



TOWN OF MIDDLEBURY

POLICE COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes MEETING OF THE POLICE COMMISSION Monday, April 8, 2024 – 6:00 p.m.

Present: Commissioner Rita Smith
Commissioner Tom King
Commissioner Paul Bowler
Commissioner Fran Barton

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

**Excused
Absence:** Chairman George Moreira

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 PM by Commissioner Paul Bowler leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of March 11, 2024 Meeting Minutes

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

Committee Reports:

Building & Equipment:

Commissioner Bowler deferred to the Chief's report.

Budget and Overtime:

Commissioner Smith reported that all looks fine. The Police Department has two-line items for radio maintenance. One is for the Police Radios maintenance (01-40-02-6120) and the next is for the communication center. Commissioner Smith had a \$3295.00 bill to repair and replace and overhaul T-1 line to the correct line item for the communication center (01-41-02-6120) radio maintenance.

Personnel & Labor:

Commissioner King deferred to Chief's report.

Rules & Regulations:

Commissioner Barton reported that Accreditation Manager Amy Von Culin has been working on POSTC Tier 1 Proofs and POSTC Tier 2 Standards. She reported that State of Connecticut POSTC is short on manpower. A new POST C Standard manual is being completed for January 2026; this manual will be effective in February 2027.

Old Business:

1. February 21, 2024 Email from Bob Marages regarding traffic on Route 64 and Route 188. Chief Deely sent a letter/email to DOT OSTA Director Ouellette.
2. Holly Parker SLR OSTA traffic analysis for 555 Christian Road from Joseph Ouellette, proposed warehouse facility. Chief Deely forwarded by email the SLR traffic analysis report to Director Ouellette DOT OSTA.
3. February 29, 2024 Meeting with Major Brian Newman, DEEP Encon Police Assistant Director, regarding all-terrain vehicles on the Bridal Trail. Had a meeting on March 28, 2024 at 10:30 AM with area police departments.

New Business:

Chairman's Report:

No Report.

Chief's Report:

1. Officer Erik Markiewicz assisted in a DEA Taskforce case back in 2020. The Department received \$3,941.42 in seized funds.
2. On March 19, 2024 Officers Guerrero and Quadrato assisted the Connecticut Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS) Tobacco Prevention and Enforcement Program (TPEP). The TPEP conducted unannounced compliance inspections of establishments that sell tobacco products and/or electronic cigarettes. These inspections were performed in an effort to determine compliance with State Laws concerning the prohibition of the sale of e-cigarettes and/or tobacco products to youth under the age of 21. Two retailers were found non-compliant, Mobil/Saltbox Country Store and Citgo. Three retailers were found compliant: Cumberland Farms, Shell (All-Town Market), and Sunoco.

3. On March 28, 2024 A meeting was held and the 1212 Whittemore Road regarding ATV/UTV on the Larkin Bridle Trail. Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) is the lead agency which has jurisdiction on the Larkin Bridle Trail. This was a collaborative meeting to discuss law enforcement initiatives with the illegal use of ATV/UTV on the Bridal Trail. Next meeting is April 12, 2024.

Public Comment:

None.

Adjournment

Commissioner King MOTIONED to ADJOURN the meeting at 6:10 PM, SECONDED by Commissioner Smith. Unanimous approval

Next meeting is scheduled for May 13, 2024 at 6:00 PM.

These minutes are submitted subject to approval.

Respectfully,
James M. Long, Recording Clerk

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