

Town of Guilford
Board of Police Commissioners
Minutes
Wednesday, October 21, 2015
5:30 PM
Police Headquarters, Community Room

Present: Commissioners: P. Martha Carlson, Mike Mikolay, Fred Trotta, Jeff Hedberg
Department Members: Chief Jeffrey Hutchinson, Deputy Chief Dunn, Lucy Krauchick, Clerk of the Board
Sergeant Steven Renchy and Carol Renchy
Public: Daniel Sagarin, Ralph Schoeman, Rich Spotlaw, Monica Fournier,
Alyssa Fournier, Caroline Walsh, Kim Dattilo, Natalie Dattilo, Senad Metjahic,
8th Grade Students from E. C. Adams Middle School
Mr. Walwer, Sunrise Association, Ms. Giordano of Echo Point Road

Call to order.

Chair Carlson called the meeting to order at 5:35 PM.

1.1. Approval of Board of Police Commissioners meeting minutes of Wednesday, September 16, 2015.

Motion: Upon a motion by Commissioner Mikolay, and seconded by Commissioner Trotta, the Commission voted to approve the meeting minutes of Wednesday, September 16, 2015 as presented.

All in favor: Carlson, Mikolay, Trotta, Hedberg
Opposed: None
Abstained: None

1.2. Approval of Board of Police Commissioners special meeting of Tuesday, October 13, 2015.

Motion: Upon a motion by Commissioner Mikolay, and seconded by Commissioner Hedberg, the Commission voted to approve the special meeting minutes of Tuesday, October 13, 2015 as presented.

All in favor: Carlson, Mikolay, Hedberg
Opposed: None
Abstained: Trotta

1.3 Approval of Board of Police Commissioners special meeting minutes of Thursday, October 15, 2015

Motion: Upon a motion by Commissioner Mikolay, and seconded by Commissioner Trotta, the Commission voted to approve the special meeting minutes of Thursday, October 15, 2015 as presented.

All in favor: Carlson, Mikolay, Trotta
Opposed: None
Abstained: Hedberg

Chair Carlson asked for a motion to move several items up the Agenda to accommodate the audience.

Motion: Upon a motion by Commissioner Hedberg, and seconded by Commissioner Mikolay, the Commission voted to approve to move Agenda Item 4.2. Recognition of Service-Sergeant Renchy (35) up to accommodate the audience.

All in favor: Carlson, Mikolay, Trotta, Hedberg

Opposed: None

Abstained: None

4.2.2. Recognition of Service-Sergeant Renchy (35).

Chief Hutchinson addressed Sergeant Steven Renchy and acknowledged his wife Carol Renchy. He thanked Sergeant Renchy for his 35 years of service with the Guilford Police Department. The Chief recognized his career and accomplishments. The Chief spoke about his focus on the community, his concerns for vulnerable youth, juveniles and victims of family violence. The many accolades and awards received throughout his career were noted. The members of the Board of Police Commissioners each thanked and recognized Sergeant Renchy for his service and prestigious career with the department.

Motion: Upon a motion by Commissioner Trotta, and seconded by Commissioner Mikolay the Commission voted to approve to move Agenda Item 3.10 Vineyard Point (as tabled) up to accommodate the audience.

All in favor: Carlson, Mikolay, Trotta, Hedberg

Opposed: None

Abstained: None

3.10. Vineyard Point Road (as tabled).

Commissioner Mikolay and Chief Hutchinson reviewed the ongoing discussion of Vineyard Point Road and public parking. Commissioner Mikolay reviewed the research of the Traffic Authority and stated that he was ready to entertain a motion to allow parking from sunrise to sunset and limited to parking between SNET Poles 2937 to 2938.

Motion: A motion was made by Commissioner Mikolay, and seconded by Commissioner Hedberg, to allow public parking on Vineyard Point Road between SNET Poles 2937 to 2938 from sunrise to sunset.

Discussion took place. No action was taken.

The Board of Police Commissioners opened the floor to Mr. Sagarin and Mr. Schoeman, residents of Vineyard Point Road. Mr. Sagarin discussed concerns in regard to the approval of the parking on Vineyard Point Road. Discussion included parking, property lines, the sea wall and the survey map.

Discussion followed. The Board of Police Commissioners agreed to remove the motion in consideration of the discussion.

