



WATERTOWN POLICE COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

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

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2015 7:00 P.M.
MINUTES**

1. Convene Regular Meeting

Chairman Jack Walton called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call

PRESENT: Jack Walton, Chairman
David Jannetty
Gary Lafferty

ABSENT: William Muccino
Thomas Walsh

**ALTERNATES
PRESENT:** Michael Brown
Richard Rossi

**ALTERNATES
ABSENT:**

OTHERS PRESENT: John Gavallas, Police Chief
Robert Desena, Deputy Police Chief
Joseph Polletta
Catherine Camara
Alan Mickle

NO RECORDING

3. Public Participation

Alan Mickel I am attending the meeting to listen to the updates for the by-laws.

Joseph Polletta, 25 Lakeview Drive for the past 2 or 3 years we got people speeding 60 or 70 miles per hour on that road, it's really crazy. I had someone cutting grass the other day and was almost killed. Last week a guy was doing almost 60, 65 mph at 5:00 clock in the

morning and it missed my van about 1 foot and went over the grass and next to the pole close to the porch. The problem is when they put the sidewalks in the signs going from Watertown to Route 8 were removed. I spoke with Mr. Cavanaugh and he told me that he was going to try to do something. I have my family living over there and someone is going to get killed. Could we put a car there to check on the speeding and to put back the signs that were removed.

Police John Gavallas I will assign a car to check on speeding and will check the area to see what signs are appropriate.

Catherine Camara My first question for the Police Chief is regarding Hungerford Avenue?

Police Chief John Gavallas we have been up there 3 times and did not find anything on Hungerford Avenue and Buckingham Street. I sent officers up there on the 4th, 5th and 8th concerning a vehicle parked at a stop sign putting a child on the bus and blocking the site line.

Catherine Camara I listened Monday morning to the tapes for December 2013 and January 2014 and I have a question. On the December 2013 meeting Patricia Kropp was saying that something was going on with the paperwork and the procedure that was going to be put off until next month on the complaint process. She said she felt the Town Attorney was paid a lot of money to write the whole procedure as to what you wanted to have done with what is in place or different apparently. I had to keep rewinding and writing it down she said there was a procedure in writing then she said the Town Attorney should be part of the discussion to do it correctly because the Town Attorney drafted the whole thing with your recommendations. Then Mr. Walton you made a motion to include the Town Attorney in the next meeting for January 8, 2014 meeting. But he wasn't there at that meeting and neither was Patricia Kropp something was signed at that January 8, 2014 meeting. So I guess what I am trying to understand is the civilian complaint regulations that you gave me on June 22nd is this what all the money was spent through the Town Attorney to draft and what was it for the Town Attorney to draft and what was signed off on? The cassettes are available if you want to hear them? Something was signed and then there was comments if they wanted to add or delete something.

Chairman Jack Walton what is your complaint?

Catherine Camara I am asking if that is the document that the Town Attorney was paid to draft and I am asking what document was signed off on by the Police Commission in 2013.

Chairman Jack Walton the commission will look into it.

4. Minutes Approval

a. Regular Meeting – November 11, 2015

Motion: Jack Walton sec. David Jannetty to accept meeting minutes of November 11, 2015.

Motion passes unanimously

5. Correspondence - none

6. Business Updates

a. Continue review of commission by-laws.

Motion: Jack Walton sec. David Jannetty to update agenda schedule listed in By-Laws as Article 10.

Discussion: the by-laws need to be updated.

- Add alternates
- Update agenda to what is being used now.

Motion passes unanimously

b. North Street traffic study to continue, following equipment repairs.

Pending repair of electronic equipment.

c. Slade Street complaint informed of traffic control sign placement rules.

Stop sign not allowed.

Complainant informed of rejection due to Federal, State DOT mandatory guidelines. Stop signs cannot be used to control speed limits.

7. New Business

a. Approval of police commission meeting dates for 2016.

**POLICE COMMISSION
MONTHLY MEETINGS
2016**

Police Commission's Meetings are held the **second Wednesday** of each month in the Watertown Police Department Conference Room; 195 French Street, Watertown, CT, at 7:00 P.M.

Wednesday, January 13, 2016

Wednesday, February 10, 2016

Wednesday, March 9, 2016

Wednesday, April 13, 2016

Wednesday, May 11, 2016

Wednesday, June 8, 2016

Wednesday, July 13, 2016

Wednesday, August 10, 2016

Wednesday, September 14, 2016

Wednesday, October 12, 2016

Wednesday, November 9, 2016

Wednesday, December 14, 2016

Motion: Jack Walton sec. David Jannetty to accept Police Commission meeting dates for 2016.

Motion passes unanimously

b. Consider traffic signage on Echo Lake Road in the area of Lakeview Road intersection due to curvature of roadway.

Motion: Jack Walton sec. David Jannetty to replace traffic control signs by the discretion of the Chief of Police and the Town Engineer on Echo Lake Rd. and Lakeview Rd.

Motion passes unanimously

c. Consider installing no parking signs along southbound lane on Porter Street at the intersection with Echo Lake Road.

Motion: Jack Walton sec. David Jannetty to install No Parking Signs on Porter St. North of Echo Lake Rd.

Discussion: suggested by resident on that road.

Motion passes unanimously

8. Chairman's Report – no report

9. Chief's Report

a. November 2015 – Monthly Department Activity Report

Distributed and filed.

10. Adjournment

Motion: Jack Walton sec. David Jannetty to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 7:40 p.m.

Motion passes unanimously

Respectfully submitted,

Jack Walton, Chairman
Watertown Police Commission