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**Board of Police Commissioners
Tuesday, October 7, 2014
Meeting Minutes
7:00 pm Town Hall Commission Room**

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm

Commissioners Present: Beth Gralnick Vice-Chairman, Peter Ottomano, Woody Bliss
Commissioners Absent: Bill Brady Chairman, Susan Moch, Jes DiPasquale and Jeff Eglash
Others Present: Chief Troxell, Sgt. Ferullo, Jo-Ann Keating Director of Finance and Operations, Pattie Falber Principal of Weston Intermediate School, Bernie Park Resident

Pledge of Allegiance

Commissioner Gralnick wanted to change the order of the Agenda because Jo-Ann Keating and Pattie Falber had another commitment. The Commissioners had a copy of a letter that Jo-Ann Keating wrote to Chief Troxell dated October 7, 2014 regarding youth soccer in the fall and spring on Mondays and Thursdays. Jo-Ann explained the reason why we are on the Police Commission Agenda some of the parents contacted the Commission and wanted to have it discussed. Jo-Ann thanked the Police Commission for taking the time to discuss. Jo-Ann explained a few weeks ago when soccer started the pickups from the school they had a traffic congestion problem on Mondays and Thursdays at dismissal time. The school indicated their efforts to remediate this problem. They have stationed two traffic agents on School Road, closing off some of the lots and the youth soccer program revised the start time for practices until 4:00 pm. This should alleviate traffic congestion. We will have to give this some time to see if this resolution works.

Approval of September 2, 2014 Public Hearing and Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Gralnick stated that we do not have a quorum tonight so we can't approve the minutes.

Traffic Study – Old Mill Road - Officer Rob Curcio

Chief Troxell stated that Officer Curcio has elected to be in charge of traffic monitoring equipment. Officer Curcio will attend the Board of Finance Meeting scheduled for Thursday, October 9, 2014 at 7:30 pm with the Chief. Officer Curcio did two studies on Old Mill Road. The first study was Southbound by house #26 Old Mill Road from Sept. 3, 2014 thru Sept. 14, 2014 he placed a message board up displaying the speed limit 15 MPH and the fine for 30 MPH was \$161.00. Based on that study, the average speed was 14.1 MPH. The pace speed for the vehicles were 15 MPH and 24 MPH. The top speed was 29 MPH in that stretch of the roadway. Officer Curcio took that sign down and did another ten day study September 13, 2014 thru September 25, 2014 the speed limit crept up to 15.83 MPH the top speed recorded was 31 MPH the average pace speed between that area was 16 to 25 MPH. There are large pods of traffic during 6:00 am thru 8:00 am. The second study was Northbound they moved it a little bit further down from 26 Old Mill, the fastest speed they recorded in that direction was 56 MPH only one car in a ten day study. The average speed going northbound was 26.73 MPH the pace was 27 – 36 MPH. The speed definitely increased going northbound vs southbound. The heaviest volume is 4:00 pm thru 7:30 pm. The northbound volume of cars is 984 cars a day. The southbound volume of cars was 500 cars a day. Officer Curcio will continue to monitor and move the signs around on the road and will continue after the signs are up and the pizza boxes and trailer are installed.

Gayle Weinstein – 1st Selectman forwarded a letter to the Chief from a resident at the intersection of Old Redding Road and Kellogg Hill Road stating they are concerned about truck traffic. Commission Gralnick asked the Police how enforceable is it to make a street a no thru truck road? The State DOT would have to make a recommendation. If the truck is making a delivery on a no thru truck road anywhere in town then they have the right to be on that road. If a truck is just using a street as a cut thru on a no thru truck road, then the Officer would literally have to follow the truck till he gets to Wilton or Westport town line and if he doesn't stop, then you would pull him over and give him an infraction.

The Police Department received the 2011 Emergency Management Performance Grant of \$5,089.00.

No additional business at this time.

Commissioner Gralnick motioned to go into Executive Session at 8:03 pm, 2nd by Commissioner Ottomano, all in favor. The Commission came out of Executive Session at 8:35 pm and adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Gunshor, Police Commission Recording Secretary
Minutes Approved 11/5/14