

**FAIRFIELD BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS**  
**REGULAR MEETING FEBRUARY 12, 2020**

The regular meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners was called to order by Chairman, Commissioner Cafferelli at 4:30 pm.

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Minutes from previous meetings were approved in a motion made by Commissioner Ambrose; seconded by Commissioner Lebo; carried unanimously.

Officer Richard Peck was awarded the Officer of the Quarter. Captain Gagner introduced Officer Peck saying that he has performed his duties in an exceptional manner during the past quarter. He always come to work with a positive attitude towards his co-workers and the public. He is proactive in making criminal and motor vehicle arrests. He continues to help keep the Fairfield community safe on a daily basis. Officer Peck's work ethic and pleasant demeanor reflect great credit upon himself, our profession and the Fairfield Police Department and he is most deserving of this award.

**Traffic Surveys:**

TS #1 Location: Station Street – 96 Paci Restaurant, Southport. Nature of request: change the two signs on the east side of Station Street near Paci Restaurant from “No Parking” to “No Parking 5 AM – 4 PM”. Recommendation: to be discussed further. By whom: Eileen Flora, Parking Authority. Eileen Flora addressed the Police Commission saying that she has been working with Paci Restaurant for a long time regarding the parking. She wants the Commissioners to allow a couple of spaces and to change the signs so that you will not have commuter parking there. Because there is not enough parking, cars park illegally. Commissioner Pine was concerned about Fire Department access. William Hurley from the Engineering Department addressed the Commission saying that 2-4 spaces in that area are designated “No Parking” and that if the changes were made it would not impact the Fire Department. He said that the signs could be bagged as a trial and mark the spaces when the weather temperature is above 50 degrees. Mr. James Bohan from 51 Station Street addressed the Police Commission saying there are a lot of tanks around there and he referred to the Jelliff letter. He said that it's congested enough and that there was a reason why that area was posted “No Parking”. Commissioner Stone motioned to go off William Hurley's recommendation of temporarily establishing two parking “No Parking 5 AM to 4 PM” signs and revisit in May to see what the impact was; motion was seconded by Commission Lebo; carried unanimously.

TS #2 Location: Springer Road. Nature of request: paint “Fire Zone” roadway markings in front of Beach 3 on Springer Road. Recommendation: approve. By whom: Captain Kalamaras. Commissioner Lebo motioned to approve the recommendation; motion seconded by Commissioner Stone; carried unanimously.

**Old Business:** Kings Deli. Attorney Robert Russo addressed the Police Commission saying that the two 15 minute parking spaces are interfering with Mr. Cammarota's project. He said that tenants jam up Halley Avenue and that the spaces should be removed or suspended till the project is done (suspend 6-8 months). Commissioner Ambrose recused himself. Mr. Anthony Vida, who is the owner of Kings Deli, addressed the Commission saying that since the State Highway Project started his business has dropped 37%. Commissioner Lebo said that the 15 minute parking was proposed as a way of balancing due to a need of parking in the area and residents use the whole street for parking. Also, since the State widened the sidewalks the deli has lost parking in front. William Hurley addressed the Commission saying that he figured 15 minute parking would help with deliveries and he fears that tenants will park there all the time. He tried balancing everything and he thought it was the most fair way. Commissioner Lebo wants to satisfy everyone by making one to two signs 15 minute parking, at least two signs with one on both sides of the road. Attorney Russo addressed the Commission saying that 15 minute signs make sense being on the same side as the deli and he asked to suspend for eight months so his client can get the project done. Captain Kalamaras had no objection to one 15 minute sign on each side of the road. William Hurley said that one 15 minute sign on each side of the road would show a true balance. Al Cammarota addressed the Commission saying that he was never notified about the signs before they were installed and that his issue is now, and that all four signs could be 15 minute parking after his project is done. John Pander, tenant at 591 Kings Highway, told the Commission that he had been there 30 years and that he will lose a spot. Commissioner Lebo motioned to approve two 15 minute signs on the east side of Halley Avenue and leave one sign on the west side until the project is completed; Commissioner Stone seconded the motion adding that after the project is over, add another sign on the west side of Halley Avenue upon certificate of occupancy; Commissioner Ambrose recused himself from the vote; Commissioners Pine, Kiley, Cafferelli, Millington approved Commissioner Lebo's motion. Motion passed.

**New Business:**

Make Music Day on June 21, 2020 requested by Mark Barnhart. Mark Barnhart addressed the Commission asking for the approval from the Commission to temporarily close Sanford Street for one day, Sunday, June 21, 2020. All of the businesses on Sanford Street were contacted and all agreed to the temporary road closure. Motion made by Commissioner Millington to approve the road closure; motion seconded by Commissioner Lebo; carried unanimously.

Commissioner Millington motioned to add a donation of \$150.00 from the Fairfield Beach Residents Association to the Police Department; motion seconded by Commissioner Pine; carried unanimously. K-9 Program received donations from Wells Fargo (\$750.00); Elizabeth J. McEvoy (\$100.00) of 182 Glengarry Road, Fairfield; and Country Cow's donation jar (\$800.00) totaling \$1,650.00. Animal Control donation of 3-\$25 Stop & Shop gift cards totaling \$75.00 made by Philip Spalla, 1157 Mill Plain Road. Commissioner Millington motioned to accept the donations; motion seconded by Commissioner Pine; carried unanimously.

**Monthly Report** was reviewed and discussed. Deputy Chief Smith went over the monthly report which was in a newer format, but he said that it's not the final format.

Commissioner Lebo made a motion to adjourn at 5:38 pm; motion seconded by Commissioner Millington; carried unanimously.

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Commissioner Millington, Secretary