



Incorporated 1787

Board of Police Commissioners

Special Meeting

Wednesday, November 5, 2014 Meeting Minutes

7:00 pm Town Hall Commission Room

Commissioners Present: Bill Brady Chairman, Beth Gralnick Vice Chairman, Jess DiPasquale, Woody Bliss, Susan Moch

Commissioners Absent: Peter Ottomano, Jeff Eglash

Others Present: Chief Troxell, Sgt. Ferullo

1. Pledge of Allegiance

**Consideration / Approval September 2, 2014 Public Hearing Meeting Minutes
Commissioner Brady motioned to approve September 2, 2014 Public Hearing Meeting minutes, 2nd by Commissioner Gralnick, all in favor.**

2. Commissioner Gralnick motioned to approve September 2, 2014 meeting minutes, 2nd by Commissioner DiPasquale, all in favor.

3. Commissioner Gralnick motioned to approve October 7, 2014 meeting minutes, 2nd by Commissioner Brady, Commissioner Moch abstained, all in favor.

4. Chiefs Report

a) Weston's Shooting range – Zoning Board of Appeals Re-Cap – Chief Troxell presented a letter from former Chief Anthony Land to former First Selectman George Guidera – Target Shooting at Reservoir - Agreement on use of the BHC Range dated February 6, 1993 and a letter dated January 17, 1993 from Bob Atkinson to Weston residents of Davis Hill Road, Valley Forge Road, and Lords Highway East stating the following: a) Firearms training will be conducted during two weeks of the year. One in May and the other in September. All shooting will be done during daylight hours. b) Westport Police Department's use of the range will be during those two weeks. We will conduct joint training

- when possible. d) The training and qualification of new police officers will have to be conducted as they are hired. The Town of Weston has a long standing agreement with Aquarion Water Company Saugatuck Dam site as one of the locations within the Town of Weston where firearm target practice is permissible.
- b) **Re-Cap Board Meeting Nov. 4, 2014 Facilities Update – Board of Finance – Public Safety Facility - Brian Hume’s Architect - is looking at cost comparisons. The Chief will present a presentation to the Police Commissioners and then to the Board of Finance regarding what the Police Dept. needs to be up to code. Commissioner Bliss said the new facility has to be voted on in either a town meeting or a special referendum. Commissioner Bliss said Weston has about 2 million dollars above our recommended level of surplus. The cost of money is low right now, now would be the time to do this.**
 - c) **Re-Cap U Conn Engineer - Former Chairman of SWRPA – The Chief had a meeting with Woody Bliss and U Conn’s Engineer regarding traffic calming techniques. The Chief would like him to come back and have him give a presentation on traffic calming policies. Commissioner Brady would like Commissioner Woody Bliss to set up another meeting and some of the Commissioners would like to attend.**
 - d) **Road Safety Updates – Old Mill Road – Lines have been painted, and a pizza box has been placed on the road. Additional pizza boxes and trailers have been placed around town.**
 - e) **Westport/Weston Health District – Ebola – Sgt. Ferullo went to a meeting with the service Chiefs and the Health District Director – Dr. Cooper said a patient has to be in quarantine for 21 days. The Health District cannot tell the Police Dept. if a person is in quarantine or not, but they can tell them if there is a high risk of exposure. The policy for Norwalk Hospital is “Dispatch” will ask a series of questions, they will have to notify EMS, Police and Norwalk Hospital. Norwalk paramedics will transport the patient to Norwalk Hospital. EMS is rewriting response codes.**
 - f) **Reservoir Run Review – The event is attracting more runners every year. The Chief would like to get Cert involved because of the increased number of runners. He would also like to see better signage and possibly the Kiwanis will have to contribute toward Police overtime in future events.**
 - g) **Chiefs Monthly Review –**

Budget – Potential Retirements - The Police Department currently has three Police Officers who are eligible to retire when they retire they get paid for some of their un-used sick days and vacation days. Commissioner Bliss suggested

highlight that as part of the budget presentation as a potential and let the BOF tell us how they want the Commission to manage it, do they want that to come out of our budget? Or do they want to handle that as a supplemental appropriation?

Training – Sgt. Brodacki and Officer Mogollon attended a secret service school, Officers Arnette, McGraw and Mogollon attended a crash squad training session.

Additional Business – Pheasant Hill Road – Chief Troxell and Town Engineer John Conte are going to see where they can place a speed limit sign on Pheasant Hill Road, currently, it does not have one.

4 way inter-section between Old Hyde Road and Lords Highway – Old Hyde Road extension - people are not stopping at the stop sign. The Chief will set up more patrol in that area.

Commissioner Brady asked for a motion to go into Executive Session. Commissioner Gralnick motioned to go into Executive Session at 8:55 pm, 2nd by Commissioner Bliss, all in favor.

The Commission came out of Executive Session at 10:14 pm. Commissioner Brady asked for a motion to offer Chief Troxell a new contract. Commissioner Gralnick motioned that the Commissioners offer Chief Troxell a new contract, 2nd by Commissioner Moch, the vote was all in favor.

The Commission adjourned at 10:15 pm.

**Respectfully submitted,
Mary Gunshor
Police Commission Recording Secretary
Approved 12/2/14**