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**Board of Police Commissioners
Tuesday May 5, 2015
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,
Jess DiPasquale, Susan Moch, Peter Ottomano, Woody Bliss**

Commissioners Absent: Jeff Eglash

Chief Troxell: Absent

Other Present: Sgt. Brodacki, Nina Daniels

- 1. Pledge of Allegiance**
- 2. Consideration / Approval of April 7, 2015 Meeting Minutes**
Commissioner Brady motioned to approve April 7, 2015 meeting minutes, 2nd by
Commissioner Ottomano, all in favor, Commissioner Bliss abstained.
- 3. Chiefs Report – Sgt. Brodacki is sitting in for Chief Troxell**

a) Break down of Redding, Easton and Weston Police Departments staffing

The Redding Police Department has 17 full-time employees and 1 school Resource Officer (reduced schedule) a Detective position is currently being negotiated. They have 1 Chief, 1 Captain, 4 Sergeants, 9 Patrol Officers and 1 School Resource Officer (reduced schedule).

The Easton Police Department has 14 full-time employees and 1 School Resource Officer a Detective position is currently being negotiated. They have 1 Chief, 1 Captain, 3 Sergeants, 8 Patrol Officers and 1 School Resource Officer.

The Weston Police Department has 15 full-time employees, 1 Chief, 3 Sergeants, 1 Detective and 10 Patrol Officers. Commissioner Bliss would like to see this in a

report format along with the overtime/salary compensation previously requested.

b) Road Safety Updates

- c) Road Safety Updates –Cobbs Mill Cross Walk / Laser Radar Gun Update.** Officer Curcio was assigned road traffic assignments. Currently there is 1 pizza box on Cobbs Mill Road and one on Broad Street. We are also moving one to Old Orchard Road. The bridge is now closed on Godfrey West. Mr. Shanley a resident on Old Mill Road contacted Officer Curcio to let him know he has seen some improvement on Old Mill Road with the Radar enforcements.

Norfield Road and Old Hyde Road. A great deal of speeding on Norfield Road particularly in the morning and the evening. There is a speed limit sign that is in terrible disrepair. DPW needs to deal with that. Possible location sought for a pizza box on Norfield Road. Sgt. Brodacki would like to follow up with the residents complaints by e-mail, and notify DPW of request.

At least a year ago we went thru an evaluation of a stop sign at the intersection of Ravenwood and Godfrey, the stop sign should have been moved a little further back onto Ravenwood. Right now the stop sign is around the bend and you can't see it as you approach the intersection. DPW needs to paint the stop line as well.

- d) Public Facilities -** There were questions about the transparency of the committee. Three of the Board of Finance members were there, Jerry Sergeant, Steve Ezzes and Melissa Kohler, Board of Ed was represented by Superintendent Colleen Palmer, Ellen Uzenoff and Elise Major. The Building Committee was represented by Allen Swerdlow and Juanita Forsythe who is a town planner. Commissioner Gralnick represented the Police Commission. Commissioner Bliss said you need to have citizens on the committee as well. The 1st Selectman wants to move forward with the Public Facilities Building and the changes to the Senior Center. At the next Selectman's meeting she will be naming a new committee. The problem everyone identified with was informing the public why we need a new Public Facilities Building. There has been a lot of controversy among residents. The Commissioners discussed bundling this as a package so it can be bonded for a number of years. The Town could move the schools administration into the Middle School and use Central Office as a permanent Senior Center. If we build a Public Safety Facility the town could renovate the current Police Department and move Land Use in, then you renovate the Middle School, expand a little bit, and move Central Staff into the new facility. Central Office becomes a permanent Senior Citizen Center. Commissioner Brady would like a letter written to the Selectman by Commissioners Gralnick and Bliss per suggestions of Commissioners.

- e) **Chiefs Monthly Review – We have 2 Officers out on Line of Duty injuries, 1 Officer is out on Military Duty. Workman Compensation Money and Military re-imbusement for the un-paid leave is forth coming.**
 - f) **Distracted driving – talking on cell phones while driving, tickets are being issued in Town.**
 - g) **New Hire Activity – 23 applicants showed up for the written test. The chief will let us know when the oral boards will be. June 22 thru the 26th will be the oral board for the new Detective. July 6th thru July 10th will be the written test for the new Detective. July 13th we could swear in the new Officer and July 14th swear in the new Detective.**
4. **Grant Updates – Nichole LaBonte sent an e-mail to the 1st Selectman confirming Weston’s non-participation in the 2015 JAG VCP grant program on April 29, 2015. Sgt. Ferullo had spoken to the Commission regarding this grant a number of months back. He stated we would not participate because Weston would not qualify since statistically we are way down on the crime list.**

Sgt. Brodacki said we were awarded another grant for Regional Technical Investigation Unit \$14,999.00 to buy equipment. Sgt. Brodacki has to do a resolution endorsement with each town. He just sent out an e-mail to each of the Chiefs in Fairfield County to see if it is something they are willing to entertain. Present it before the governing body and have the Towns say yes or no as to acceptance of this equipment. Sgt. Broacki will follow up with the Commissioners.

- a) **Donation from the Weston Gun Club Community Foundation for a Speed Alert Trailer in the amount of \$9,110.00. Commissioner Moch made a motion to approve the donation from the Weston Gun Club for a new Speed Alert Trailer, Commissioner Gralnick 2nd, all in favor. The Chief will get on the Selectman’s Agenda for approval.**
5. **Commissioners DiPasquale wanted to acknowledge Sgt. Brodacki and Officer Power’s for saving a gentleman’s life at the bar of Cobbs Mill Inn. They did CPR on him and rushed him to the hospital, timing is the key in 4 to 6 minutes your brain stops functioning. There was also an off duty Norwalk Officer present. AED’s are important to have at Restaurants as well and other public facilities.**
6. **Citizen of the Year Awarded Vote / Commissioner Jess DiPasquale will discuss in Executive Session.**
7. **Freedom of Information / Woody Bliss /**

Tom Hennick gave a presentation on Aril 20, 2015 for Weston’s Boards and Commissions. Some of the topics he discussed were posting Agenda’s, Minutes, and E-Mails. Commissioner Ottomano said Tom is always available he will call you back immediately if you have a question.

8. Review of Town Consultant's Randi Franks Updated Chief of Police Job Description (3/27/15)

Commissioner Moch made a motion to adopt the new job description for the Chief of Police as prepared by Randi Frank Consulting, LLC, Commissioner Gralnick 2nd, All in favor.

Randi Frank recommends the Chiefs job description be upgraded a level from grade 16 to grade 17. Commissioner Brady will inform Randi Frank, Tom Landry and Rick Darling of Commissioners approval. We are on the Selectmans Agenda May 21st to discuss the changes of this job level and associated salary to seek their approval for the associated salary.

Chairman Brady asked for a motion to go into Executive Session, Commissioner Moch motioned to go into Executive Session at 8:16 pm, all in favor.

The Commission returned to public session at 9:50 pm. Commissioner DiPasquale moved that the Board of Police Commissioners name Wendy and Jim Petty and Nisan Eventoff the 2015 Citizens of the Year. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bliss and the vote was all in favor.

The Commission came out of Executive Session at 9:55 pm and adjourned at 10:00 pm.

**Respectfully submitted,
Mary Gunshor
Police Commission Recording Secretary
Approved 6/2/15**

