

**POLICE COMMISSION
WATERTOWN, CONNECTICUT
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2016
REGULAR MEETING – 7:00 P.M.**

**WATERTOWN POLICE HEADQUARTERS
195 FRENCH STREET
WATERTOWN, CT
MINUTES**

1. Convene Regular Meeting
Chairman Jack Walton called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. Roll Call

PRESENT: Jack Walton, Chairman
Richard Antonetti
David Jannetty
Thomas Walsh

ABSENT: William Muccino

**ALTERNATES
PRESENT:** Richard Rossi

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ABSENT:** Michael Brown

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

Richard Rossi was seated for William Muccino.

a. Election of 2016 Police Commission officers

David Jannetty I would like to nominate name Richard Antonetti for Chairman.

Are there any other nominations? Are there any other nominations? Are there any other nominations?

Hearing none.

Nominations closed.

Motion passed unanimously

Richard Antonetti is declared as Chairman.

Richard Antonetti I would like to nominate David Jannetty as Vice Chairman.

Are there any other nominations? Are there any other nominations? Are there any other nominations?

Hearing none.

Nominations closed.

Motions passed unanimously

David Jannetty is declared as Vice Chairman.

C. Secretary.

To be determined at next meeting.

Richard Antonetti before we move forward I would like to thank Jack Walton for his service.

3. Public Participation

Ruben Randalot, 263 Riverside Street I sent an email today to Chief Gavallas and Director Cavanaugh because my request is for a no parking zone and I detailed the reasons to plead my case. I live on the corner of Riverside and it turns coming down French Street from Main Street. That corner is a blind corner for cars that are parked there and that has been a problem for the last ten years. All the neighbors and I have talked about it having six accidents in 10 years and one going through my front door it is not safe. Anyone traveling down French Street is forced to go into the other lane and as you come up to that corner there is barely enough room to get by. I am proposing a no parking zone starting at Squire Court for 100 to 250 feet to keep cars off that corner to prevent an accident.

Police Chief John Gavallas we will have to take a look at the area and will get an accident history as well.

Motion: David Jannetty second Thomas Walsh to report this issue to the Police Chief and let him take the actions that he deems necessary to install a

“No Parking” sign on Riverside Street designating a short No Parking Zone beginning at Squire Court and continued for approximately 150-175 feet.

Motion passed

Al Mickel, 95 Woodvine Avenue I have been here a few times. The last time I was here we talked about this meeting not being on the front page of the website. On the agenda tonight is parking on the sidewalk and I have been here before about the parking in front of Veterans on Davis Street you guys handled it by putting in a No Parking sign from here to the corner and now they are parking on the sidewalk. It's on a debate here if they park on the street it makes the street extremely narrow. If they park on the sidewalk somebody is going to get hurt on the sidewalk. I am not sure what the proper approach is. On a more serious note when I first came here I was trying to reconcile the police complaint process which I think is a very good process. I think the Chief is right it should come to the Chief first. He has gone through the accreditation with this process and has passed and I think it should remain so. But the charter says that the Police Commission is responsible for that and going through the amount of literature on this it looks like it was on and then it was off then it was on and then it was off and I think you people can make up your minds once and for all to allow this commission and it is the only commission in town that does not have an appeal process to put something in your By-Laws. One of the things written in 2008 looks like a very good policy to put in your By-Laws make it official so there is no confusion in the future.

4. Minutes Approval

Motion: Jack Walton sec. David Jannetty to accept meeting minutes of January 13, 2016.

Aye: 4 Jannetty, Rossi, Walsh, Walton

Nay: 0

Abstain 1 Antonetti

Motion passes

5. Correspondence

- a. Request for a traffic study on Litchfield Road.

Police Chief John Gavallas the Town Manager received an email from a resident seeking signage at the intersection of Litchfield Road and Linkfield Road because of heavy traffic and accidents. It is a state highway and we do not have jurisdiction over it however the Town Manager did write to the state and requested they take a look at it. But they want a vote from the Legal Traffic Authority to come in and take a

look at the situation. So you would have to approve the request for us to ask the state to look at the signage on Route 63 at Linkfield Road.

Motion: Jack Walton sec. David Jannetty to submit to DOT a request for a traffic study.

Chairman Richard Antonetti if you could send a letter to the residents who asked for it.

Motion passe unanimously

6. Business Update

- a. Update on installation of 3-way “Stop” signs on Skilton and Hinman Roads. – Mr. Cavanaugh wants to take another look due to the construction taken place at the site and he will determine whether the signs are needed.

Police Chief John Gavallas will send a letter to the residents regarding the delays with the signs.

- b. Permit for “Shamrock Shuffle” submitted to D.O.T. by Commission liaison officer Deputy Chief R. Desena.

Deputy Police Chief Robert Desena it has been submitted on the 22nd to DOT and I anticipate an answer with in a couple of weeks.

- b. Update on enforcement of no sidewalk parking on Buckingham Street.

Deputy Police Chief Robert Desena patrol has been monitoring.

7. New Business - none

8. Chairman’s Report

Chairman Richard Antonetti toured the Police Station and asked about the progress on the monitoring screens of surveillance inside and outside of the schools.

Police Chief John Gavallas will have the ITT Department people look into it.

9. Chief’s Report

- a. January 2016 - Monthly Department Activity Report
Distributed and filed.

Police Chief John Gavallas will discuss the budget with the commission at the next meeting.

10. Adjournment

Motion: David Jannetty sec. Richard Rossi to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 7:55 p.m.

Motion passes unanimously

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Antonetti, Chairman
Watertown Police Commission