

Town of Guilford
Board of Police Commissioners
Minutes
Wednesday, March 16, 2016
5:30 PM
Police Headquarters, Community Room

Present: Commissioners: Mike Mikolay, Martha Carlson, Jeff Hedberg, Fred Trotta
Department Members: Chief Hutchinson, Deputy Chief Dunn,
Lucy Krauchick, Clerk of the Board
Public: Ralph Schoemann, Whitney Peterson, Mark Davis

Call to order.

Chairman Mikolay called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM. Chairman Mikolay asked for a motion to approve the addition of two items to the Agenda.

Motion: Upon a motion by Commissioner Hedberg, and seconded by Commissioner Carlson, the Commission voted to approve to add to the Agenda under Traffic item 3.8. Sea Legs Shuffle.

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

Motion: Upon a motion by Commissioner Carlson, and seconded by Commissioner Trotta, the Commission voted to approve to add to the Agenda under New Business item 7.2. Negotiations Update.

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

1. Approval of Board of Police Commissioners meeting minutes.

1.1. Approval of the Board of Police Commissioners meeting minutes of Wednesday, February 17, 2016.

Motion: Upon a motion by Commissioner Hedberg, and seconded by Commissioner Carlson, the Commission voted to approve the meeting minutes of Wednesday, February 17, 2016 as presented.

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

2. Public Petition/Commentary.

None.

3. Traffic.

3.1. Vineyard Point Road (tabled).

Chairman Mikolay discussed the ongoing traffic item regarding Vineyard Point Road and welcomed the residents of the neighborhood in the audience. The Chairman stated that the parking request was originally brought forward over 18 months ago by a Shellfish Commissioner. The Traffic Authority conducted a thorough investigation to address any safety concerns that would necessitate parking restrictions at this location. Chairman Mikolay reported on numerous meetings with Town Hall, several studies and an extensive review of the parking history. The Chief of Police reviewed his recommendations with the Board of Police Commissioners and a question and answer discussion took place.

The Chairman opened the floor to the neighbors present in the audience. Discussion took place.

Motion: Upon a motion by Commissioner Carlson, seconded by Commissioner Hedberg, the Commission voted to grant the request of the Shellfish Commission to remove the no parking signage at the causeway on Vineyard Point Road.

All in favor: Mikolay, Carlson, Hedberg, Trotta

Opposed: None

Abstained: None

3.2. Orcutt Drive/Squaw Lane (tabled).

Chairman Mikolay reviewed the tabled traffic item regarding Orcutt Drive and Squaw Lane. The Chief and Deputy Chief reported on the traffic study that had been conducted on the intersection and discussion followed.

Motion: Upon a motion by Commissioner Carlson, and seconded by Commissioner Trotta, the Commission voted to deny the request for signage at the intersection of Orcutt Drive and Squaw Lane.

All in favor: Mikolay, Carlson, Hedberg, Trotta

Opposed: None

Abstained: None

3.3. Traffic concern received from Mr. Valentino regarding Sconset Lane.

The Chief of Police reviewed a traffic concern presented by the President of the Moors Homeowners Association and discussion followed. The Chief will contact the Homeowners Association with his recommendations.

3.4. Traffic request-Proposed crosswalk at 2455 Boston Post Road from Mr. Magnotta, P.E. PC.

Chief Hutchinson reported on a conversation he had with Mr. Magnotta. Discussion followed regarding the development of the area around 2455 Boston Post Road and the Department of Transportation. It was agreed there is a very heavy traffic flow on the Boston Post Road.

Motion: Upon a motion by Commissioner Carlson, and seconded by Commissioner Trotta, the Commission voted to oppose the installation of a cross walk at 2455 Boston Post Road.

All in favor: Mikolay, Carlson, Hedberg, Trotta

Opposed: None

Abstained: None

3.5. Approved Cystic Foundation Cycle for Life charity bike ride. Request to change the date of the event.

Chief Hutchinson reviewed a request to change the date of the Cystic Foundation Cycle for Life to September 18, 2016 (as previously approved for September 24, 2018). Chairman Mikolay reported that Commissioner Chello contacted him to alert the Traffic Authority that September 18, 2016 is Guilford Fair weekend. Discussion followed and it was agreed Guilford Fair weekend would not be an appropriate date for the ride. Chief Hutchinson will contact the Foundation.

3.6. Correspondence from the Chief of Police to Mr. Felson (f.y.i.).

No discussion, presented as informational.

3.7. Traffic studies review.

Chief Hutchinson reviewed a traffic study report that was prepared by Sergeant Massey, Officer Dillon, Officer Williams and Officer McCaherty which provided documentation on the history of several roadways that were recent traffic concerns. The in depth study was well received.

The Board of Police Commissioners thanked Sergeant Massey and Officers Dillon, Williams and McCaherty for their work.

3.8. Sea Legs Shuffle.

Discussion took place.

4. Committee Reports

4.1. Facilities/Equipment.

4.1.1. Vehicle turnover of old car 6 (Verbal, no documents).

Chief Hutchinson informed the Board of Police Commissioners that old car 6 was turned over to the Town of Guilford.

4.2. Personnel.

4.2.1. Lateral hiring.

Chief Hutchinson reported that the department will begin implementing lateral hiring. The Chief stated that on May 14, 2016 there will be testing at Guilford High School for lateral hiring. The company policeapp.com, in conjunction with the Connecticut Police Chiefs Association, will be conducting the test.

4.3. Communication.

- 4.3.1. Correspondence received from the Chief of Police of Weston thanking the department for Lieutenant Robinson's participation in a promotional process.

Presented as a thank you to Lieutenant Robinson for his participation on an oral board in Weston.

- 4.3.2. Correspondence received from Mr. Doyle thanking Officer Williams for his service.

Presented as a thank you to Officer Williams for his service.

- 4.3.3. Correspondence received from Dr. Cipriano thanking Officer Denison.

Presented as a thank you to Officer Denison for his work.

- 4.3.4. Correspondence received from State Representative Sean Scanlon thanking Detective Sergeant Bernier.

Presented as a thank you for Detective Sergeant Bernier's participation on a panel.

4.4. Budget/Finance.

- 4.4.1. Budget Report 2015/2016.

The Chief of Police provided a verbal report. The budget remains in good order.

- 4.4.2. Budget Report 2016/2017.

Chairman Mikolay reported that the Board of Finance public hearing took place. The budget went through and now will go to referendum.

5. Monthly Reports.

The Board of Police Commissioners want to thank "the troops" for their increased traffic enforcement and presence. The work has been recognized by the citizens and the Board of Police Commissioners and is appreciated.

6. Old Business.

None.

7. New Business.

7.1. Wrecker Inspection.

Chief Hutchinson reviewed the wrecker inspection with the Board of Police Commissioners. The Chief reported he will implement an annual inspection report. Guilford Automotive will be suspended from operating as a Guilford Police wrecker as a result of the inspection.

7.2. Negotiations update.

Chairman Mikolay reported on a confirmed meeting of March 29, 2016 at 8:00 AM at Police Headquarters.

8. Police Comments.

None.

9. Executive Session.

None.

Motion: Upon a motion by Commissioner Hedberg, and seconded by Commissioner Carlson, the Commission voted to approve to adjourn the meeting at 6:32 PM.

All in favor: Mikolay, Carlson, Hedberg, Trotta

Opposed: None

Abstained: None

Respectfully submitted,

Lucy Krauchick
Clerk of the Board