



# POLICE COMMISSION

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## Special Meeting - Minutes -

June 16, 2016, 6:00pm, Thursday

Chairman Michael Duff,  
Commissioner Richard Kolwicz, Commissioner Anthony Rubino,  
Commissioner Amy Mannion, Chief Jeffrey Finch

Chairman Duff opened the meeting at 6:00pm.  
Location – Municipal Center, 1 School Street.  
First Selectman Knickerbocker in attendance.

### On the Agenda:

1. **Review of past minutes:** 5/18 and 4/20  
Motion to accept by Comm Kolwicz, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Comm Rubino – unanimous vote. Note of correction by Commissioner Duff, on 5/18 minutes, paragraph 10 – should read, “ can be considered”.
2. **Budget Reports:**  
No Comptrollers report, Overtime Report discussed.
3. **Old Business:** Monthly reports reviewed and discussed.
4. **New Business:**
  - Retirement – Off. Ashker, no later than Aug 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016. Motion to accept – Comm Kolwicz/Rubino, unanimous vote.
  - Traffic Concerns:
    - Signage height on Durant St, discussed. Lt Dickinson present & will followup.
    - FireCracker July 4<sup>th</sup>, Officers hired – acknowledged by Commission
    - Henry St – speed limit set at 20mph. Motion to approve by Comm Kolwicz/Mannion, vote unanimous.
    - Seeley St – Stop sign to be installed on Seeley, Main St side. Motion to approve by Comm Rubino/Kolwicz, vote unanimous.
    - Wolfpits Rd – On Coming Traffic Does not Stop signage, as explained by Lt Dickinson to be placed on Wolfpits northbound at Codfish. Motion to approve by Comm Kolwicz/Rubino, vote unanimous.
    - Crosswalk signage on Greenwood Ave discussed. Bethel had requested Crosswalk signage on Greenwood Ave (Rt302, State Road) from the State DOT. DOT replied that they would like Bethel to do the signage as they are concerned about luminaries and the installed pavers. Chief Finch said that he will return the issue to the State DOT as he believes they are best qualified to do the work and Bethel will assist as necessary
    - Speed Bumps on Oxford discussed. Chief has spoken with Mr Arnt from Highway and Lt. Dickinson will be working with him on installation of the speed bumps.

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- **Charter Revisions:** Commissioner Duff stated that he intend to make a formal appeal to the Board of Selectman concerning a request for a Charter Revision on the issue of “meeting locations” of the Police Commission, specifically requesting that such meeting location of the Police Commission be left open and un-named. First Selectman Knickerbocker was present, the issue was discussed and he stated he supported the request.
- **Caucus protocols:** Discussion by Commissioner Duff.

5. **Correspondence:**

- Letter from Bethel Middle School, thanks to Officers Cleary, Christos, Morris, Burnes, O’Farrell and Whaley.
- Letter of thanks from Aislyn Wachnuik, a young child.
- Letter of thanks from Ms Jodi Fay, concerning Off. Robinson
- Letter from Bob Germinaro, Bethel Schools, thanking Officer Whaley
- Letter of thanks to Officer Emerson, from Charles & Pricilla Cundari, \$25 donation.
- Letter of thanks from Shepaug Valley School to Sgt Bryce.
- Letter from Johnson School to Officers Cleary & Whaley, K9 demo.
- Letter of apology from arrested person, to Lt. Libertini concerning the basketball game arrest a few months ago.

6. **Police Building:** First Selectman spoke concerning ongoing contractual process.

7. **Chiefs Report:** Upcoming Academy graduation of Officer Vasquez, on June 29<sup>th</sup>.

8. **Commissioner Comments:**

Commissioner Rubino commented on a Redwood Dr parked vehicle.

9. **Executive Session:** Personnel issue, 7:10pm, to include Chief Finch & Capt. Pugner.  
Out at 7:35pm.

**Motion:** To adjourn 7:36pm - by Comm Kolwicz/Rubino, unanimous.



Submitted by J. Finch