

**FAIRFIELD BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS**  
**REGULAR MEETING APRIL 14, 2021**

The regular meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners was called to order by Chairman, Commissioner Millington at 4:32pm.

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The minutes from the previous meeting were approved in a motion made by Commissioner Ambrose; seconded by Commissioner Lebo; carried unanimously.

Officer John McGrath was awarded Officer of the Quarter (OOQ). Captain Broderick introduced Officer McGrath, an 11 year member of the Fairfield Police Department. Captain Broderick shared that Officer McGrath has demonstrated a persistent demeanor, matched by a confident ability to coach and mentor new officers in the capacity of Field Training Officer, along with a strong work ethic, initiative, investigative approach, judgement, reliability, and professionalism. Officer McGrath sets an example for others to follow, and has earned the confidence and trust of all his supervisors. Some of Officer McGrath's most recent cases include the self-initiated arrest of the operator of a stolen motor vehicle, warrant arrests, and involved investigations resulting in arrest warrants being submitted. His hard work and dedication reflect a great credit upon himself, our profession, and the Fairfield Police Department.

Completion of probation for Officer Joseph Harry (04/12/21), Officer Douglas Katz (04/14/21), and Officer Eurico Dias (04/15/21). All three are recommended for continuing employment. Motion to accept made by Commissioner Stone; seconded by Commissioner Lebo; carried unanimously.

**Traffic Survey:**

TS#1: Location - Fairfield Beach Road – Burr Court Condos. Nature of Request: Parking is only permitted on Fairfield Beach Road in front of Burr Court residences at #672, #674, #678, #680, and #682 Fairfield Beach Road. Request to remove the remaining legal parking spaces in front of Burr Court residences at #672, #674, #678, #680, and #682 Fairfield Beach Road in order to resolve safety and quality of life issues. By whom: Margaret (Margie) Kappel. Recommendation: Approve to remove the remaining legal parking spaces in front of Burr Court residences. Install "No Parking Tow Away Zone" signs. Commissioner Kiley inquired about the reason for the request. Commissioner Stone indicated that it is a line of sight safety issue and also makes it uniform with the "No Parking" signs on the extent of Fairfield Beach Road in front of residences. Margie Kappel of 676 Fairfield Beach Road, indicated that the request should also include #676 Fairfield Beach Road. Motion made by Commission Cafferelli to accept the recommendation; seconded by Commissioner Stone; carried unanimously.

TS#2: Location – Cross Highway and Redding Road. Nature of Request: Police suggestion that a “Stop Ahead” sign be placed on Cross Highway westbound at Redding Road at a distance suggested by Town Engineer Bill Hurley in accordance with the MUTCD. By whom: Sgt. Michael Paris. Recommendations: Approve “Stop Ahead” sign. Relocate “Stop” sign 12 feet east of original location. Install “Stop Ahead” sign 400 feet east from “Stop” sign. Sgt. Paris said this is the sight of 12 accidents since 2012 in which the cause is related to not seeing the “Stop” sign. Commissioner Stone suggests that the recommendation should also include using a larger size “Stop” sign. Motion made by Commission Lebo to accept the recommendations; seconded by Commissioner Pine; carried unanimously.

TS#3: Location – Commerce Drive and Coolidge Avenue. Nature of Request: request to install “No Parking from 6PM to 6AM” signs on the south side of Commerce Drive from Mercedes of Fairfield east to the Bridgeport town line. Commercial vehicle transport trucks are parking there 24/7. This would allow the employees of the dealership to park during work hours. By whom: Sgt. Michael Paris. Recommendations: Install “No Parking” from 6PM to 6AM” signs on the east bound side of Commerce Drive from Mercedes of Fairfield to the driveway of Infiniti. Install “No Parking Anytime” signs on Coolidge Avenue from I-95 exit ramp to Rutland Avenue on both sides. Sgt. Michael Paris informs that this request came to his attention by the patrol officers and the traffic unit officers. If Commerce Drive is full, trucks will also park on Coolidge Avenue. Commissioner Pine suggested coordinating with Bridgeport and informing them of our action since they police the other side of Commerce Drive. Commissioner Ambrose indicated that due to the width of the road that when trucks are parked there it becomes dangerous. Motion made by Commissioner Ambrose to accept the recommendation; seconded by Commissioner Lebo; carried unanimously.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:**

Chairman Millington makes a motion to add the following donations to the agenda; seconded by Commissioner Stone; carried unanimously.

Donations:

(3) \$25.00 gift cards for Stop & Shop from Philip Spalla of 1157 Mill Plain Road, Fairfield, CT 06824, as a donation to be used for the animals at the shelter.

\$25.00 gift card for Stop & Shop from Philip Spalla (see above) and Ed Davies of 12 Whalley Avenue, Milford, CT 06460, to be used for the animals at the shelter.

\$1410.00 check from Dabney and Michael Bowen of 317 Verna Hill Road, Fairfield, CT 06824, as a donation for the care and well-being of the animals at the shelter.

\$50.00 cash from Cindy Vaporis of 201 Mona Terrace, Fairfield, CT 06824, as a donation for the care and well-being of the animals at the shelter.

\$50.00 cash from Steve Cosacchi of 227 Bates Rock Road, Southbury, CT 06488, as a donation for the care and the animals at the shelter.

\$15.00 cash (\$5.00 each) from Oliver Radclyffe, Bennett Trembicki, and Giselle Caran, as a donation to the shelter after having redeemed their dogs.

Motion made by Commissioner Ambrose to accept the donations; seconded by Commissioner Pine; carried unanimously.

**Monthly Report:**

Monthly report was reviewed and discussed.

Commissioner Ambrose made a motion to adjourn at 5:04PM; motion seconded by Commissioner Lebo; carried unanimously.

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Commissioner Pine, Secretary