



TOWN OF MIDDLEBURY

POLICE COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes MEETING OF THE POLICE COMMISSION Monday, March 11, 2024 – 6:00 p.m.

Present: Commissioner Rita Smith
Commissioner Tom King
Commissioner Paul Bowler

Also Present: Chief Patrick Deely
James M. Long, Recording Clerk
Bob Smith, Town Attorney

Excused Absence: Chairman George Moreira
Commissioner Fran Barton

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Commissioner Paul Bowler leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of January 6, 2024 Meeting Minutes

Commissioner King MOTIONED to approve the minutes, SECONDED by Commissioner Smith. Unanimous approval.

Committee Reports:

Building & Equipment:

Commissioner Bowler deferred to Commissioner Smith. Commissioner Smith reported that a walk through was conducted by myself, Kevin Dawes, Peter Vaccarelli, Chief Deely, and the architects for the new evidence room and juvenile holding facility. The basement and evidence room were checked for asbestos. We are awaiting their report.

Budget and Overtime:

Commissioner Smith reported that all looks fine. We will have to monitor radio maintenance line item. Commissioner Smith reported that there is only \$800.00 left in this account. Everything else looks okay.

Personnel & Labor:

Defer to Chief's report.

Rules & Regulations:

No Report.

Old Business:

None.

New Business:

1. On February 21, 2024 Chief Deely received an email from Bob Marages regarding traffic on Route 64 and Route 188. This email was discussed by Chief Deely, who explained that Mr. Marages requested that the State DOT OSTA conduct traffic study in the 555 Christian Road due to the proposed distribution facility. DOT OSTA explained that a traffic study must be done by the local traffic authority first. Chief Deely sent an email reply to Mr. Marages that he would propose his concerns to the Police Commission this evening.
2. On March 1, 2024 Chief Deely received an email from Holly Parker, SLR Consultants regarding a traffic analysis that SLR completed for 555 Christian Road due to the proposed warehouse distribution facility. SLR Consultants explained that there would not be a significant impact on traffic in this area due to the proposed distribution facility. Ms. Parker was requesting that the local traffic authority approve their request and forward to Director Oulette from OSTA State DOT. Chief Deely explained that he would forward the SLR Report and the request from Mr. Marages to the State OSTA, Director Oulette. That Middlebury should request that DOT OSTA conduct their own traffic study. Chief Deely would forward the SLR Traffic Study from Holly Parker and Mr. Marages request to OSTA and Director Oulette. This would give OSTA the extensive SLR traffic report.

Commissioner King made a MOTION to forward the Mr. Marage's request and reports to OSTA and that Middlebury request that OSTA conduct their own traffic study at 555 Christian Road. The motion was SECONDED by Commissioner Smith. Unanimous approval.

3. February 29, 2024 Chief Deely had a meeting with Major Brian Newman, DEEP Encon Police Assistant Director, regarding all-terrain vehicles on the Bridal Trail. Chief Deely reported that the Second Selectmen received a citizen's complaint regarding this issue. Chief Deely and Major Newman came up with a plan to pool resources with local police departments that border the Bridal Trail. Chief Deely explained that the Town of Middlebury has an ordinance that would be enforced. This ordinance could lead to seizure of these vehicles (ATV).

Chairman's Report:

No Report.

Chief's Report:

1. Jose Agosto received kudos from a resident, Malcolm Todt, who resides on 66 Artillery Road regarding damage to his mailbox.
2. Resident Bob Marages, who resides on 4 Weymouth Way made a request to the State of CT DOT regarding proposed warehouse facility on 555 Christian Road. SLR Consulting reported that there will not be a significant traffic impact.
3. Michael Terzigni 11.1 years tenure as a Drug Recognition Expert from Jim Maisano of the IACP.
4. Meeting with Major B. Newman from DEEP regarding ATV on the Bridal Trail.
5. Email from Holly Parker SLR Consulting, LTA concurrence, 555 Christian Road

Public Comment:

None.

Adjournment

Commissioner King MOTIONED to ADJOURN the meeting at 6:11 PM, SECONDED by Commissioner Smith. Unanimous approval

Next meeting is scheduled for April 8, 2024 at 6:00 PM.

These minutes are submitted subject to approval.

Respectfully,
James M. Long, Recording Clerk

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