

MINUTES

WATERTOWN POLICE COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

WATERTOWN POLICE STATION
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10, 2009, 7:30 P.M.

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

ABSENT: Patricia Kropp, Secretary

OTHERS PRESENT: Roy Cavanaugh, Director of Public Works
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

Luciano Verdura, 50 Heath Street, Oakville, CT 06779

Mr. Verdura discussed the street light policy.

Vittorio Pelosi, 22 Elmhurst Street, Oakville, CT 06779

Mr. Pelosi discussed the street light policy.

Bill Lynch, 255 Farmdale Road, Watertown, CT 06795

Mr. Lynch discussed speeding on his road.

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Tony Fusco, 192 Bunker Hill Road, Watertown, CT 06795

Mr. Fusco discussed safety issues on Bunker Hill Road.

Dave LeBlanc, Middlebury Road, Watertown, CT 06795

Mr. LeBlanc discussed the crossing guard at Heminway Park School.

4. Minutes

A. Regular Meeting – April 8, 2009

MOTION: (Mr. Walton, sec. Mr. Tedesco) to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes dated April 8, 2009 as presented.

Discussion: None

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

Opposed: None

Abstained: Mr. LeBlanc

MOTION CARRIED (3-0-1)

5. Correspondence

1. Stop Sign Request from Ray Cavanaugh
2. Traffic Study for Bunker Hill Road
3. D.O.T. Correspondence on Traffic Light in front of Watertown High School

A discussion ensued regarding the costs associated with this traffic light.

6. New Business

A. Stop Sign at Intersection of Bunker Hill Road and Bellemeadow Drive.

Mr. Cavanaugh gave a detailed explanation of this stop sign request. A lengthy discussion ensued.

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MOTION: (Mr. Walton, sec. Ms. Pilicy-Sprano) to install the stop sign configuration at Bunker Hill Road and Bellemeadow as outlined by Roy Cavanaugh – to include advanced warning signage.

Discussion: None

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

Opposed: None

Abstained: Mr. LeBlanc

MOTION CARRIED (3-0-1)

7. Unfinished Business

None

8. Chairman's Report

Ms. Pilicy-Sprano reported that Ms. Kropp brought to her attention that people are exiting the Watertown Meat Center's parking lot via the one way onto Main Street. Chief Gavallas stated that this is a private parking lot and that the owners would have to make the change. Nothing in the past at the Police Commission has restricted the use of the parking lot.

MOTION: (Mr. Tedesco, sec. Mr. Walton) to Add Agenda Item 9B, Public Participation Discussion regarding safety issues on Bunker Hill Road and the street light issues on Heath Street and Elmhurst Avenue.

Discussion: None

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

9. Chief's Report

A. April and May, 2009 – Police Department Activity

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

B. Public Participation Discussion regarding Bunker Hill Road and the street light issues on Heath Street and Elmhurst Avenue.

A discussion took place regarding the formation of a subcommittee to investigate the safety issue on Bunker Hill Road.

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MOTION: (Mr. Tedesco, sec. Mr. Walton) to form a Subcommittee to look into the safety issues on Bunker Hill Road and report back to the Commission members; subcommittee to include Mark Tedesco and Judy Pilicy.

Discussion: None

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

A lengthy discussion ensued regarding the street lights complaints.

MOTION: (Mr. Tedesco, sec. Mr. Walton) to send a letter to the Town Manager stating the concerns of this Commission regarding street lights at Heath Street and Elmhurst Avenue and suggesting recommendations regarding same.

Discussion: None

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

10. Adjournment

MOTION: (Mr. Walton, sec. Mr. Tedesco) to Adjourn the Regular Meeting at 9:03 p.m.

Discussion: None

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Regular Meeting Adjourned at 9:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Pilicy-Sprano, Chairman
Watertown Police Commission

Approved: _____
Lynn M. LaForme, Clerk