Motion: Upon a motion by Commissioner Mikolay, and seconded by Commissioner Hedberg, the Commission voted to remove the previous motion from the table.

All in favor: Carlson, Mikolay, Trotta, Hedberg

Opposed: None

Abstained: None

Motion: Upon a motion by Commissioner Mikolay, and seconded by Commissioner Hedberg, the Commission voted to table Vineyard Point Road pending further conversation.

All in favor: Carlson, Mikolay, Trotta, Hedberg

Opposed: None

Abstained: None

Chair Carlson entertained a motion to move Agenda Item 7.1. D.A.R.E. Program up to accommodate the audience.

Motion: Upon a motion by Commissioner Trotta, and seconded by Commissioner Hedberg, the Commission voted to move Agenda Item 7.1. D.A.R.E. Program up to accommodate the audience.

All in favor: Carlson, Mikolay, Trotta, Hedberg

Opposed: None

Abstained: None

7.1. D.A.R.E. Program.

A detailed presentation by three students from the 8th grade class of E. C. Adams Middle School regarding the reinstatement of the D.A.R.E. program was made in front of the Board of Police Commissioners.

Chair Carlson thanked the students for the presentation and stated the Board of Police Commissioners and the Chief of Police will take this request under advisement.

2. Public Petition/Commentary.

None.

3. Traffic.

3.1. Request-No parking signs on Old Whitfield Street (no documents).

Chief Hutchinson reviewed the request with the Board of Police Commissioners.

Motion: Upon a motion by Commissioner Mikolay, and seconded by Commissioner Hedberg, the Commission voted to approve No Parking signs on Old Whitfield Street, 50 feet north of Drive Way.

All in favor: Carlson, Mikolay, Trotta, Hedberg

Opposed: None

Abstained: None

3.2. 484 Mulberry Point Road (F.Y.I.).

Submitted as informational.

3.3. Speeding on Boston Street/Route 146 (F.Y.I.).

The concerns were submitted to the State of Connecticut traffic authority.

3.4. Traffic concerns-Route 1 and Route 77 signals (F.Y.I.).

Submitted as informational.

3.5. Sunrise Association.

The Chief reviewed the traffic concerns of the Sunrise Association. He reported on the increase of patrol enforcement of speed limits in the neighborhood. He reviewed authorized signage and unauthorized signage on roadways.

The Board of Police Commissioners opened the floor to Mr. Greg Walwer. He discussed the portable 25 MPH signs that were purchased by the Sunrise Association and reviewed a discussion he had with Mr. Portley, the Town Engineer. Mr. Walwer also spoke about conversations with the Chief of Police.

Commissioner Mikolay responded, on behalf of the Traffic Authority, that the portable signs were not authorized signs and should not be placed on the road. Mr. Walwer asked for suggestions regarding placement of the signs or any changes that could be made to make them useable. The Board of Police Commissioners agreed that the signs could not be placed on roads.

Chair Carlson entertained a motion to move Item 3.11. Echo Point Road (as tabled) up to accommodate the audience.

Motion: Upon a motion by Commissioner Mikolay, and seconded by Commissioner Trotta, the Commission voted to move Item 3.11. Echo Point Road up to accommodate the audience.

All in favor: Carlson, Mikolay, Trotta, Hedberg

Opposed: None

Abstained: None

3.11. Echo Point Road (as tabled).

The Board of Police Commissioners opened the floor for discussions to Kate Giordano of Echo Point Road. She spoke on the need for road parking. She discussed the no parking signs.

Chief Hutchinson responded that emergency services vehicles must have access on the road for safety.

After considerable review by the Traffic Authority and the Chief of Police, Commissioner Mikolay suggested no changes be made to the parking signs on Echo Point Road.

Motion: Upon a motion by Commissioner Mikolay, and seconded by Commissioner Trotta, the Commission voted to move off the table Echo Point Road and to take no action on Echo Point Road regarding traffic signs.

All in favor: Carlson, Mikolay, Trotta, Hedberg

Opposed: None

Abstained: None

3.6. Signage Request-567 Goose Lane

Commissioner Mikolay reviewed the request for the addition of signage at 567 Goose Lane. Discussion followed.

Motion: Upon a motion by Commissioner Mikolay, and seconded by Commissioner Hedberg, the Commission voted to take no action on the request for signage at 567 Goose Lane.

