

MINUTES

WATERTOWN POLICE COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

WATERTOWN MUNICIPAL CENTER
CONFERENCE ROOM
61 ECHO LAKE ROAD
WATERTOWN, CT
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 13, 2012, 7:00 P.M.

PRESENT: James Blais, Chairman
Patricia Kropp
Gary Lafferty arrived 7:25
Jack Walton, V. Chairman/Secretary

ABSENT: Mark Tedesco

ALERNATES

PRESENT: William Muccino

ALTERNATES

ABSENT: Michael Brown

OTHERS PRESENT: John Gavallas, Police Chief
Robert Desena, Deputy Police Chief
Roy Cavanaugh – Director of Public Works

Michael Brown sat in for Mark Tedesco

- 1. Convene Regular Meeting**
Chairman, Jim Blais called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.
- 2. Roll Call**
The roll call was executed
- 3. Public Participation AND Commission Interaction**
Dave LeBlanc
Mr. LeBlanc asked why the meeting location was changed and addressed the time frame for motions and minutes.

Motion: (Patricia Kropp sec. William Muccino) to move Action Item F to A and move A to F.

Discussion: none

Aye: 4
Nay: 0
Abstain: 0

Motion passes

4. Approval of Minutes

a. Regular Meeting – April 11, 2012

Motion: (Patricia Kropp sec. William Muccino) to accept meeting minutes of April 11, 2012.

Discussion: none

Aye: 4
Nay: 0
Abstain: 0

Motion passes unanimously

a. Regular meeting – May 9, 2012

Motion: (Patricia Kropp sec. William Muccino) to accept meeting minutes of May 9, 2012.

Aye: 4
Nay: 0
Abstain: 0

Motion passes unanimously

5. Correspondence - none

6. Action Items

a. Discussion of letter from David LeBlanc regarding F.O.I. issue.

Jim Blais read a letter from David LeBlanc:

1. At the April 11, 2012 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.
2. The Watertown Police Commission will abide by All Freedom of Information Laws.

Motion: (Patricia Kropp sec. William Muccino) to resolve Freedom Of Information Act Docket # FIC 2012-213 D. LeBlanc vs. Watertown Police Commission.

Discussion: none

Aye: 4
Nay: 0
Abstain: 0

Motion passes unanimously

b. Skilton Road bridge project – discuss traffic pattern.

Mr. Cavanaugh, Director of Public Works discussed the different options for the bridge regarding the traffic flow and structure and wanted feedback from the commission.

Motion: (Gary Lafferty sec. William Muccino) to allow 2 way traffic on bridge.

Aye: 5
Nay: 0
Abstain: 0

Motion passed unanimously

c. Discussion of speed control devices on local roads.

Mr. Cavanaugh, Director of Public Works stated that the Public Works Subcommittee has selected under the 2003 Public Works bond to repave North Street in Watertown between Hawley Street and Route 6. One issue brought up is speeding and wanting to have traffic device. Mr. Cavanaugh proposed when they repave the road to put in a speed hump.

Commission Concerns

Concerns using speed humps on town roads especially for traffic such as motorcycles & bicycles.

d. Discussion of local roads accident reduction program.

Mr. Cavanaugh, Director of Public Works discussed this years report from the state showing an above norm in the area for accidents on Middlebury Road between Sandbank Road and Middlebury Town Line where there is a 90 degree curve in the road.

Motion: (Gary Lafferty sec. William Muccino) to allow Roy Cavanaugh to proceed with accident reduction program on Middlebury Road.

Aye: 5
Nay: 0
Abstain: 0

Motion passes unanimously

e. Information regarding crosswalk at Rt. 6 and North Street.

The state has done a survey and found that the crosswalk does have an appropriate site line in both directions and will upgrade the crosswalk from a pedestrian crosswalk to a school cross walk enlarging it and installing signs.

f. Highway use permit for “Night Out on Main Street” – 6/29/12.

For the highway permit that we close a section of Main Street between Woodruff Avenue and Depot Street for Watertown’s Night Out on Main Street from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. on June 29th.

Motion: (Patricia Kropp sec. Gary Lafferty) to close a portion of Main Street for “Night Out on Main Street” on June 29, 2012 state permitted.

Aye: 5

Nay: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion passes unanimously

g. Discussion of possible upgrade of sidewalk on Academy Hill west to Route 6.

Taft will supply the materials for the sidewalks and Public Works will be installing them.

7. New Business – none

8. Chairman’s Report – none

9. Chief’s Report

a. June 2012 – Monthly Department Activity Report

10. Adjournment

MOTION: (Gary Lafferty sec. William Muccino) to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 8:35 p.m.

Discussion: none

Motion passes unanimously

Respectfully submitted,

James Blais, Chairman
Watertown Police Commission