Board of Police Commissioners  
Tuesday May 2, 2017  
Meeting Minutes  
7:00 PM Town Hall Commission Room

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM

Commissioners Present: Bill Brady Chairman, Beth Gralnick Vice Chairman, Woody Bliss on Speaker Phone, Dawn Egan, Peter Ottomano, Susan Moch, Jess DiPasquale and Interim Chief Brodacki

Others Present: Nina Daniel 1st Selectman, Don Saltzman, Susan & David Fleming, Rita and Jay Shay, Sgt. Daubert

1. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Consideration / Approval April 4, 2017 Meeting Minutes – Commissioner Brady made a motion to approve the April 4, 2017 Meeting Minutes, Commissioner Gralnick moved, Commissioner Moch 2nd, motion passed.

3. Norfield Oak Tree Warning Signs / John Conte Vote – The Board of Selectmen at their meeting of April 20, 2017 approved John’s recommendations to amend the original letter from the Selectman’s Office dated January 26, 1999 to not have reflective mirrors be installed at the intersection of Norfield Road and Norfield Farm Lane and that no additional tree warning signs be placed near the intersection of Norfield Road and Norfield Farm Lane since the recommendations include traffic control devices. The Board of Selectmen would need the approval from the Police Commission. Commissioner Gralnick moved that no reflective mirrors be installed and no additional tree warning signs be placed at the intersection of Norfield Road and Norfield Farm Lane, Commissioner Moch 2nd, motion passed.

4. Intersection of River Road and Lyons Plain Road to possibly move the road John stated the lot line follows the road and it is an undersized lot it is 1.1 acres. The brush has to be cleared out and the mailboxes would possibly have to be moved. Commissioner Ottomano stated that we would possibly have to restripe and paint the lane to come out at a 90 degree angle. John Conte will look into this and come back on the next Agenda. Commissioner Egan also mentioned as a follow up to move the stop sign on Tubbs Spring Drive. John Conte said he spoke to Joe Lametta and Joe said anytime the Police Commission wants to move a sign Joe
wants a written letter from the Police Commission authorizing it. Interim Chief Brodacki will write a letter to Joe.

5. Department Work Schedule Contract Language – Interim Chief Brodacki stated we are improving the quality of life for the consistency of a work schedule and beneficial for the town for the health and well-being of the officers. Commissioner Gralnick stated she and Commissioner Brady are attending the Board of Selectman meeting on Thursday to get approval to talk to Kevin Roy of Shipman & Goodwin to approve the written contract language.

6. Angel Program Interim Chief Brodacki, Commissioner Moch, Ottomano & Bliss – Interim Chief Brodacki contacted the State Attorney’s Office and has new language to add to the opioid issue. Commissioner Egan stated that Gloucester, Mass has this program and has been recognized nationwide. This will be put on the June Agenda.

7. Solicitors Permit – Moved to June Agenda.

8. Fingerprint Fees – Interim Chief Brodacki - $5.00 Fee – Exact change working out well.


11. Chief’s Report
   a) Currently Monthly Reports / OT / Budget / Updates – Overtime is good we are hitting our designated marks. Officers have to use their vacation time by June otherwise they lose it for that fiscal year. Commissioner Egan stated that the overtime committee is working out very well. Officer Klein and Officer Curcio did public talks at the Senior Center to inform the seniors of scams, how to guard their pocket books etc. Interim Chief Brodacki will attend the Board of Finance meeting.
   b) Grant Updates / Donations / Vote – Interim Chief Brodacki stated he spoke with Rick Darling and there is some money being allocated to the Police Department it is a grant from the Emergency Management Department for $5,600.00, Officer Joe Miceli is the Director of EMD.
   c) BOF Public Meeting – Interim Chief Brodacki and Commissioner Bliss will attend.
   d) Awards/Commendations – Interim Chief Brodacki would like to formalize the process and have a written policy. Back in 2011 Sergeant Arnette started the process and the PD would like to finish it.
   e) Filing Concern Records Room – Discussion about running out of space.
   f) Blue Plan – Interim Chief Brodacki – Following Sandy Hook we realized there was a problem getting officers into a town or onto a campus in an organized fashion. We had self-dispatching where Police Officers went on their own accord. Central region in Hartford adopted this plan about 8 years ago. Chief Lavallo in Darien headed up the
project and implemented it in Fairfield County so if Weston needs help they would call Dispatchers and say they want to activate the Blue plan. There are three levels 1, 2 and 3. If they said Blue plan level 1 they are asking for 10 police cars. Level 2 is 20 cars and Level 3 is 30 cars. They would dispatch all surrounding towns so no one agency is poorly staffed. Interim Chief Brodacki said there was training for this he met with all the Officers and Dispatchers they watched a 15 minute training video so it is now fully implemented. Interim Brodacki will show the Police Commissioners the video next month.

g) Narcotics Issue – Brief discussion.

h) BOF Budget Reduction – The Police Department’s Budget has been cut $50,000.00.

i) Additional Business for Commission Consideration – None at this time.

12. Sub Committee Reports
 a) Policy Sub-Committee / Commissioners Bliss, Moch and Ottomano – Has not met to discuss at this time.
 b) Updates / Interim Chief Brodacki/Salary Change – Chairman Brady said the Interim Chief has received a retroactive increase from March 24, 2017.
 c) Local Traffic Enforcement Signature – Commissioner Brady stated that Interim Chief Brodacki is Weston’s Local Traffic Enforcement. Interim Chief Brodacki is completing the paper work for our No thru truck signs for Old Redding Road, Kellogg Hill Road and Lyons Plains Road.
 d) Discussion on Lyons Plains from 35 to 30 MPH / Vote - Sgt. Daubert will ask Joe Lametta if he has more speed limit signs to put on Lyons Plains Road. The Officers will step up patrol and install a speed trailer.
 e) Other Updates – none at this time.

13. Additional Business for Commission Consideration – Rita Shay stated she was at a Police Commission meeting about a year ago and she is very concerned about the speeding on Overbrook and Goodhill Road and would like a stop sign added. The problem is there are no site lines from the hill. John Conte stated it is impossible to put in a stop sign because you have to have a 250 foot site line from an intersection by state law to be able to put in a stop sign. Interim Brodacki said he asked John Conte to look to see if there is another solution we can do.

14. Commissioner Brady made a motion to go into Executive Session at 8:35 PM, Commissioner Ottomano moved, Commissioner Moch 2nd, motion passed.

The Commission came out of Executive at 11:10 PM. A motion was made and seconded to name Stephan Grozinger the 2017 Citizen of the Year. The motion passed unanimously.