

FAIRFIELD BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR MEETING

MARCH 9, 2016

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

Present: the Chairman, Commissioner Hersh, Commissioners: Peterson, Stone, Lebo, Barrett, Cafferelli, Chief MacNamara, Captain Smith, Lt. Perez, Michael Galante.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved on a motion by Commissioner Barrett; seconded by Commissioner Peterson. Vote: those in favor: Commissioners Peterson, Stone, Barrett, Hersh; Commissioners Lebo and Cafferelli abstained. Motion carries.

Motion by Commissioner Hersh to appoint Commissioner Stone Acting Secretary; seconded by Commissioner Barrett; carried unanimously.

Motion by Commissioner Stone; seconded by Commissioner Lebo to move up T.S. Item #3 to be heard first; vote carried unanimously.

T.S. #3 400 Mill Plain Road (behind Carolton Hospital) Request- Traffic study and access plan approval and forward to the State. Recommendation - need more information. Discussion. Mr. Galante addressed the Commission stating that he was looking for the Commission approval with a letter to the State DOT that the Commission is in concurrence with the access and traffic plan that he is presenting this evening. Mr. Galante explained that there would be no change in traffic control, and that all traffic would likely enter on the side opposite the school access road. A question was raised about putting a No Right Turn and changing the angle of the curbs on the access road on the exit in the back of the parking lot onto the access road. It was explained that the angle of the curbs are to allow emergency vehicles to make that turn. The NO Right turn can be done. Mr. Kutchner, (Benchmark Assoc.) came in and explained the numbers involved in staffing the facility. It was agreed that this facility is needed in the area, and discussion continued on possible impact on traffic.

Motion by Commissioner Lebo; seconded by Commissioner Barrett to approve the traffic and access plan as presented and to send to the State DOT a letter stating the Commission's concurrence with the plan. Commissioner Stone offered a friendly amendment that the following be added: a No Right Turn sign be added on the access road. Commissioner Lebo agreed. Vote: motion carries unanimously.

T.S. #1 - Sturges Road and Unquowa Road – Request: Suggest the relocation of a Stop sign, which currently sits on Sturges Road at the intersection where Unquowa Road originates and forks off to the south of Sturges, just west of Mill Plain Green, and relocate the Stop sign on Unquowa Road. Recommendation: Add Stop sign southbound on Unquowa Road at Sturges. Motion by Commissioner Barrett to approve recommendation; seconded by Commissioner Lebo; carried unanimously.

T.S. #2 – Kings Highway West between Post Road and Pease Avenue – Request: Cars come off Exit 19 (southbound) and cut through Kings Highway West to avoid light at Post Road. At this light there is no right hand turn. Light at other end of our street you can make a right at the light. During rush hour the cars are flying by. Suggest Stop sign at Southport Woods and Osborne Lane, slow children sign, more visible speed limit signs, crosswalk, radar in use on poles, no thru traffic, one-way street eastbound, no turn on red at Post Road and Kings Highway West and slow bus stop ahead. Recommendation: open for

discussion. Mrs. Carlson, and Mark Carlson addressed the Commission. Mr. Carlson felt it was dangerous for his child who has to cross the street to get the bus each morning. It was noted that the Town Traffic Engineer was not in attendance, would like his input. It was noted that Stop signs are not use to control speeding, but can be used for volume. A traffic study was done of the area. Lt. Perez gave the results. Commissioner Peterson was afraid people would speed up before and after the Stop Sign, if one was placed. Chief MacNamara also thought making it One Way that area should be looked into and researched. Commissioner Stone offered a friendly amendment to add making it One Way for that block. Chief MacNamara thought that it should be researched first before making it One Way. Commissioner Stone withdrew his amendment. Vote: Motion carries unanimously.

Old Business – none

New Business – K-9 Donations – Girl Scouts of Conn. Troop \$677.38, and \$81.25 Country Cow;

Motion by Commissioner Barrett; seconded by Commissioner Lebo to deposit into appropriate account; carried unanimously.

Commissioner Barrett presented a check in the amount of \$25.00 to the Fairfield Police Union Scholarship fund.

The Monthly Report was presented.

Motion by Commissioner Barrett; seconded by Commissioner Stone to go into Private Executive Session at 5:30 p.m. carried unanimously.

The Private Executive Session was called to order at 5:31 p.m. by the Chairman, Commissioner Hersh.

Those present: the Chairman, Commissioner Hersh, the Acting Secretary Commissioner Stone, Commissioners: Peterson, Lebo, Barrett, Cafferelli, Chief MacNamara.

The Private Executive Session ended at 5:40 p.m. on a motion by Commissioner Peterson; seconded by Commissioner Barrett; carried unanimously.

Motion by Commissioner Peterson; seconded by Commissioner Barrett to reconvene the public session; carried unanimously at 5:41 p.m.; carried unanimously.

Motion by Commissioner Lebo to rescind the job offer to Candidate Jones; seconded by Commissioner Barrett; carried unanimously.

Motion by Commissioner Lebo to adjourn the reconvened public session at 5:45 p.m.; seconded by Commissioner Barrett; carried unanimously.