



TOWN OF MIDDLEBURY

POLICE COMMISSION

MINUTES MEETING OF THE POLICE COMMISSION Monday, September 12, 2022 – 6:00 p.m.

Present: Chairman George Moreira
Commissioner Paul Bowler
Commissioner Tom King
Commissioner Fran Barton

Also Present: Chief Patrick Deely
Attorney Robert Smith
Joseph Von Culin, Recording Clerk

**Excused
Absence:** Commissioner Frank Cipriano

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:02pm by Commissioner Bowler leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of June 13, 2021 Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Bowler MOTIONED to approve the minutes, SECONDED by Commissioner Barton. Unanimous approval.

Committee Reports

Building & Equipment

No report

Budget and Overtime

Commissioner Bowler defers time to the chief's report.

Personnel & Labor

Commissioner King defers time to the chief's report.

Rules & Regulations

Commissioner Barton defers time to the chief's report.

Old Business

None

New Business

A resident on Regan Rd. asked for a children at play sign be placed on the road. Commissioner Bowler MOTIONED to have a children at play sign be placed on Regan Rd., SECONDED by Commissioner Barton. Unanimous approval.

Chairman's Report

Chairman Moreira recommended to make a motion to make Acting Chief Deely permanent.

Commissioner Bowler MOTIONED to recommend Patrick Deely to the Board of Selectman to be made the Middlebury, CT Police Chief, SECONDED by Commissioner King. Unanimous approval.

Chief's Report

- The department has 2 new hires as of 7/25/22 and 2 new police vehicles.
 - Car 10 will no longer be in service due to costly repairs.
 - Car 4, Car 6, and Car 17 (LPR) will be used as spares.
- 2 officers were trained at Sig Saurer in New Hampshire designating them as armorers on the new side arms.
- Reverend Tara Shepley was asked to act as the Middlebury Police Department Chaplain and she accepted.
- 5 new flashlights were donated by Ken Heidkamp.
- MPD officially has a drone program.
 - Officer Terzigni is a trained drone pilot and instructor, so both Middlebury Public Works and Fire Department can designate a pilot to be trained.
 - Middlebury Police Department is looking to enter a mutual aid agreement with Naugatuck and Cheshire.
 - The department has 2 drones, 1 with infrared to aid in search and rescue and fire, as well as 1 for training with a zoom feature.
- A threat assessment was conducting with Quassy Amusement Park.
- An MOU was put in place to allow Animal Control to work road construction jobs.
 - All Animal Control Officers received the proper training and equipment.
- There was a traffic complaint from Tyler Crossing at Middlebury Rd.
 - It was determined that Public Works is still working on the road, so the proper traffic markings will be painted on soon.
- There was a speed complaint from Watertown Rd.
 - The speed sign was placed on Watertown Rd. and if there are further questions the Middlebury Police can answer them with the data compiled from the sign.
- With the permission from the Commission, the Middlebury Police Department would like to bring on a part-time female officer.
- Eventually the department would like to bring on more staff, so we are currently compiling a list of statistics with number of calls, residents, and tourists coming through the town.
- The Violent Crime Grant is over, as we used all of the funding.
 - Included are some of the work our officers accomplished while aiding Waterbury Police Department.

Public Comment

None

Adjournment

Commissioner Barton MOTIONED to ADJOURN the meeting at 6:37pm, SECONDED by Commissioner King. Unanimous approval

Next meeting is scheduled for October 17, 2022 at 6:00pm.

These minutes are submitted subject to approval.

Respectfully,
Joe Von Culin, Recording Clerk