



TOWN OF MIDDLEBURY

POLICE COMMISSION

MINUTES MEETING OF THE POLICE COMMISSION Monday, June 8, 2020 – 6:00 p.m. Via Video Conference

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

Also Present: Chief Fran Dabbo
Attorney Robert Smith
Sgt. Pat Deely
Officer John Ferrelli
Amy Von Culin, Recording Clerk

**Excused
Absence:** Frank Cipriano

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:07pm by Chairman Moreira.

Officer John Ferrelli was introduced to the Commission. Officer Ferrelli was sworn in May 29th at headquarters by Commissioner Barton. He joins the department having previously served for 3 years in Hartford PD.

Approval of May 11, 2020 Meeting Minutes

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

Committee Reports

Building & Equipment-Chief Dabbo reported on behalf of Commissioner Cipriano that Car #10 had a water pump issue and the labor to replace it was expensive.

Budget and Overtime

Commissioner Bowler deferred to Chief Dabbo. Chief Dabbo shared based on current budget funds remaining, the plan is to purchase 6 more Toughbooks for the police cruisers to replace the outdated ones. This enables the department to concentrate on other items next fiscal year to insure we are compliant with computers and servers.

Personnel & Labor

Commissioner King deferred to Attorney Smith who will speak during public comment.

Rules & Regulations

Commissioner Barton has received policies on mutual aid, use of force, body worn cameras, tasers, use of handcuffs and bias-based profiling. Those policies are being handed to Attorney Smith for final review.

Old Business-None

New Business

Chief Dabbo made a recommendation to the Commission to award a Citation of Outstanding Service to Sgt. Hunt, Officer Alenckis, Officer Markiewicz and Officer DuVerger for their altruistic, selfless act of supporting our neighboring police department in a time of need. Sgt. Hunt coordinated the efforts while Officers Alenckis, Markiewicz and DuVerger volunteered to go into the hostile situation.

Commissioner Bowler MOTIONED to recognize and award Sgt. Hunt, Officer Alenckis, Officer Markiewicz, and Office DuVerger with a Citation of Outstanding Service SECONDED by Commissioner Barton. Unanimous Approval

Chairman's Report-None

Chief's Report

Chief Dabbo reported he is diligently reviewing the policy and procedures manual. He has requested each of the Sergeants to review as well.

Two Officers responded for mutual aid at the request of Waterbury Police on Sunday, May 31st. The department was also requested to be on standby for Naugatuck Police for a march that was held Saturday, June 6th. Woodbury had a peaceful protest on Sunday, June 7th. Our department is prepared to act if needed. We do send in statistics to the State of CT and only 2-3% are minority stops.

Officer Markiewicz made an arrest where a substantial amount of narcotics was seized. The investigation is ongoing.

Chief Dabbo received a complaint from a resident on Middlebury Road concerning vehicles being parked across the street from his house, along the greenway. The resident complained specifically about one vehicle that had broken down and had to be towed after being there for over 24 hours. There was discussion on the number of individuals using the greenway and how all the parking areas are normally full throughout the day.

Chief Dabbo is working with Commissioner Barton on requests for use of the Speed Trailer on Upper Whittemore, South Street and Brookside. Chief Dabbo informed the commission the trailer needs to be placed in a safe location, such as in front of a resident's home to ensure the security of the trailer. Commissioner Barton has told residents to reach out to Chief Dabbo with their requests.

Chief Dabbo announced Quassy has cancelled their 4th of July fireworks show.

Chief Dabbo has been visiting businesses in an effort to be proactive and provide guidance on security given the current state of affairs with protests and looting.

Public Comment

Attorney Smith announced the Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #034 and the Town of Middlebury had reached an agreement on the union contract after 3 ½ years of negotiating. The contract is scheduled to be signed at the Selectman’s meeting on Monday, June 15th.

Adjournment

Commissioner Bowler MOTIONED to ADJOURN the meeting at 6:46pm, SECONDED by Commissioner King. Unanimous approval

Next meeting is scheduled for July 13, 2020, 6:00pm.

These minutes are submitted this 16th day of June, 2020 subject to approval.

Respectfully submitted,
Amy Von Culin, Recording Clerk