



Town of Colchester, Connecticut

127 Norwich Avenue, Colchester, Connecticut 06415

**Police Commission
Meeting Minutes
Monday, February 27, 2017
Town Hall Room 1**

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Members Present: Commissioners Rob Parlee, Sue Dubb, Carol Vaillencourt

Members Absent: None

Others Present:

1. Call to order:

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Parlee at 6:30 PM.

2. Additions to agenda :

Item 11a, was added -update on Charter after a motion was made by S. Dubb and seconded by C. Vaillencourt. Motion was approved with all in favor.

3. Citizen's Comments:

None

4. Officer's Comments:

None

5. Review Correspondence :

None

6. Approve Minutes:

A motion was made by S. Dubb and seconded by C. Vaillencourt to accept the minutes of the October 24th, 2016 Police Commission Meeting. 2 in favor with 1 abstention. Motion passed.

7. Budget Review:

There was discussion regarding the OT budget being reached at this time. It is projected to go over by \$70,000 by 6/30/2017. The Resident Trooper and First Selectman are reviewing the overtime to see if there can be anything done to reduce the projected overrun. There has been consideration of examining the overlapping of shifts. The BOF Liaison has had informal conversations with Sgt. Martinez and Officer Edwards and working to make the budget review process a more cohesive process. Additionally, the police officer's contract has been ratified by the officers and is pending ratification at the Board of Selectman meeting on 3/2/2017.

8. Appropriation and Transfer:

None

9. Resident Trooper Report (Sgt. Martinez)

The report was read by the commissioners. There was some discussion regarding the ongoing delays with the equipment needed for downloading data from the MVR cameras. The delay seems to be related to delay in State coming to enter a code to ensure secured access to the data. The Armadillo traffic data recorded in response to a citizen concern received by the First Selectman's office. The data was reviewed and it was determined that the concern was not merited. Copy of report is attached.

10. Local Traffic Authority:

A Highway use permit was received for the "Tour de Lyme" cycling event for Sunday, May 21, 2017. No duty officers were requested. Request was approved. There was also a request received for Waterhole Road to change speed limit to 35 MPH. The request is pending approval by CT DOT.

11. Old Business:

A) There was discussion had regarding the charter revision committee. The First Selectman advised the commissioners that the Charter Review Committee is finished with their recommendations. A redline copy is going to the attorneys for review. That will be followed by a public notification in the Rivereast. It has been recommended that the Police Commission be removed from the Charter and be placed in the Town ordinances to align with the other town commissions. Commissioner Vaillencourt will keep abreast of charter issues for the Police Commission.

12. New Business:

A) A motion was made by S. Dubb and seconded by C. Vaillencourt to approve the 2017 meeting schedule with the following dates: 3/27, 4/24, 5/22, 6/26, 7/24, 8/28, 9/25, 10/23, 11/27, 12/18. Motion Carried.

13. Chairman/Commission Member Comments:

Commissioner Dubb shared with the group an update on the 2016 opioid deaths – 917 with Norwich and Griswold in the top 25th percentile of towns with opioid-related deaths. She reiterated the importance of moving forward with getting Colchester officers trained in Narcan use. First Selectman advised that the policy has been approved to move forward. Dubb also advised the group of an upcoming event on March 8th at NFA in Norwich from 5:30-8 that will provide a unique presentation of opioid information/education targeting families of middle and high schoolers.

Commissioner Parlee thanked First Selectman for his efforts with the Police Commission. He welcomed our newest Commissioner, C. Vaillencourt and thanked her for joining the Commission. He also thanked our BOF Liaison for her efforts in assisting the commission with budgetary concerns.

14. Motion to adjourn was made by S. Dubb at 7:03 PM, seconded by C. Vaillencourt. All in favor. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan H. Dubb