Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM

Commissioners Present: Bill Brady Chairman, Beth Gralnick Vice Chairman, Woody Bliss, Dawn Egan, Peter Ottomano, Susan Moch and Chief Troxell

Commissioners Absent: Jess DiPasquale

Others Present: Nina Daniel 1st Selectman, John Conte Town Engineer, Sgt. Daubert, Sgt. Arnette, and Greg Menti Weston Forum

1. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Consideration/Approval November 1, 2016 Meeting Minutes
   Commissioner Brady made a motion to approve the October 4, 2016 Meeting Minutes, Commissioner Gralnick approved, Commissioner Egan 2nd, Commissioner Ottomano and Commissioner Moch abstained, motion passed.

3. John Conte & Sgt. Brodacki – Rumble Strips – Sgt. Brodacki stated that he started this project a couple of months ago visiting some new ways to slow down traffic in Weston and rumble strips is one of the leading solutions. Sgt. Brodacki spoke with John Conte and a number of Engineers in the State of Connecticut they have a whole department categorized and implementing these rumble strips around the State on a grant. Easton, Ct currently has them, they were rewarded them on a grant last year. Weston can apply for that grant we just have to select roads and do a survey on them and hopefully get them implemented. Commissioner Gralnick stated so that we are all on the same page, what is a rumble strip? Sgt. Brodacki said they have them on Route 58 and Center Road. The ones that you would have on the side of a highway, they are putting them down in the center of the double yellow line on roads where cars typically drive over the speed limit. The reason why they have grant money is no matter what type of road it is rural, busy, State, rumble strips are decreasing speed on average between 30 and 50% these statistics are nation-wide. There are a few criteria’s that the State has, a road that has been paved in the last 5 years is the 1st criteria and the 2nd criteria has to meet the qualifications that they deem appropriate as one of your higher risk roads. It doesn’t necessarily have to be leading in accidents but just thru a speed survey. Sgt. Daubert and Officer Curcio could help facilitate that and do it quickly. Part of the process is to rely on John Conte’s expertise to see what he thinks and
any exposure he has had since we started this. John Conte stated that a lot of surrounding towns are now using rumble strips. John thinks they are very effective keeping people in their lane and possibly slowing speeds down as well. Once they hit those strips it keeps them alert. The State is rewarding funding in March and April. Sgt. Brodacki said we need to do traffic surveys as quickly as possible and see if we can make the deadline this year. Old Redding Road, Kellogg Hill Road, Norfield Road, Route 53, White Birch Road, Route 57, Goodhill Road, Lyons Plains Road and Valley Forge Road would be good roads to start with. John Conte will check with Joe Lametta to see what roads are going to be paved and what roads have been paved in the last 5 years. Sgt. Brodacki stated that we want to have our roads submitted to the State of Connecticut in January.

4. Narcan Policy – Sgt. Brodacki presented a final copy of the Narcan Policy. It has been thru all of the testing phases the Chief, EMS, Police Commission and medical control at Norwalk Hospital and their legal team. The Narcan will be paid for by EMS for all the Officers they have agreed to that. The Weston Police Department will begin training in January and February. Commissioner Brady would like all the Commissioners to come to training so they get a better understanding of the program. The Officers will keep Narcan in their cars in the glove compartment.

5. Police Department Renovation / Discussion / Status / Updates - Commissioner Brady stated that Tom Landry, Commissioner Gralnick, Commissioner Brady, the Chief, Officer Miceli went to see Architect Brian Hume’s to have another meeting regarding the Police Departments renovation. Commissioner Brady stated the solutions we came up with are probably the best solutions certainly for the Police Department, EMS and the Fire Department and our contention now is if this doesn’t work at this point and time, we have no idea where you can go from here. We think this is it. Brian Hume’s is working on the plans and he will have some drawings for us mid-January. If we have to, we will have a Special Meeting in order for us to go over the plans, but if not we will probably see him in February. Nina Daniel the 1st Selectman would like to take it to a public meeting to approve the plans and secure the money dedicated in March. Commissioner Gralnick stated that the Police Commission feels very comfortable with what they and Architect Brian Hume’s came up with.

6. Chief’s Report

a) Current Monthly Reports / OT / Budget / Updates
b) Grant Updates / Donations / Vote

Sgt. Arnette briefed the Commissioners on the grant application for the 2017 Comprehensive DUI Enforcement Program for Municipal Police Departments that he will be submitting to the State of CT Department of Transportation Highway Safety Office. The grant period covers from Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Years, Memorial Day, July 4th, and Labor Day. In order to submit the grant the Town has to agree to pay 25% of the total manpower costs with the grant covering the remaining 75%. Once Sgt. Arnette submits the grant application there will be a one month turnaround period needed for Federal and State review. This review will result in the grant being approved, denied, or modified to reduce the amount of grant money being requested.

Officer McGraw is back on full duty. Brief discussion on overtime regarding investigations, evidence collection and documentation.
Additional Business for Commission Consideration – The Chief said he is working on the 2017-2018 Budget he has to have the 1st draft in by December 19, 2016. The Chief would like to purchase a new vehicle with the vehicle revenue fund, currently $30,834.00. The Police Department would like to look at Quad Cab Trucks.

Budget Committee – Commissioner Bliss, Commissioner Brady and Commission Gralnick will be on the budget committee.

2017 Police Commission Calendar – The Commissioners reviewed it.

7. Sub Committee Reports

   a) Norfield Tree Update – Commissioner Egan said she was at the public hearing regarding Norfield Tree, she said Bill Lomas did a good job. One limb on the tree will be taken down.
   b) No other updates.

8. Additional Business for Commission Consideration – None at this time.

   Commissioner Brady made a motion to go into Executive Session at 8:16 PM, Commissioner Gralnick 2nd, motion passed.

   The Commission came out of Executive Session at 9:10 PM and adjourned at 9:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted
Mary Gunshor
Police Commission Recording Secretary
Approved 1/10/17