

MINUTES

WATERTOWN POLICE COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

WATERTOWN POLICE HEADQUARTERS
195 FRENCH STREET
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2011, 7:00 P.M.

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

ABSENT:

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

1. **Convene Regular Meeting**
Chairman, Jim Blais called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. **Roll Call**
The roll call was executed
3. **Public Participation and Commission Interaction**
Dave LeBlanc commented on action item a on the agenda being a good topic for discussion.
4. **Minutes**
 - a. **Regular meeting – September 14, 2011**
Motion: (Gary Lafferty sec. Mark Tedesco) to accept meeting minutes of September 14, 2011.

Aye: 4
Nay: 0
Abstain: 1 Kropp

Motion passes
5. **Correspondence - none**

6. Action Items

a. Discuss the Department's Policy on Spending Asset Forfeiture Funds

Police Chief Gavallas said the Asset Forfeiture Funds can be cash, funds, cars and equipment that are seized through drug investigations. The items seized first goes through the state court system then the state dispenses back to us a check. The check is then placed in the asset forfeiture account which can only be spent by the Police Department following state guidelines and town purchasing regulations.

b. Discuss Speeding Concerns on Middlebury Road and Review Data From Traffic Monitoring Device

Police Chief Gavallas said the speed monitoring device was placed twice on Middlebury Road. One week with the display lighting of speed on which totaled an average speed of 28.1 mph and one week with the display lighting of speed off which totaled an average speed of 28.32 mph.

c. Discuss Possible Posting of Signs Regarding Seat Belts Use

(Patricia Kropp sec. Gary Lafferty) allow Police Department discretion on placement and number.

Motion passed unanimously

d. Discuss the Implementation of a Crosswalk at Route 6 and the Green

Postpone until next meeting

e. Discuss Speeding Issues on Highmeadow Road

Police Chief Gavallas recommendation was to intermittently send a cruiser to run radar.

7. New Business

Mark Tedesco said in reviewing Highmeadow Road we should take another look at the stop sign in the area.

John Gavallas replied the stop sign was installed due to site line issues.

Gary Lafferty commented on a pilot program in the Greenwich and Westport area for disposal of expired medication working along with the Police Department for incineration.

John Gavallas replied when they get the incinerator here and functioning along with looking at the guidelines he would look into that.

8. Chairman' Report - none

9. Chief's Report
a. September 2011 – Monthly Department Activity Report

10. Adjournment

MOTION: (Patricia Kropp sec. Gary Lafferty) to adjourn the meeting at 7:33 p.m.

Aye: 5
Nay: 0
Abstain: 0

Motion Unanimously Approved

Respectfully submitted,

James Blais, Chairman
Watertown Police Commission

Susan King, Clerk