Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM

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


1. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Consideration/Approval September 6, 2016 Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Gralnick made a motion to approve the September 6, 2016 Meeting Minutes, Commissioner Moch 2nd, motion passed.

3. PD Renovation / Discussion – Commissioner Gralnick reminded the Commission sometime in the Spring the Commission voted in favor of one of the many plans. The one we favored had the public entrance to both the Police Department and Dispatch on the top floor. The 1900 square foot extension was for the forensic lab downstairs. Commissioner Gralnick stated the plan that we are looking at now is at the basement level it is a common entrance by the fire house on the lower level. Commissioner Gralnick does not think it is a good idea to separate the Chiefs Administrative Assistant that far away from the Chief and the Detective since most of the Administrative Assistant’s interactions are with the Chief and the Detective. Commissioner Gralnick stated we have always thought we have had issues because the entrance to the Police Department is up on the second floor with a common
driveway between the Library and Town Hall. Putting the entrance on the lower level is more problematic because of the Fire Trucks, Ambulances coming and going. If you have people coming to the bottom entrance, they will have to contend with that. Commissioner Brady stated that Brian Hume’s could not attend tonight’s meeting. Commissioner Brady stated the Selectman wanted to go with the entrance on the bottom floor in the event we were to regionalize. Commissioner Ottomano believes we need proper signage whether we have the entrance on the top floor or the bottom floor. The Commissioner’s would like a completed set of plans so they can look at them and speak with Brian Hume’s. Commissioner Brady will contact Brian Hume’s and see if he can attend our meeting next month.

4. Discussion on Narcan Policy – Sgt. Broadacki presented some policies that other Police Departments already have in place. Sgt. Broadacki stated that the Narcan policy technically falls under EMS we work under the umbrella of Weston volunteer EMS and we are under the Norwalk Hospital for medical control. Prior to implementation of this we have to check the box for three agencies, The Chief and the Police Commission, Weston EMS and we also want to check it off with Norwalk Hospital. Sgt. Broadacki checked with the Police Academy because they run the entire state and they directed him to the State Police the department of public health and they had attorneys review it. Sgt. Brodacki stated that he had the State Policy and he created it as a template for review. Heroin overdoses have increased. In 2015 the state of Connecticut had 720 deaths, In 2012 the state of Connecticut had 86 deaths. The numbers are increasing dramatically. Commissioner Ottomano asked would the Officers carry Narcan or the vehicles. Sgt. Brodacki stated the vehicles would carry it and keep it in the glove box. The commissioners want Sgt. Brodacki to give this to EMS for their review and then to Norwalk Hospital for their review and then give it to the Commissioners as a finished product.

5. Speeding on Norfield Road and the Tree on Norfield Road – David and Susan Fleming have been residents for 32 years. They have seen a dramatic increase of speeding on Norfield Road. They would like something to be done to control the speeding, either stop signs, humps etc. Sgt. Broadacki suggested that we put rumble strips down the center of the road on Norfield Road. Chief Troxell will speak with DOT and John Conte the Town Engineer to see what the cost would be.

6. Chief’s Report

Current Monthly Reports / OT/ Budget / Updates – The Chief stated that overtime was a little higher this year than last year due to the criminal investigations this month. The investigations are still continuing. Commissioner Brady would like the Chief to prepare an e-mail to the Commissioners and the Board of Finance to notify them of the increased overtime.
Grant Updates/ Donations / Vote – The Huisking Foundation made a $2,000 donation to the Weston Police Department the Chief will get on the Selectman’s agenda for the next scheduled meeting.

Additional Business for Commission Consideration – None at this time.

7. Sub Committee Reports

Weston Center Crossing Enhancement Completion – It is cleared out and it is much safer now.

No other updates.

Commissioner Brady made a motion to go into Executive Session at 8:20 PM, Commissioner Gralnick 2nd, motion passed.

The Commission came out of Executive Session at 9:35 PM and adjourned at 9:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Gunshor
Police Commission Recording Secretary
Approved 11/1/16