

MINUTES

WATERTOWN POLICE COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

WATERTOWN POLICE HEADQUARTERS
195 FRENCH STREET
WEDNESDAY, JULY 13, 2011, 7:00 P.M.

PRESENT: James Blais, Chairman
Gary Lafferty
Mark Tedesco
Jack Walton, V. Chairman/Secretary

ABSENT: Patricia Kropp

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

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 - none

4. Agenda – none

5. Minutes

a. Regular meeting – June 8, 2011

Motion: (Mark Tedesco sec. Jack Walton) to accept meeting minutes of June 8, 2011.

Aye: 4

Nay: 0

Abstain: 0

b. To Approve and Sign Past Police Commission Minutes

Motion: (Mark Tedesco sec. Jack Walton) to accept meeting minutes of May 12, 2010.

Aye: 4

Nay: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion: (Mark Tedesco sec. Jack Walton) to accept meeting minutes of September 9, 2010.

Aye: 4
Nay: 0
Abstain: 0

Motion: (Gary Lafferty sec. Jack Walton) to accept meeting minutes of February 16, 2011.

Aye: 3
Nay: 0
Abstain: 1 Mark Tedesco

6. Correspondence

a. Letter from D.O.T. Regarding Crosswalk at Hillside Avenue and Main Street, Oakville.

Police Chief John Gavallas stated the letter says that you need to take action if you want the crosswalk reinstated to install the push button.

(Jim Blais sec. Mark Tedesco) Letter by Chief Gavallas to D.O.T. to approve crosswalk Retention on Hillside and Main St. - Oakville

Aye: 4
Nay: 0
Abstain: 0

b. Letter from D.O.T. Regarding Traffic Control Signal at Woodruff Avenue and Entrance to BP Gas Station.

The request was from the owner of BP for the traffic signal on his side of the Main Street exiting his driveway. D.O.T. is willing to do it but he would have to cover the cost and do an engineering plan. The letter was brought down to him and he would have to contact them.

7. Action Items

a. Read and Discuss Important Points of Connecticut Freedom of Information Document.

David LeBlanc reduced the 24 page document down to 4 pages. Commission members read the document.

b. Consider “No Parking” Sign Issue on Davis Street Near the Oakville VFW.

Police Chief John Gavallas said presently there is a sign on Davis Street just north on the corner of Morro Street it says “no parking” and would like to change it to say “no parking here to corner.” This would prevent cars from parking from the sign going towards Morro which would cover the legality of 25 feet from the intersection.

Motion: (Mark Tedesco sec. Gary Lafferty) change present sign from “no parking” to “no parking from here to corner” on Davis and Morro Street.

Aye: 4
Nay: 0
Abstain: 0

Motion Unanimously Approved

8. Chairman’s Report

Mr. Blais reported:

When contact is made regarding New Millennium for the development at Buckingham Street and Nova Scotia Hill Road, the Police Commission being the traffic authority will coordinate a meeting.

The consensus of the commission to have a meeting in August is to be cancelled.

9. Chief’s Report

a. July 2011 – Police Department Activity

Two officers working light duty as a result of job related injuries
Staff completion of recertification with National Crime Information Center Data Base
Participation on the Click it or Ticket Campaign
DUI enforcement on July 1st

10. Adjournment

MOTION: (Jim Blais sec. Mark Tedesco) to adjourn the meeting at 7:48 p.m.

Aye: 4
Nay: 0
Abstain: 0

Motion Unanimously Approved

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Respectfully submitted,

James Blais, Chairman
Watertown Police Commission

Susan King, Clerk