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, Jess DiPasquale and Chief Troxell

Others Present: John Conte Town Engineer, Sergeant Matt Brodacki, Michael Scavone Town Resident and Greg Menti Weston Forum

1. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Consideration/Approval December 6, 2016 Meeting Minutes
   Commissioner Brady made a motion to approve the December 6, 2016, Meeting Minutes, Commissioner Gralnick moved, Commissioner Moch 2nd, Commissioner Jess DiPasquale abstained, motion passed.

3. John Conte & Sergeant Brodacki – Rumble Strips – John Conte stated there are some advantages and disadvantages in putting in rumble strips. He has spoken to some of the towns where they presently have them. One of the complaints they are having is noise complaints. When the cars drive over the rumble strips residents on that particular street are experiencing noise problems. John Conte stated he received some calls from residents who are concerned about noise on their neighborhood streets. These residents have heard from some of their friends in neighboring towns where they presently have rumble strips. We currently do not have any in Weston. John Conte stated not every car is going to hit the rumble strips as long as they stay in their lane. Sergeant Brodacki stated if you have a road that bicyclists use then you would hear more noise because the cars have to swerve over the rumble strips because of the bicyclists. Joe Lametta is not in favor of rumble strips he said essentially you are putting pot holes on the street. Sergeant Brodacki stated he has until the end of February to apply for this grant. The State of Connecticut makes their selection in March on what they are going to do for that summer. Commissioner Moch asked if there are temporary strips that we can try? John Conte said there are some on Weston Road they have an abrasive strip in the construction area and the residents there are complaining about the noise. Commissioner Ottomano stated the temporary strips might have been laid down in a spot where every car rides over it. Commissioner
Ottoman stated that is different we are going to place them in a double yellow line. Commissioner Ottomano suggested that Sergeant Brodacki narrow down the roads that are absolutely necessary to put rumble strips on and come back next month to let the Commissioners know. Sergeant Brodacki will do the preliminary traffic study on Cartridge and Kellogg Hill. Sergeant Brodacki also has another suggestion for Kellogg Hill but it may cause an issue with a neighboring town because the Traffic Safety Commission ultimately decides for the State of Connecticut where the no thru truck zones are. The residents in Easton for years didn't like the heavy trucks so they put in a no thru truck sign. The State when they are issuing routes they issue them thru our town down Kellogg Hill because they took them off Route 136. Maybe we can make Kellogg Hill a no thru truck zone? The Commissioners spoke about possibly petitioning the State for no thru truck zone signs. Sgt. Brodacki will also work on that as well.

Police Department Renovation / Updates – The Administrative Assistant will be downstairs by Dispatch and the Chief will be upstairs there was some discussion regarding this. They also discussed sally ports and having an overhang over them. The archive room downstairs will have to be housed somewhere else. Commissioner Egan suggested at the bottom of the Admin building they have a lot of space there.

Commissioner Brady made a motion to approve the January 5, 2017 plans for the Weston Police Department renovation, Commissioner Gralnick 2nd, motion passed.

Budget - The Chief presented his 2017-2018 budget and stated the major increases are salaries. All the salaries are based with union contracts with the Town. The Chief added 2.5% of overtime to the budget based on the increase of union salaries in the union contract. Commissioner DiPasquale suggested we increase the training line. Commissioner Gralnick stated there is administrative overtime that Sergeant Daubert is working at the school with the phone system and that is being billed to the Police Department’s budget which really should be paid through the town. The Chief stated that the previous selectman asked Sergeant Daubert to get involved, he went to the Board of Selectman meetings, Board of Finance meetings and meetings at the school and that was billed to the Police Departments overtime at the request from the previous Selectman. Sergeant Daubert was also asked to help with the food pantry. Commissioner Dawn Egan stated the food pantry is a non-profit organization they are responsible to pay that bill.

4. Chief's Report

a) Current Monthly Reports / OT / Budget / Updates

Sergeant Daubert will be back from light duty January 19, 2017. Commissioners spoke about the SRO article in the Weston Forum and commented what a great article and picture of Officer Joe Mogollon.

b) Grant Updates / Donations / Vote

The DUI Enforcement Program for Municipal Police Departments that grant has been approved. The grant covers from Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Years, Memorial Day, July 4th and Labor Day. Sergeant Arnette is activating this program.

Additional Business for Commission Consideration – None at this time.
Other Updates

Commissioner Egan stated four days after Christmas a limb fell off a tree and smashed onto a windshield on Newtown Tpke and the person ended up with glass in her eye and had significant damage to her eye but she will be ok. Commissioner Egan stated it just goes to show you how important it is to maintain our trees in Weston.

5. Election of Commission Officers for 2017

Commissioner DiPasquale nominated Commissioner Brady for Chairman, Commissioner Gralnick 2nd, Commissioner Susan Moch nominated Commissioner Gralnick for Vice-Chairman, Commissioner DiPasquale 2nd, all in favor.

Commissioner Brady made a motion to go into Executive Session at 8:55 PM, Commissioner Egan moved, Commissioner Bliss 2nd, motion passed.

The Commission came out of Executive Session at 9:18 PM and adjourned at 9:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted
Mary Gunshor
Police Commission Recording Secretary
Approved February 7, 2017