All in favor: Carlson, Mikolay, Trotta, Hedberg

Opposed: None

Abstained: None

3.7. Traffic Sign-Route 1 and Route 77 Signals (F.Y.I.).

The concerns were forwarded to the State of CT Traffic Engineer.

3.8. Request to close Broad Street-Annual Candlelight Walk.

Motion: Upon a motion by Commissioner Mikolay, and seconded by Commissioner Hedberg, the Commission voted to approve the request to close Broad Street on December 4, 2015 from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. for the annual Candlelight Walk.

3.9. Sign removal request-Park Street (F.Y.I.).

Correspondence submitted as informational.

4.2. Personnel

4.2.1. Swearing In-Officer Dillon.

Officer Dillon was unavailable. The Swearing In will be rescheduled for next Month.

4.2.2. Recognition of Service-Sergeant Renchy (35).

As previously discussed.

4.2.3. Officer O'Connor-Sound of Hope Award.

Officer O'Connor recently received the prestigious Sound of Hope Award.

4.2.4 IA 2015-01 (May require Executive Session).

Chief Hutchinson recommended disposition of IA 2015-01 be motioned not sustained.

Motion: Upon a motion by Commissioner Hedberg, and seconded by Commissioner Mikolay, the Commission voted IA 2015-01 as not sustained.

All in favor: Carlson, Mikolay, Hedberg

Opposed: None

Abstained: Trotta

4.2.5. IA 2015-02 (May require Executive Session).

Chief Hutchinson recommended disposition of IA 2015-01 to exonerate.

Motion: Upon a motion by Commissioner Trotta, and seconded by Commissioner Hedberg, the Commission voted to exonerate IA 2015-02.

All in favor: Carlson, Mikolay, Trotta, Hedberg

Opposed: None

Abstained: None

4.2.6. Contractual matters (May require Executive Session).

Motion: Upon a motion by Commissioner Hedberg, and seconded by Commissioner Mikolay, the Commission voted to have Item 4.2.6. Contractual matters in Executive Session.

All in favor: Carlson, Mikolay, Trotta, Hedberg
Opposed: None
Abstained: None

4.3. Communications.

4.3.1. Communication from Ms. Mott.

Correspondence was received from Ms. Mott congratulating the Chief of Police on his promotion and commending the department.

4.4. Budget/Finance.

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Chief Hutchinson reviewed the budget and reported the budget is in order.

5. Monthly Reports.

The Chief reviewed motor vehicles stops. Deputy Chief Dunn reviewed the workload analysis. Discussion followed.

6. Old Business.

None.

7. New Business.

7.1. D.A.R.E. Program –Reinstatement request.

As previously discussed.

7.2. Board of Police Commissioners proposed meeting schedule for 2016.

Motion: Upon a motion by Commissioner Mikolay, and seconded by Commissioner Hedberg, the Commission voted to approve the Board of Police Commissioners meeting schedule for 2016 as the 3rd Wednesday of each month with the exception of November and December of 2016 as the 2nd Wednesdays of the month due to the Holidays.

All in favor: Carlson, Mikolay, Trotta, Hedberg
Opposed: None
Abstained: None

8. Police Comments.

None.

9. Executive Session.

Motion: Upon a motion by Commissioner Mikolay, and seconded by Commissioner Hedberg, the Commission voted to move into Executive Session at 7:00 p.m. inviting the Chief of Police and Deputy Chief of Police and excusing the Clerk of the Board for the purposes of discussion of Item 4.2.6 Contractual matters and Item 9.1. Legal matters.

All in favor: Carlson, Mikolay, Trotta, Hedberg
Opposed: None
Abstained: None

The Clerk of the Board left the room at 7:01 p.m.

Motion: Upon a motion by Commissioner Mikolay, and seconded by Commissioner Hedberg, the Commission voted to move out of Executive Session and back into Public Session at 7:10 p.m.

All in favor: Carlson, Mikolay, Trotta, Hedberg
Opposed: None
Abstained: None

No motions were made, no action was taken in Executive Session.

Motion: Upon a motion by Commissioner Mikolay, and seconded by Commissioner Trotta, the Commission voted to adjourn the meeting at 7:11 p.m.

All in favor: Carlson, Mikolay, Trotta, Hedberg
Opposed: None
Abstained: None

Respectfully submitted,

Lucy Krauchick
Clerk of the Board