

## FAIRFIELD BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS

### REGULAR MEETING July 14, 2021

A regular virtual meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners was held on  
Wednesday July 14, 2021 @ 4:30pm

Members Present: Commissioners: Chair James Millington , Secretary Ron Pine , Jack Stone, Charlene Lebo, Kevin Kiley, Joe Cafferelli, Peter Ambrose, Chief Kalamaras, Captain Bucherati, and Captain Broderick.

The regular meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners was called to order by: Chair James Millington @ at 4:33 pm.

1. **The Pledge of Allegiance** - recited.
2. **Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes June 9, 2021 and Special Meeting Minutes June 28, 2021.**  
Com. Stone motioned to approve the June 9, 2021 Regular meeting minutes and the June 28 Special Meeting minutes as presented .Seconded by Com. Pine. Motion passed unanimously.
3. **Officer of the Quarter.** Captain Broderick gave an overview on the selection process of Officer of the Quarter. In addition, he read a brief statement written about Officer Bok by his immediate supervisors. Officer Bok was presented with a plaque, in recognition of his excellent work ethic, effective and efficient job performance, and is a consummate professional. 9<sup>th</sup> Officer of the Quarter. The Commission congratulated Officer Bok.

Secretary Commissioner Pine read the traffic surveys as follows:

#### **4: Traffic Surveys:**

1. Traffic Survey:  
TS#1 Location: Stratfield Road at/between Louvain Street and Bond Street. Nature of Request: cars on Stratfield Road do not yield to pedestrians entering or in the crosswalk. Request ideally, a "Stop" sign on Stratfield Road, where the crosswalk is at the intersection of Stratfield/Louvain and Stratfield/Bond. Install a rapid rectangular flashing beacon or pedestrian crossing stanchion at the intersection of Stratfield/Louvain. By whom: Mr. Daniel Kasov. Recommendation: deny "Stop" sign on Stratfield Road, where the crosswalk is at the intersection of Stratfield /Louvain and Stratfield/Bond. Trim tree branches obstructing crosswalk sign at Stratfield/Louvain. RRFB to be discussed further.

Mr. Daniel Kasov came forward and explained to the commission the reason for the above request. Commissioner Stone understood it is a landing strip over there, but explained it is a state road, so anything that is done like an RRFB would need state approval.

Chief Kalamaras explained RRFB are specifically for mid walk crosswalks that do not have an intersection, so highly unlikely that the RRFB would be approved. In addition, Chief stated stanchion in the crosswalks are not approved by the MUTCD. Chief noted they have tried the stanchion with residents, but felt not much cooperation from residents.

Commissioner Kiley asked about anything new or creative out there now that might help.

Chief explained anything new or creative would have to be in the MUTCD, and still would need state approval. Have been trying for years to get improvements to that intersection. Chief can deploy temporary electric signs to assist.

Commissioner Stone made a motion to approve the recommendation. Seconded by Commissioner Lebo. Motion passed unanimously.

TS #2 Location: Turney Road and Riverside Drive. Nature of request: "Stop" signs are not observed. Request to add a crosswalk and sign in the middle of the intersection and cut down the tree that blocks the "Stop" sign on Turney Road. By whom: Megann Dockum. Recommendation: crosswalk to be discussed further. Deny sign in the middle of the 4-way stop. Trim back tree that blocks "Stop" sign on Turney Road.

Commissioner Pine in favor of trimming the tree. Commissioner Millington noted since it's a 4 way stop sign it should suffice without a crosswalk, and felt might have to add them at every 4 way stop.

Commissioner Millington motioned to accept the recommendation to trim the tree back that blocks the "Stop" sign, with the denial of the cross walk and sign in the middle of the 4-way stop. Seconded by Commissioner Pine. Motion was unanimous.

##### **5. Old Business:** Parking at Burr Court.

Commissioner Millington went over in detail the history regarding the Commission approving the removal of the 3 parking spots in front of Burr Court Condos on Fairfield Beach Road.

Kevin Pinto of WKP enterprise, who owns the building, is very upset with the removal of the parking spaces, and contacted Commissioner Millington. That caused confusion as Commissioner Millington explained that they were provided with a letter with no objection to the removal of the 3 spaces along with the business owners and surrounding properties.

