

Town of Guilford
Board of Police Commissioners
Minutes
Wednesday, April 20, 2016
5:30 PM
Police Headquarters, Community Room

APPROVED

Present: Commissioners: Martha Carlson, Jeff Hedberg, Paul Chello
Department Members: Chief Hutchinson, Deputy Chief Dunn,
Lucy Krauchick, Clerk of the Board
Public: Larry Lupone, Eric Forselius, Dean Mitchell

Call to order.

Commissioner Carlson called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM. Commissioner Carlson 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 Chello, the Commission voted to add to the Agenda Item 3.11 Sea Legs Shuffle under Traffic.

All in favor: Carlson, Hedberg, Chello

Opposed: None

Abstained: None

Motion: Upon a motion by Commissioner Hedberg, and seconded by Commissioner Chello, the Commission voted to add to the Agenda Item 4.2.6 Correspondence received from Mr. Bloom under Communications.

All in favor: Carlson, Hedberg, Chello

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, March 16, 2016.

Motion: Upon a motion by Commissioner Hedberg, and seconded by Commissioner Carlson, the Commission voted to approve the meeting minutes of Wednesday, March 16, 2016 as presented.

All in favor: Carlson, Hedberg

Opposed: None

Abstained: Chello

2. Public Petition/Commentary.

None.

3. Traffic.

3.1. Cystic Fibrosis Foundation charity road ride.

Discussion took place.

Motion: Upon a motion by Commissioner Chello, and seconded by Commissioner Hedberg, the Commission voted to approve the Cystic Foundation charity bike ride for September 18, 2016 (as rescheduled).

All in favor: Carlson, Hedberg, Chello

Opposed: None

Abstained: None

3.2. 9th Annual Lifelix 5k Race for Recovery-May 14, 2016 request submitted.

Discussion took place.

Motion: Upon a motion by Commissioner Chello, and seconded by Commissioner Hedberg, the Commission voted to approve the 9th Annual Lifelix 5k Road Race on May 14, 2016.

All in favor: Carlson, Hedberg, Chello

Opposed: None

Abstained: None

3.3. Braking Aids charity bike ride September 24, 2016 request submitted.

Discussion took place.

Motion: Upon a motion by Commissioner Chello, and seconded by Commissioner Hedberg, the Commission voted to approve the Braking Aids charity bike ride on September 24, 2016.

All in favor: Carlson, Hedberg, Chello

Opposed: None

Abstained: None

3.4. Tour de Branford charity bike ride September 25, 2016 request submitted.

Discussion took place.

Motion: Upon a motion by Commissioner Hedberg, and seconded by Commissioner Chello, the Commission voted to approve the Tour de Branford charity bike ride on September 25, 2016.

All in favor: Carlson, Hedberg, Chello
Opposed: None
Abstained: None

3.5. Little League Parade scheduled for April 23, 2016.

Discussion took place.

Motion: Upon a motion by Commissioner Hedberg, and seconded by Commissioner Chello the Commission voted to approve the Guilford Little League Parade scheduled on April 23, 2016.

All in favor: Carlson, Hedberg, Chello
Opposed: None
Abstained: None

3.6. Traffic concern and request for speed bumps on High Street.

Commissioner Carlson opened the floor to Mr. Eric Forselius. Mr. Forselius discussed his concerns regarding traffic and speeding on High Street. He spoke on behalf of himself and his “neighbor group” who signed a petition requesting speed bumps for the safety of the neighborhood. He spoke about the safety of children playing in the street, motor vehicles speeding and the increase of traffic.

Commissioner Carlson spoke about the long history of requests for speed bumps by residents. She spoke about the borough of Sachems Head. The Chief reported that the Board of Police Commissioners are the Traffic Authority but structures on roads, such as speed bumps, are to be approved by Mr. Portley, Town Engineer. Mr. Forselius responded that Mr. Portley told him to present his concerns to the Police Commission. Mr. Forselius continued to emphasize concerns about safety.

Mr. Dean Mitchell took the floor as a resident of High Street. Mr. Mitchell spoke about the increased traffic on High Street in the morning and the evening due to the train station. He stated that High Street has become a bypass from Water Street and Whitfield Street. He added that High Street was now a cut through for people going to and from the train station. He said cars are speeding and rolling through the stop sign.

Chief Hutchinson made several suggestions regarding the traffic concerns including the setup of the speed dolly and an increase of traffic enforcement.

After a lengthy exchange of suggestions and replies, the Chief Hutchinson recommended that he will speak with Mr. Portley to get clarification as to why the request for speed bumps was referred to the Board of Police Commissioners. Additionally, the department will place the speed dolly on the gravel driveway owned by Mr. Mitchell (who gave his permission for it be placed there). The Chief will have the department increase traffic enforcement on High Street.

Motion : Upon a motion by Commissioner Hedberg, and seconded by Commissioner Chello, the Commission voted to table High Street traffic concerns and agreed that the Chief of Police will speak with Mr. Portley, Town Engineer and traffic enforcement will be increased.

