police Department activity for March, 2009. A brief discussion ensued.

10. Adjournment

MOTION: (Ms. Kropp, sec. Mr. Walton) to Adjourn the Regular Meeting at 8:12 p.m.

Discussion: None

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Regular Meeting Adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Pilicy-Sprano, Chairman
Watertown Police Commission

Approved: _____
Lynn M. LaForme, Clerk