Kevin Pinto was provided with a copy of the letter that was submitted to the Commission with his signature on it. Kevin responded explaining he never wrote or signed any letter and had no knowledge of the information provided to the Commission.

Commissioner Millington informed the other commission members, and the Chief, regarding conflict of information provided. In addition, prior to 2018 since none of the existing commission members were part of the commission back then, he noted it was the same petitioner back then who requested spaces removed, but would wonder about the accuracy of the information provided even back then, but there is nothing that can be done about that.

Commissioner Millington explained the only action that the commission can take today is if there is a motion to either reconsider to keep those spots illuminated or restore them.

**Commissioner Millington made a motion to reconsider this item. Seconded by Commissioner Ambrose. Motion carried unanimously.**

Chief Kalamaras read the original request: TS#1 dated April 14, 2021 to the Commission.

Commissioner Millington noted that Margaret Kappel who originally submitted the request has since sold her condo and moved to Florida so she is not here today.

Public Comment: President Brian Russell of Lantern Point Association and part of Lund Court Association spoke on behalf of the association he is representing today. Brian stated he did submit a letter, but said was never notified over the course of the year, or signed anything, regarding the removal of the 3 spaces.

He said he did witness the disappearance of the spaces, and would like the spaces back. Feels it is a huge burden for students in the fall, and families in the summer time. Lt. Mike Paris will provide Petition information via email to Brian.

Attorney Rizio spoke on behalf of his client Kevin Pinto. Regarding the removal of the 3 parking spots, Kevin was never notified, as his business would probably be most impacted by this. Attorney Rizio said what he found most disturbing that someone would submit a signed letter on his behalf, which his client did not even know about until today.

He explained in detail the effect of losing those 3 spaces would have, and would like to make a request to the commission to reestablish the spaces. He would like the signs down as soon as possible. Parking is premium in the town.

Based on the information today, and after the commissioners noted their concerns, they would reconsider their decision due to the misrepresentation given back then. In addition, Commissioner Kiley noted the only thing now that would make sense is wipe out what they did prior and reverse that vote on the item, and reverse the work that was done.

Commissioner Millington noted he did speak with Chief Kalamaras. Going forward we need more verification of the documentation that is submitted.

Chief Kalamaras added for the record that Mr. Russell stated he was not notified by anyone from the Police Dept. regarding the changes to the parking. Chief read an email dated March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021 to Mr. Russell from then Lt. Antonio Granata giving him all the information and the process involved in the possibility of removal of spaces at Burr Court.

**Commissioner Millington made a motion to deny the application, which was for the removal of 3 the parking spots in front of 672,674,676,678,#680 and 682 Fairfield Beach Road. Seconded by Commissioner Pine. Motion carried unanimously.**

Commissioner Ambrose will look into getting the estimated cost of the removal of the 3 spots done by DPW and report back to the Commission.

**5. New Business:** Commissioner Millington made a motion to add under New Business the acceptance of the donations. Seconded by Commissioner Lebo. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Pine read the following donations:

1) Canine donation of \$700.00 from the Tasty Yolk LLC

- 2) Animal Control donation \$25.00 Stop and Shop gift card from Phil Spalla 1157 Mill Plain Road Fairfield.
- 3) \$20 donation to Animal Control from Karen and Stephen Viores 14 Sound view Avenue, Shelton.
- 4) \$2,000 donation to the Police Dept. from Mary Daily, 360 Mill Plain Road.
- 5) \$20.00 check from Jaclyn Halkovic as a donation to the Animal Control Shelter in memory of James Stuart.
- 6) \$50.00 check from Michael and Mary Donovan as a donation to Animal Control Shelter, collected as part of Osborn Hill School's 5th Grade service project for the school year of 2020-2021.

**Commissioner motioned to accept the donations as presented, seconded by Commissioner Stone. Motion passed unanimously.**

Commissioner Millington will not be available for the Sept 8 regular scheduled meeting so would like to change that date if ok with the Commission.

Commission agreed on Aug 11 2021 for the next scheduled meeting. Will cancel the Sept 8 meeting and notify the Town Clerk of change.

**Monthly Report.** Captain Bucherati did the Monthly report that the Commission received.

Com. Ambrose made a motion to adjourn at 5:40 pm; seconded by Com. Kiley, motion carried unanimously.

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Secretary – Ron Pine