

## FAIRFIELD BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS

### Feb 9, 2022 MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

A regular meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners was held on Wednesday Feb 9, 2022 @ 4:30 pm in the Police Commissions Conference Room, 100 Reef Road, Fairfield, Connecticut 06824

**Members Present:** Commissioners: Chair Ron Pine, Secretary Peter Ambrose, Charlene Lebo, James Millington, Jack Stone , Joe Cafferelli, Kevin Kiley

Chief Kalamaras, Deputy Chief Keith Broderick, Captain Koval. Captain Granata, Lt. Paris and Cpt. Weihe

**Public Present:** Alyssa Israel

The regular meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Ron Pine @ at 4:30 pm.

**1. The Pledge of Allegiance** - recited.

**2. Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes January 12 2022.**

Commissioner Ambrose motioned to approve the January 12, 2022 regular meeting minutes as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Stone. Motion unanimously passed.

### **3. Traffic Surveys:**

**TS #1 Location:** Fox Street. Nature of Request: Request "Stop" sign on Fox Street southbound at Edward Street. By Whom: Town Engineer, William Hurley. Recommendation: Recommend only a "Stop" sign on Fox Street southbound at Edward Street. No "Stop" sign needed north on Fox Street from the small dead-end circle at Edward Street.

Commissioner Ambrose motioned to approve TS#1 as proposed. Second by Commissioner Stone. Motion passed.

**TS #2 Location:** Post Road at/between Unquowa Road and Old Post Road. Nature of Request: This is an unacceptable dangerous intersection for pedestrians – STEAP Agreement. By Whom: Alyssa Israel.

Recommendations: Notify DOT that the Police Commission has received a complaint about dangerous pedestrian conditions at this intersection and seek DOT recommendations. Does not recommend tying any future modifications to the crosswalks or crosswalk signals to the STEAP Grant.

Chair Ron Pine spoke briefly as he was on the survey with Town Engineer Bill Hurley and Captain Koval. Even if the state approved all the modifications, it would be way beyond what the STEAP grant would pay for. That particular intersection in question is affected by three other intersections of close proximity. Change one, would have to change them all as it is very complicated. Keep in mind, this is a State road and they have jurisdiction.

He agrees that the Commission should have the state investigate.

Commissioner Millington concurred with the Chair.

Chief noted this particular intersection was looked at several times and State did deny several requests put forward at that time.

Alyssa Israel 679 Rowland Road came forward, and addressed the Commission with a brief description and proposed solutions to the dangerous pedestrian conditions at the intersection of Post Road/Unquowa Rd.

After listening to the commission, she was unaware of other petitions and denials and found the information very helpful. Alyssa asked about the process now. Moving forward can it be public with the DOT. Would like to have conversations about their concerns.

Chief Kalamaras went over how the DOT would only look for public input if they were making a change to it. They base their decisions on best engineering practices.

In addition, Town Engineer Bill Hurley spoke about the STEAP grant and process. It did not include pedestrian signal improvements. Bill recommended that the Police Commission (LTA) to draft a letter saying that the Town has received pedestrian/safety concerns at this intersection.

Chair Millington made a motion that the Town write a letter to the DOT regarding the pedestrian/safety concerns at the intersection. Seconded by Commissioner Lebo. Motion passed unanimously.

**Commissioner Millington made a motion to authorize the Chief to draft a letter to the State DOT for consideration for TS#2. Seconded by Charlene Lebo. Motion unanimously passed.**

**TS #3 Location:** Unquowa Place. Nature of Request: The east side of Unquowa Place is currently posted as a 2-hour zone. There are several parking spaces, which are geographically situated between the entrance and exit driveways to the businesses, and in my opinion, pose a danger to traffic on Unquowa Place and to the vehicles exiting the driveways to the businesses. A new residential building is being constructed, which has a new driveway access at the end of Unquowa Place just before the Metro-North Train Station. Request the east side of Unquowa Place north of the exit driveway at The Chelsea Restaurant to the Metro-North Train Station be posted "NO PARKING ANY TIME". By Whom: Lt. Michael Paris.

Recommendations: Bill Hurley, Town Engineer and Mark Barnhart, Director of Community & Economic Development recommend eliminating the parking spots on the east side of Unquowa Place from the bank south to the train tracks unless business owners on the street object. Leave the spaces, "Two-Hour" parking up to The Chelsea Restaurant.

Commissioner Millington made a motion to approve TS#3 as presented. Second Commissioner Ambrose. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **4. Old Business: None**

#### **5. New Business:**

Chief Kalamaras reported on all the upcoming exams that will take place. Should have results by Feb 16, so would like to promulgate the list on Feb 22<sup>nd</sup>, at 4:30pm, and go into Executive Session for lateral officer interviews. Interviews should take about three hrs. Promotion ceremony would take place at Sacred Heart Theater on Feb 23. In addition, three promotions took place in January: Officer Fuller to Detective, Captain Broderick to Deputy Chief, and Lt. Weihe to Captain Weihe.

New Officer Interviews (10) will take place at the March 9<sup>th</sup> and March 16<sup>th</sup> (10) meeting under Executive Session. Hope to send new officers to the June academy.

#### **6. Monthly Report:**

Deputy Chief Broderick asked the Commission to review report and send an email of their feedback and going forward can adjust. Chief reminded the Commission that the monthly report is published on the Police website, so people can go there and look at it.

Commissioner Cafferelli asked about putting something in the report regarding the community being safe. Chief Kalamaras explained this could be because the community is seeing more information than before, as they are putting more information out there. He also thinks it more fear of the crime rather than the crime itself.

**7. Next Meeting March 9, 2022 @4:30pm in the Commissioners Conference Room.**

**8 Adjournment:**

At 5:48pm, Commissioner Ambrose made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Lebo. Motion carried unanimously.