

**POLICE COMMISSION
WATERTOWN, CONNECTICUT
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13, 2016
REGULAR MEETING – 7:00 P.M.**

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

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

PRESENT: Richard Antonetti, Chairman
David Jannetty, V. Chairman
Richard Rossi
Anthony Coppola
Jack Walton

ABSENT: none

ALTERNATES none
PRESENT:

ALTERNATES Michael Brown
ABSENT: Tamara Keeman

OTHERS PRESENT: Robert Desena, Deputy Police Chief

PUBLIC ATTENDANCE: Morgan Holley
Dave LeBlanc

Chairman Richard Antonetti noted that Police Chief John Gavallas will not be attending the meeting due to a budget hearing he is attending and the Deputy Police Chief Robert Desena will be sitting in for him.

Motion: David Jannetty seconded by Richard Rossi to amend the agenda by adding Item 7a. Under Old Business to read "Election of Secretary of the Watertown Police Commission".

Motion passes unanimously

3. Public Participation

Morgan Holley, 86 Adams Road for my Girl Scout troop we are supposed to be thinking of ideas to help the community. One of my ideas was to clean up the park on Adam's Road. One of the ways I was thinking to help was to make a pedestrian cross walk because of the sidewalk across the street there is no known safety. I think this would help the neighborhood know it's a park and people would watch out for people crossing being safe and not getting hurt.

The commission applauded Morgan for the work she is doing with the park.

4. Minutes Approval

Motion: David Jannetty sec. Anthony Coppola to accept meeting minutes of March 9, 2016.

Discussion: none

Motion passes unanimously

5. Correspondence

- a. Letter from Roy Cavanaugh regarding railroad crossing improvement project on Frost Bridge Road.

Commission members discussed traffic control.

- b. Letter from Roy Cavanaugh regarding evaluation of stop sign(s) at intersection of Skilton and Hinman Roads.

A clarification letter from Roy Cavanaugh, The Public Works Director evaluation as to why not to have the sign.

- c. Correspondence to residence of 237 Skilton Road regarding stop sign(s).

The Deputy Chief submitted letters to Mr. & Mrs. Schmidt stating the reasons why the signs cannot go up on the recommendation of our Traffic Engineer and Public Works Director Mr. Cavanaugh.

- d. Correspondence from Roy Cavanaugh regarding a request for a crosswalk to Adams Road Park.

The recommendation of the commission is to send a letter to Lisa Carew that when the project is nearing completion the commission will take a look at the curb cuts for a crosswalk.

- e. Request from Roy Cavanaugh to enact 15 MPH speed limits on Elm Street and Pythian Avenue.

The commission is going to refer it back to Roy Cavanaugh for further evaluation.

- f. Correspondence from Roy Cavanaugh as to Bowers Street culvert replacement and project detour plan for summer of 2016.

The commission discussed the re-routing plan for traffic.

6. New Business

- a. Resolution of Freedom of Information Act complaint: Dave LeBlanc vs. Watertown Police Commission:
“At the February 10, 2016 regular meeting, the Watertown Police Commission violated section 1-225 of the Freedom of Information Act by discussing and voting on an issue that was not on the agenda or added to the agenda. The police commission will abide by all Freedom of Information laws.”

Motion: David Jannetty seconded by Richard Rossi to adopt the following statement in resolution of the FOI complaint filed against the Watertown Police Commission by Dave LeBlanc: *“At the February 10, 2016 regular meeting, the Watertown Police Commission violated section 1-225 of the Freedom of Information Act by discussing and voting on an issue that was not on the agenda or added to the agenda. The Police commission will abide by all Freedom of Information Laws.”*

Motion passed unanimously

- b. Request for route approval by LTA for annual Rev. 3 Triathlon on June 4, 2016 and June 5, 2016.

Motion: David Jannetty seconded by Richard Rossi to approve Rev. 3 of the Triathlon Route as follows: *“Coming from Rt. 6 Woodbury riding E/B into Watertown; Left turn onto Platt Road; Left turn onto Guernseytown Road; Right turn onto Judd Farm Road; Left turn onto Litchfield Road; Continue N/B into Morris”.*

Motion passed unanimously

- c. Permits received from D.O.T. for block parties on Main Street, Watertown on May 21, 2016, July 30, 2016 and August 27, 2016 and Main Street, Oakville, on June 25, 2016.

To put the permits on file.

- d. Permit received from D.O.T. for Memorial Day parade on May 30, 2016, on Main Street, Routes 63 and 73.

To put the permit on file.

7. Old Business

- a. Election of Secretary of the Watertown Police Commission

Motion: David Jannetty seconded by Richard Rossi to nominate Anthony Coppola Secretary of the Watertown Police Commission, and hearing no further nominations, to close nominations.

Are there any other nominations?

Hearing none.

The nominations are closed.

Motion passed unanimously

Anthony Coppola was declared Secretary.

8. Chairman's Report
Passed out to commission members a pamphlet with highlights regarding the Freedom of Information Act.
9. Chief's Report
 - a. March 2016 - Monthly Department Activity Report
Distributed and filed.

10. Adjournment

Motion: Jack Walton seconded David Jannetty to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 8:05 p.m.

Motion passes unanimously

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Antonetti, Chairman
Watertown Police Commission