All in favor: Carlson, Hedberg, Chello

Opposed: None

Abstained: None

Mr. Forselius and Mr. Mitchell left the room at 6:05 PM.

3.7. Traffic concern and request for signage at Route 77 and Flat Meadow Road.

Discussion took place and the Chief will contact the State of CT.

Motion: Upon a motion by Commissioner Hedberg, and seconded by Commissioner Chello, the Commission agreed that the Chief of Police will contact the State of CT with recommendations to improve the sight line by landscaping and removing a large tree on Route 77 and Flat Meadow Road.

All in favor: Carlson, Hedberg, Chello

Opposed: None

Abstained: None

3.8. Request for a 3-way stop at the intersection of Vineyard Point Road and Falcon Road.

Discussion about the intersection took place.

Motion: Upon a motion by Commissioner Hedberg, and seconded by Commissioner Chello, the Commission agreed to approve the request for a 3-way stop at the intersection of Vineyard Point Road and Falcon Road.

All in favor: Carlson, Hedberg, Chello

Opposed: None

Abstained: None

3.9. Parking issue on Whitfield Street.

Commissioner Carlson opened the floor to Mr. Larry Lupone. Mr. Lupone asked if he could present visuals and the Commissioners agreed. Mr. Lupone spoke about the exit from his driveway onto Whitfield Street and the sight line issues. He asked that parking be restricted so there would be no parking after the telephone pole to enable better visibility. Discussion took place regarding the businesses, traffic and truck parking for deliveries. Commissioner Carlson reported that the Board of Police Commissioners will take a look at the sight line concern and will establish no parking to improve the exit visibility from the driveway to Whitfield Street. It was agreed. Mr. Lupone left the room at 6:10 PM.

3.10. Sign request (southwest corner of the Guilford Green) at Whitfield, Water and Boston Streets.

Discussion took place. The Chief of Police will contact the State in regard to the concerns. The intersection is state property.

3.11. Sea Legs Shuffle.

Discussion took place.

Motion: Upon a motion by Commissioner Chello, and seconded by Commissioner Hedberg, the Commission agreed to approve the request for the Sea Legs Shuffle road race on July 31, 2016 beginning at the Guilford Fairgrounds.

All in favor: Carlson, Hedberg, Chello

Opposed: None

Abstained: None

4. Committee Reports

4.1. Personnel.

4.1.1. MADD Award Recipients 2015.

Chief Hutchinson reported that two officers were selected to be recipients of the MADD (Mother's Against Drunk Driving) Award for 2015. The deserving recipients from the department are Officer Anania and Officer Williams. The Board of Police Commissioners congratulated the recipients.

4.1.2. POST Trainee Performance Reports.

Chief Hutchinson reviewed the training reports of the two officers at the academy. Both Officer Scirocco and Officer Eannotti are doing well.

4.2. Communication.

4.2.1. Correspondence from Mr. Davis thanking Officer Duro.

Commissioner Carlson stated this was a thank you note for Officer Duro regarding a ride-along.

4.2.2. Correspondence received from POST Training Officer acknowledging Officer McCain.

Commissioner Carlson read from correspondence from a training officer from POST stating that Officer McCain was assigned as the "Fleet Manager" and he did an outstanding job with the task.

4.2.3. Correspondence from Mr. Joseph Ametrano thanking the department.

Commissioner Carlson read from correspondence received from Mr. Ametrano thanking

the department for their professionalism during a recent incident at his business.

4.2.4. Correspondence received from a resident thanking six officers in the department.

Commissioner Carlson reviewed the correspondence and acknowledged the six officers for their professionalism.

4.2.5. Correspondence received from the Assistant Principal of E. C. Adams School thanking Officer Shove and M.A.C.O. Borrelli.

Commissioner Carlson read from correspondence from the Assistant Principal of Adams Middle School thanking Officer Shove and M.A.C.O. Borrelli for their participation at a recent Health Fair.

4.2.6. Correspondence received from Mr. Bloom.

Commissioner Carlson summarized correspondence received from Mr. Bloom.

4.3. Budget/Finance.

4.3.1. Budget Report 2015/2016.

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

4.3.2. Budget Report 2016/2017.

Chief Hutchinson reported on the town budget referendum which did not pass. Discussion took place.

5. Monthly Reports.

Commissioner Hedberg stated that the department is doing a great job with motor vehicle enforcement and all agreed.

6. Old Business.

None.

7. New Business.

None.

8. Police Comments.

None.

9. Executive Session.

None.

Motion: Upon a motion by Commissioner Chello, and seconded by Commissioner Hedberg, the Commission voted to approve to adjourn the meeting at 6:42 PM.

All in favor: Carlson, Hedberg, Chello

Opposed: None

Abstained: None

Respectfully submitted,

Lucy Krauchick
Clerk of the Board