

# MINUTES

## WATERTOWN POLICE COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

WATERTOWN POLICE HEADQUARTERS  
195 FRENCH STREET  
WATERTOWN, CT

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11, 2012, 7:00 P.M.

**PRESENT:** James Blais, Chairman  
Patricia Kropp  
Gary Lafferty  
Jack Walton, V. Chairman/Secretary

**ABSENT:** Mark Tedesco

**OTHERS PRESENT:** John Gavallas, Police Chief  
Robert Desena, Deputy Police Chief  
Al Mickel  
Thomas Winn  
Mike Brown

### 1. Convene Regular Meeting

Chairman, Jim Blais called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

### 2. Roll Call

The roll call was executed.

### 3. Public Participation and Commission Interaction - none

### 4. Minutes

#### a. Regular Meeting – December 14, 2011

Motion: (Gary Lafferty sec. Jim Blais) to accept the meeting minutes of December 14, 2011 as corrected.

**Corrections:**

Under New Business 7A **correct** refer to Public works for study and Solution **to** refer to Public Works for study and solution of water drainage on Sylvan Lake Road.

Aye: 4

Nay: 0

Abstain: 1 Patricia Kropp

Motion passes

**5. Correspondence**

**a. A Memo from Roy Cavanaugh Regarding Sylvan Lake Road Safety Issue**

Mr. Brown spoke to the Town Council who referred him to the Public Works Subcommittee. Roy Cavanaugh referred it to the Superintendent of Roads, William Batterton - to keep the street plowed and sanded and recommended to the Board of Education to move the school bus pickup to a safer location.

**6. Action Items**

**a. Litchfield Road Route 63 Southbound Speed Data Report**

A speed survey was done with the posted speed limit of 45 and the report revealed an average speed of 42.27 mph. and appears not to be a speeding issue.

**b. Emergency Vehicle Pre-Emption System for Traffic Lights**

The state wants to put in a computer chip at Buckingham St, Route 262 Park Road and Echo Lake.

(Patricia Kropp sec. Gary Lafferty) to accept emergency vehicle system for traffic lights.

Aye: 4

Nay: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion passed unanimously

**c. Traffic Issues Related to Proposed Housing Development at Buckingham Street and Nova Scotia Hill Road**

**Attorney Robert Reeve, Farmington**

Mr. Reeve is here on behalf of New Millennium Development and stated he is in the middle of a public hearing process with Planning & Zoning and was asked to get input on the traffic issues for the project from the Commission as the traffic authority. Mr. Reeve gave a brief overview of the project. The proposal is for the widening of Nova Scotia Hill Road at the intersection of Buckingham Street with a new dedicated left hand turn.

**Scott Hesketh, Professional, Traffic Engineer**

Mr. Hesketh gave an overview from his reports regarding traffic volume counts. Ms. Hesketh stated that it does not meet the daily volume warrant for an application to the state for a traffic signal.

**Commission Concerns**

The commission was concerned if the neighbors have the opportunity to speak regarding the traffic issue.

Mr. Reeve replied they have the opportunity to speak at the Public Hearing with Planning & Zoning.

(Patricia Kropp sec. Gary Lafferty) to accept developers plans as presented.

Aye: 4  
Nay: 0  
Abstain: 0

Motion passed unanimously

**d. Review of Police Budget for Fiscal Year 2012/2013**

The Police Budget for Fiscal Year 2012/2013 was reviewed with the commission members.

**7. New Business - none**

**8. Chairman's Report - none**

**9. Chief's Report**

**a. January 2012 – Monthly Department Activity Report**

The Police Chief reviewed monthly department activity report.

**10. Adjournment**

(Patricia Kropp sec. Gary Lafferty) to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 8:20 p.m.

Aye:

Nay:

Abstain:

Respectfully submitted,

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James Blais, Chairman  
Watertown Police Commission

**If for any reason you cannot attend this meeting, please call Patrizia Guerrera at 860-945-5214.**