



WATERTOWN POLICE COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

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

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2016 7:00 P.M.
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
Anthony Coppola, Secretary
Richard Rossi
Jack Walton

ABSENT: None

**ALTERNATES
PRESENT:** Michael Brown
Tamara Keeman

**ALTERNATES
ABSENT:** None

OTHERS PRESENT: John Gavallas, Police Chief
Robert Desena, Deputy Police Chief
Roy Cavanaugh, Director of Public Works
Al Mickel
Joseph Pawlak

3. Public Participation

Joseph Pawlak, 173 Middlebury Road I received a copy of the speeding report and it looks like there was 72 stops for speeding and only 26 infractions which is roughly 23 percent. In my opinion this does not send a message unless people get a ticket and they have to open up a checkbook to get enough tickets to get points on their insurance then it becomes a very expensive proposition and they start to take notice. I also wanted to know what we as Town and as Police Department can do with respect to people not stopping for school buses with a

stop sign placard showing and the red light is flashing.

Police Chief John Gavallas about a year and half ago I tried to get the video cameras put on the school buses and they ran a couple of test runs and discovered that it simply want happening in Watertown so they wouldn't put the videos on. We rely on the driver to get us a license plate number and take a brief statement from the bus driver and issue a summons to the person responsible.

Al Mickel, 95 Woodvine Avenue are the written warnings recorded so if you get six written warnings you get a prize.

Police Chief John Gavallas what we have to do is go into the Departmental record keeping system to see if you were stopped before with warning.

4. Minutes Approval

a. Regular meeting – August 10, 2016

Motion: David Jannetty seconded by Jack Walton to accept meeting minutes of August 10, 2016.

Discussion: none

Motion passes unanimously

5. Correspondence

a. Letter of thanks for the Watertown Police Commission from Safe Haven.

Safe Haven provides a very important function for the Police Departments in a domestic violence situation. They have developed what is called a legality assessment where we interview the victim with a set of questions that were developed by experts and to see the danger that is posed to the victim. If we see that there is a certain level of danger than we try to put that victim in touch with Safe Haven and help them get services and develop a safety plan and see them through court process.

b. Memo from Director of Public Works Roy Cavanaugh regarding reconstruction detour plan for Sylvan Lake Road.

The major component that effects traffic is going to be removal or complete replacements of the two culverts. The work is anticipated to be done in 2018. The culver removal or replacements are scheduled to done during the dry weather period which is the summer period having minimal impact on the school buses. Each of the culvert replacements is anticipated to require a roadway closure of approximately of 2 weeks long and we are proposing at this time to have a detour around the site.

c. Correspondence from Director of Public Works Roy Cavanaugh regarding D.O.T. horizontal curve safety project.

The High Risk Road Project it is a D.O.T initiative they are looking at rural areas Throughout the State of Connecticut. The Town of Watertown volunteered to participate in it. The purpose of it is to identify potentially hazardous curves and see if there is any low impact ,low cost measure to reduce the risk to the public. When I mean by low risk low impact typically we mean signage and striping as opposed to reconstructing the roadway. This would be at no cost to the Town of Watertown and they are doing the engineering and they are providing the signage replacement and striping after the project is accepted. The town will be responsible for maintaining them.

6. New Business - none

7. Old Business

- a. Presentation by Director of Public Works Roy Cavanaugh of recent speed survey on North Street, Watertown, from the July 13, 2016 meeting.

Roy Cavanaugh, Director of Public Works reviewed the speed survey data with commission members.

8. Chairman's Report - none

9. Chief's Report

- a. August 2016 – Monthly Department Activity Report**
Distributed and filed.

10. Adjournment

Motion: David Jannetty seconded by Anthony Coppola to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 8:00 p.m.

Motion passes unanimously

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Antonetti, Chairman
Watertown Police Commission

