



**Incorporated 1787**

**Board of Police Commissioners  
MINUTES  
April 5th, 2011  
7:30 PM  
Town Hall Commission Room**

**Commissioners Present:** Rick Phillips, Beth Gralnick, Jess DiPasquale, Bill Brady, Hal Shupack and Peter Ottomano. Jeff Eglash by conference call

**Others Present:** John Howell, Ray Rauth and Dan Clark

**Meeting call to order at:** 7:30 PM

**1) Discussion of Signage In Bike Zones—Ray Rauth**

Mr. Rauth discussed where the Bicycle & Pedestrian Committee would like Bicycle signage to be placed. The signage would only be put on state roads. The signs would be funded by the State. Commissioner Phillips would like all the Commissioners to visit the different intersections (9 locations) before making any decisions.

**2) Additional Signage on School Road-Dan Carter**

Dan Clark of the Weston Schools asked to put some additional signage on School Road. Commissioner DiPasquale motioned to put up two signs that say “**No unauthorized commercial vehicles at the appropriate locations, both entrances of school road, as outlined by Dan Clark for the purpose of limiting commercial traffic that is not authorized for school use**”. Commissioner Shupack seconded. All in favor

Mr. Clark also requested a sign to be put up on School Road facing the exit at the middle school. Commissioner Brady motioned to put up a sign saying “**No Left Turn 7 AM to 8 AM**”. Commissioner Gralnick seconded. All in favor

**3) Consideration/Approval of the Minutes of the Special Meeting of March 15<sup>th</sup> and Regular Meeting of March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011**

Tabled to May meeting

**4) Presentation of Chief's Report for March, 2011-Chief Troxell**

Still waiting on reimbursements from CIRMA for Officers Klein and Powers. Also, waiting on reimbursements for storm overtime that will be about \$3,500.00. Professional Development over \$4,500.00 because of schooling for officers. No money being spent on training, no equipment being purchased, there will probably be about \$10,000.00 left in contractual services. Chief Troxell feels confident that the department will end the fiscal year under budget. This will be discussed at the May meeting and if needed Commissioner Phillips and Chief Troxell will ask for a supplemental.

**5) Discussion of Distracted Driver Law Enforcement**

Commissioner Eglash is very concerned about distracted drivers and he believes the problem is especially acute in Weston. The federal government has recently funded some pilot projects in Hartford and in Syracuse and they have proven remarkably effective at bringing down the number of people talking and texting on their cell phones. He would like to apply and see if there is funding available. He would like to enlist some of the organizations in town, such as PTO, Kiwanis or other organizations to get the word out and see more enforcement of the law. Chief Troxell said if someone is stopped using a cell phone a warning is not issued but a ticket is. Commissioner Phillips will send an email to Patty Gay asking her to call the Chief and write an article.

**6) Follow-Up Items**

The Chief distributed the revised copy of the already approved Taser Policy. All the Commissioners are happy with the final copy.

**7) Sub-Committee Reports & Assignments**

None

**8) Other Business**

None

**9) Executive Session—Personnel Discussion**

Commissioner Brady motioned to adjourn to Executive Session at 9:40 PM, motion seconded by Commissioner Gralnick. All in favor

Respectively submitted,

Ellen Jones  
Recording Secretary

**Approved: June 7, 2011**