

MINUTES

WATERTOWN POLICE COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

WATERTOWN POLICE STATION
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2008, 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

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

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

2. Roll Call

Ms. Sprano, Chairman, executed the Roll Call.

3. Public Participation

Marilyn Miller & Patricia Perriello, 126 Buckingham Street, Watertown, CT 06795

Ms. Miller and Ms. Perriello requested a crosswalk be installed from Westview Village across Buckingham Street. People who walk claim that Buckingham Street is extremely busy and difficult for an elderly person to cross safely.

The Commission discussed that this is a State road and that appropriate people would be contacted to address this situation.

Dave LeBlanc, Middlebury Road, Watertown, CT 06795

Mr. LeBlanc discussed safety issues for children that continue on Heminway Park Road. He provided a copy of his comments to be attached to the Minutes.

A lengthy discussed ensued.

Ms. Sprano, Chairman, Closed Public Participation at this time.

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MOTION: (Mr. LeBlanc, sec. Mr. Tedesco) to add Agenda Item 7B, Discussion and Possible Action regarding Problems on Heminway Park Road.

Discussion: None

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

4. Minutes

A. Regular Meeting – October 8, 2008

MOTION: (Ms. Kropp, sec. Mr. Walton) to Approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of October 8, 2008.

Discussion: None

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

Opposed: None

Abstained: Mr. LeBlanc

MOTION CARRIED (4-0-1)

5. Correspondence

Ms. Sprano reported an email was received from David LeBlanc requesting information pertaining to Heminway Park Road under Freedom of Information. Copy of items that were forwarded to Mr. LeBlanc were given to Commission members.

6. New Business

None

7. Unfinished Business

A. Civilian Complaint Policy

Ms. Sprano distributed the policy to all members. A brief discussion ensued. No changes were made to the policy, however additional information was requested by Robert LeBlanc, specifically a copy of the Uniform Administrative Procedures Act, as described within the document. Comments made concerning the civilian complaint form are available at the Police Department. Said form will be reviewed and updated to include a separate form for the Appeal of a Civilian Complaint.

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B. Discussion and Possible Action regarding Problems on Heminway Park Road

A discussion took place regarding traffic and safety issues at Heminway Park Road. Information presented by David LeBlanc during Public Participation was discussed.

MOTION: (Mr. LeBlanc, sec. Ms. Kropp) to mark a crosswalk on Heminway Park Road with two stop signs and additional warning signs for a period of two years.

Discussion: None

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

8. Chairman's Report

Ms. Sprano requested that she be allowed to speak as Chairman of the Police Commission on the issue of Heminway Park Road/School outside of Police Commission meetings.

MOTION: (Mr. LeBlanc, sec. Mr. Walton) to allow the Chairman to speak with appropriate people regarding the Heminway Park Road/School safety issue outside of Police Commission meetings.

Discussion: None

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

9. Chief's Report

A. October, 2008 - Police Department Activity

Deputy Chief Desena gave a report regarding the October activity in the Police Department (Chief Gavallas was at a conference and unable to attend this meeting).

10. Adjournment

MOTION: (Mr. LeBlanc, sec. Ms. Kropp) to Adjourn the Regular Meeting at 8:45 p.m.

Discussion: None

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

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Regular Meeting Adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Sprano, Chairman
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Approved: _____
Lynn M. LaForme, Clerk