



POLICE COMMISSION

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MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
BETHEL POLICE COMMISSION
WEDNESDAY, JAN 16, 2013
BETHEL POLICE DEPARTMENT-CONFERENCE ROOM

ATTENDING:

CHAIRMAN MIKE DUFF
VICE CHAIRMAN HUGO GRECO
COMMISSIONER CHRIS MCCOLLAM
COMMISSIONER RICHARD KOLWICZ
COMMISSIONER DAN GROSSO
CHIEF JEFFREY FINCH

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Chairman Mike Duff opened the meeting at 6:00 p.m. The Commission pledged allegiance to the flag.

Motion by Chairman Duff to move Executive Session up in the meeting as item 2a so that the First Selectman and the Chairman of the Education Board could leave if they chose for other duties; seconded by Comm Greco – unanimous.

1. General Public Comments
None

2. Review of Past Minutes for 12/19/12
Motion by Comm Greco to accept the minutes of 12/19/12 as presented;
seconded by Comm Grosso – unanimous.

2a Executive Session
• Security Briefs
At 6:03 Motion by Comm Kolwicz to go into executive session; seconded by
Comm Greco – unanimous
Motion by Comm Greco to invite Chief Finch, First Selectman Matt Knickerbocker
and Board of Education Chairman Larry Craybas to attend; seconded by Comm
Grosso – unanimous.

The Commission came out of Executive Session at 7:16

3. Budget Report
Chief Finch presented details of the overtime expenses connected to the
Newtown shooting, the total to date being approximately \$7K. Comm Kolwicz
stated that various citizens approached him with complimenting the Department
for its professionalism and compassion offered during this crisis. Application fees
connected with pistol permit applications have “spiked” according to Chief Finch.
Chairman Duff called attention to reality and danger of keeping hard copies of

submitted firearm transfer forms on file. The information contained is electronically accessible through the State.
Motion by Comm Greco to accept the budget report as presented; seconded by Comm Grosso – unanimous.

4. Old Business

a) Monthly Reports

Chief Finch reported the year-end 2012 graph's apparent jump was caused by a more accurate reporting of activity than here-to-for. Burglaries were high this past year. Speeding, cell phone use, red light and DUI have also increased.

Motion by Comm Greco to accept the monthly reports as written; seconded by Comm Grosso – unanimous.

5. New Business

a) Budget 2013-2014

Chief Finch reported the budget copies in the hands of Commissioners contained minor errors and corrections. These were corrected by the Chief before the completion of New Business and the acceptance vote. Chief Finch went through the budget proposal line-by-line noting which items remained the same and which had to be increased for the 2013-2014 fiscal year. The new budget request totals \$3,984,822, the additional \$285,507 representing a 7.72% increase over last year. Comm Grosso recommended for the future that critical items including computers, cars and defibrators be replaced on a scheduled systematic basis depending on time and usage.

Motion by Comm Greco to accept the budget which will be brought before the Board of Finance; seconded by Comm Kolwicz – unanimous.

b) Traffic Enforcement

In his letter to the Chief, Lt Dickinson recommended stop and speed signs for several roads in town relating to new roads and new housing under Apollo and Summit Ridge Rd. Stop signs installed on roads developed as below Passage Rd at Wooster, Passage Rd at Gemini, Chelsea at Passage, Gemini at Passage, Gemini at Apollo, Apollo at Gemini, Apollo (private road). State of CT speed limit signs as follows: Passage Rd 25 mph, Apollo Rd 20 mph, Gemini Rd 20 mph, Chelsea Rd 20 mph.

Motion by Comm Kolwicz to accept Lt Dickinson's recommendation concerning stop signs and speed limit signs at Apollo Rd (20 mph), Gemini Rd (20 mph), Chelsea Rd (20mph), Passage Rd (25 mph); seconded by Comm McCollam – unanimous.

After discussion the Commission agreed with Chairman Duff that a "blanket 25mph" is a more realistic speed limit for the entire area rather than drivers mentally flipping back and forth between 20 mph and 25mph.

Amended Motion by Comm Kolwicz to post Apollo Rd, Gemini Rd, Chelsea Rd and Passage Rd at 25 mph; seconded by Comm McCollam – unanimous.

6. Correspondence

None

7. Chief's Report

• Training Report – Monthly

The December and January reports were in the hands of the Commissioners.

• Sergeants Test – Feb 1, 2013

Test will be held Feb 1st with anticipated promotion by the end of February.

• Dispatcher Opening

Two candidates have been selected and background checks are currently underway.

Chief Finch requested that Traffic Enforcement based upon the new sign recommendations of Lt Dickinson be added under New Business.
Motion by Chairman Duff to introduce recommendations of Lt Dickinson under New Business as item 5b; seconded by Comm McCollam – unanimous.
(see New Business 5b)

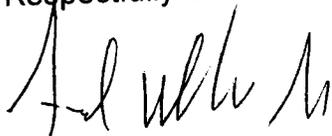
8. Commissioner Comments

Comm Kolwicz stated he was "happy to be on board".

The other Commissioners welcomed the new commissioner.

At 9:30 motion by Comm Greco to adjourn; seconded by Comm Kolwicz – unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted,



Ferdinand Miller Jr

Secretary