



**Police Commission Minutes
Regular Meeting
Monday, September 28, 2015
6:30P.M. – Town Hall
Room 1**

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MEMBERS PRESENT: Commissioners Rob Parlee, Ed Fusco and Jenny Langdon

MEMBERS ABSENT: Commissioners Steve Caron and Sue Dubb

OTHERS PRESENT: Sgt. Martinez, Officer Jon Goss, Art Shilosky, Civic Students and citizens

1. Call to Order

Commissioner Parlee called the Monday, Sept. 28, 2015 meeting to order at 6:38p.m.

2. Additions to Agenda

None

3. Citizen's Comments

None

4. Officer's Comments

None

5. Review Correspondence

None

6. Approve minutes: August 24, 2015 Police Commission Meeting

Commissioner Fusco **MOTIONED** to approve the August 24, 2015 Police Commission meeting minutes as written. **SECONDED** by Commissioner Langdon. All members present voted in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**

7. Budget Review (Commissioner Fusco)

a. Report Regarding 24 Hour Police Coverage (Commissioners Caron and Dubb)

Discussion tabled to next meeting due to the absence of Commissioners Caron and Dubb.

8. Appropriation and Transfer

None

9. Resident Trooper Report (Sgt. Martinez)

Sgt. Martinez read the August monthly report (attachment #1).

10. Local Traffic Authority

a. Discussion Regarding Speed Enforcement

Commissioner Parlee stated an email was received regarding the crosswalks on Norwich Avenue and the state will be addressing the problem.

11. Old Business

a. Discussion on Charter

Discussion tabled to next meeting due to the absence of Commissioner Caron.

b. Discussion on Colchester Police Facebook Page

Officer Goss stated there is a concern that the two officers who maintain the Facebook page were not made aware of the meeting that took place regarding changes being made to the Facebook page. Officer Goss also stated a concern that the two officers are not clear on what is allowed to be posted on the Facebook page at the present time which has slowed down the postings. Commissioner Parlee stated the Police Commission was not made aware ahead of time that there was going to be a discussion regarding the Facebook page and the Commission did not vote on any changes and the changes were made without the Commission's consent. Commissioner Parlee stated for the time being Sgt. Martinez will continue to monitor and approve all postings on the Facebook page.

12. New Business

a. Discussion on K-9 Policy

Sgt. Martinez put together a K-9 Policy for the Commissioners to review. Commissioner Parlee asked the board members to please review the policy and be prepared to discuss at the next Police Commission meeting. Commissioner Parlee stated he had a conversation with First Selectman Soby who is in favor of a K-9 and would check on the legalities. Discussion continued regarding the benefits of having a K-9 and possible donations/contributions or obtaining a grant to fund the K-9.

b. Discussion on Police Officer's Body Cameras

Sgt. Martinez stated it is now a law and the state police will be going with body cameras. Sgt. Martinez also stated they are in the process of finding a vendor and eleven plus spares will be needed to accommodate all the Colchester officers along with new computers that will be compatible with the body cameras.

13. Chairman/Commission Member Comments

None

14. Adjourn

Commissioner Fusco **MOTIONED** to adjourn at 7:10 p.m. **SECONDED** by Commissioner Langdon. All members present voted in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Attachment

Resident Trooper Report (attachment #1)

Respectfully Submitted,
Gina Santos



State of Connecticut



Resident Trooper Supervisor
Sgt. Martin Martinez # 124

Connecticut State Police Colchester Resident Troopers' Office

Colchester Police

TO: Colchester Police Commission
RE: Monthly Report for August 2015 (Sept. 28, 2015 meeting)

- I. **Monthly activity: statistics – previously submitted**
 - a. S.R.O. activity – CARD classes are still on hold and will commence in October.
 - b. All personnel on full duty, except for Ofc. Owens (light duty).
- II. **Equipment:**
 - a. Vehicles-
 - Two vehicles are out of service, one due to a motor vehicle accident, this vehicle should be back in service in the near future and the other was put out of service due to undercarriage rot, this vehicle (SUV) will not be put back in service.
 - The new vehicle was ordered from MHQ and will be outfitted by them.
 - b. New duty weapons are in use, all officers qualified in the use by range staff.
 - c. In car video/MDT-

I am still in the process of checking all of the MVR cameras in the vehicles because I was informed that some were not working properly.
 - d. I am in the process of obtaining quotes for body cameras to purchase them for all of our Officers in the next budget (2015-2016).

Officer Training:

 - a. Department Firearm trainers conducted qualifications in new weapons, all completed.
 - b. POSTC recertification training for all of our Officers is current.
 - c. Ofc. Brown will be attending COLLECT Training Recertification on October 22, 2015.
- III. **Initiatives:**
 - a. RX Drug drop box. – over 725 lbs. of prescription drugs have been dropped off to date.
 - b. Officers are conducting visibility/enforcement patrols at numerous locations within the town. The Speed Trailer has been deployed at numerous locations throughout the town and it is currently on McDonald Road.
 - c. In the staff meeting, Officers were advised that the JRB should be utilized when possible in lieu of the Juvenile Justice System.
- IV. **Notable Investigations:**
 - a. The burglary investigation of DH Marvin & Son is still under investigation by the Detective Unit, no update.

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