

FAIRFIELD BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING NOVEMBER 10, 2020

The regular meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners was called to order by Chairman, Commissioner Cafferelli at 4:33 pm.

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

Traffic Surveys:

T.S. #1 Location: 185 Thorpe Street. Nature of request: tabled from 10/14/20. Request for a Complete Administrative Decision Review - Proposed Living Residential Development - 185 Thorpe Street. By whom: Michael A. Galante. Recommendation: no issue; request developer to monitor the number of handicap spaces for future needs. Commissioner Millington motioned to approve the recommendation and send a letter from the Police Commission to the Office of the State Traffic Administration; Commissioner Stone seconded the motion; carried unanimously.

T.S.# 2 Location: Henry Street at/between Mill Plain Road and Dunnlea Road. Nature of request: request add "Slow Children" sign, paint white "Stop" signs lines on street (Henry Street and Dunnlea Road) and create a new 4-Way stop sign (Henry Street and Dunnlea Road. By whom: Mr. Kevin Harrigan. Recommendations: approve 4-Way "Stop" sign – two (2) "Stop" signs on Dunnlea Road, with no painted lines on the street. Motion made by Commissioner Stone to approve the recommendations; seconded by Commissioner Lebo; carried unanimously.

T.S. #3 Location: Stillson Road. Nature of request: request to add a crosswalk, across Stillson Road (Route 135) from Denise Terrace to the Osborne School entrance. By whom: Angelus Papageorge - Fairfield Public Schools. Recommendation: deny. Commissioner Millington said that it's a dangerous road and that people should cross at the traffic light. Commissioner Lebo agreed and Captain Tursi said that it's a busy street with traffic lights at both ends. Commissioner Stone motioned to approve the recommendation and deny the request; seconded by Commissioner Lebo; carried unanimously.

T.S. #4 Location: Mill Hill Road. Nature of request: request a traffic study on how to improve visibility, add pedestrian walkway, or slow down the cars by adding to be able to see oncoming traffic and pedestrians - Dangerous sharp curve on Mill Hill Road. Vehicles approaching from each direction have no visibility until they are almost going to pass each other. The road is narrow at the bend and on each side there is a rock formation and plant life that protrudes into the street causing most to drive in the middle of the lane. There is no sidewalk for pedestrians there for if 2 vehicles are passing at once they must jump onto the landscape. People are often traveling at much higher speeds than the speed limit. At the curve, there is a turn in to Waterville Road. This is our only way in and out. The poor visibility and no pedestrian lane is scar for both

drivers and pedestrians. It is seriously dangerous for those what are walking with young children in a stroller. By whom: Ms. Ann Farrington. Recommendations: approve - add "Pedestrian" sign (W11-1) on Mill Hill Road both north and south of Waterville Road. Replace "Curve" sign with two (2) "Curve Intersection" signs (W-1-10 right/left curve) both north and south of Waterville Road. Motion made by Commissioner Millington to accept the recommendations; motion seconded by Commissioner Lebo; carried unanimously.

Old Business: none.

New Business: Motion made by Commissioner Millington to add Animal Control donations to the agenda; motion seconded by Commissioner Stone; carried unanimously. Animal Control donations as follows: \$132.00 from Trinity Episcopal Church, 651 Pequot Avenue, Southport; \$25.00 from Jerome and Bernadette Chieffalo, 31 Deepwood Road, Easton; \$100.00 from Jaclyn Picarillo, 256 Sturges Road, Fairfield; (3) \$25.00 Stop & Shop gift cards from Philip Spalla, 1157 Mill Plain Road, Fairfield. Motion made by Commissioner Millington to accept the donations; seconded by Commissioner Pine; carried unanimously.

Monthly Report was reviewed and discussed.

Private Executive Session: to consider and act upon an increase of the salary of the chief of police. Commission Millington motioned to go into private executive session at 4:51 pm; motion seconded by Commissioner Lebo; carried unanimously. No motions made, no votes taken. Motion made by Commissioner Millington to end private session and to continue in public session at 5:08 pm; seconded by Commissioner Lebo; carried unanimously. Commissioner Millington said that Chief Lyddy brought the Police Department thru some very trying times seamlessly and even after suffering a very serious injury he never stopped working. Commissioner Millington motioned to give Chief Lyddy a 2% raise retroactive from July 1, 2020; motion seconded by Commissioner Stone; carried unanimously.

Commissioner Lebo made a motion to adjourn at 5:12 pm; motion seconded by Commissioner Pine; carried unanimously.

Commissioner Millington
Secretary