

**FAIRFIELD BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS**  
**REGULAR MEETING JANUARY 13, 2021**

The regular meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners was called to order by Chairman, Commissioner Millington at 4:31 pm.

Those present were: the Chairman, Commissioner Millington; the Secretary, Commissioner Pine, Commissioner Stone; Commissioner Cafferelli; Commissioner Lebo; Commissioner Ambrose; Commissioner Kiley; Chief Lyddy, Deputy Chief Smith, Captain Kalamaras, Captain Tursi, and Captain Bucherati.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Minutes from the December 9, 2020 meeting were approved in a motion made by Commissioner Ambrose; seconded by Commissioner Stone; carried unanimously. Commissioner Pine requested that the minutes from the December 10, 2020 Special Meeting be amended saying that he was acting-chairman. Motion made by Commissioner Ambrose to make the correction; seconded by Commissioner Lebo; carried unanimously.

Officer of the Quarter presentation for Officer Jenna Racz was held at the December 9, 2020 meeting.

Chief Lyddy said that the Department has five recent hires: Dimitar Sadiev, Alan Bakula, Daniel Loris, Eamonn Monks and Anthony Falbo.

**Traffic Surveys:** none.

**Old Business:** none.

Commissioner Millington motioned to add to the agenda the discussion of a new chief; motion seconded by Commission Pine; carried unanimously. Commission Millington said that there needs to be transparency in the process of selecting a new chief and people want to know the process and how the Commission does it. According to Article 9, section 21, subsection A of the Town Charter the Police Chief has to be appointed by the Police Commission. Since the 1930's, the Town has always appointed from inside and that three (3) candidates are needed to meet the qualifications. Commissioner Millington motioned to be keep internal; motion seconded by Commissioner Cafferelli; carried unanimously. Candidates must pass a competitive test. Commissioner Millington motioned that there will be an oral board test given by the Police Commission with questions vetted by the outgoing Police Chief; motion seconded by Commission Ambrose; carried unanimously. Commissioner Millington said that it has to be established who will ask the questions and the follow-up questions and the follow-up questions should follow in the line of the original questions. Groundwork should be set as to who asks the questions and will an ex-officio be present. Commissioner Pine said that no other person should be involved in the testing process and Commissioners Lebo and Cafferelli agreed. Commissioner Kiley agreed, but he thought the Chairman should ask the questions. Commissioner Stone felt that there was value in each Commissioner to be allowed to ask questions during the testing process because this gives the Police Commission personal interaction with the candidates. Commissioner Millington motioned that the questions, as well as the follow-up questions, only be asked by the members of the Police Commission; motion seconded by Commissioner Stone; carried unanimously. Commissioner Millington said that an ex-officio has not attended deliberations in private session in the past. Commissioner Ambrose motioned that a decision is to be made only by the members of the Police Commission and only the Police Commission will participate in that decision; motion seconded by Commissioner Stone; carried unanimously. Commissioner Millington said that the date for the testing process

should be set and he motioned that the oral board exam will be held on Tuesday, January 19, 2021 at 4:30 p.m. at Police Headquarters; Commissioner Lebo seconded the motion; carried unanimously.

**New Business:** Chief Lyddy asked the Commission to add donations for Animal Control to the agenda. Motion was made by Commissioner Lebo to add donations to the agenda; seconded by Commissioner Cafferelli; carried unanimously. Animal Control donations as follows: (6) \$25.00 Stop & Shop gift cards from Philip Spalla, 1157 Mill Plain Road, Fairfield; \$20.00 from Alina Zalucki, 56 Howard Street Extension, Salem, MA; \$10.00 from Donna Carusone, 28 Jarvis Court, Fairfield; \$20.00 from Laura Carroll, 159 Pell Meadow Drive, Fairfield; \$2,000.00 from Alan and Claudia Sheketoff c/o Macman Insurance Associates, LLC, 585 Villa Avenue, Fairfield. Motion made by Commissioner Ambrose to accept the Animal Control donations; motion seconded by Commissioner Stone; carried unanimously.

**Monthly Report** was reviewed and discussed.

Chief Lyddy addressed the Police Commission saying it was an honor to work with the Commissioners. Commissioner Millington thanked Chief Lyddy and said that the Commission will definitely miss him. Commissioner Lebo said that she has received a lot of public comment on what a great chief and person Chief Lyddy is.

Commissioner Lebo made a motion to adjourn at 5:24 pm; motion seconded by Commissioner Ambrose; carried unanimously.

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Commissioner Pine