

Town of Auburn
AUBURN POLICE COMMISSION MEETING
MINUTES
January 2, 2018

Present: David Dion, Police Commissioner, Dennis McCarthy, Police Commissioner, Glenn Shaw, Police Commissioner, Chief Edward Picard, Lt. Ray Pelton, and Lillian Deeb, Office Manager.

Also Present: Steve Grange and Mike DiPietro.

D. Dion – called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM. He asks everyone to stand and leads the Pledge of Allegiance. He mentions the November minutes needed to be approved because there were commissioners missing from the last few meetings and some other documents the Town Administrator was looking for the commissioners to sign. **L. Deeb** – comments the other document was taken care of. **D. McCarthy** – confirms.

REVIEW THE November 7, 2017 PUBLIC MINUTES

D. McCarthy - motion to accept the minutes as presented. **D. Dion** - second. **G. Shaw** – abstained. All in favor. **Motion passes.**

REVIEW THE December 5, 2017 PUBLIC MINUTES

G. Shaw - motion to accept the minutes as presented. **D. Dion** - second. **D. McCarthy** – abstained. All in favor. **Motion passes.**

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH UPDATE

S. Grange – comments on the recent burglary and the PD's recent request to members about seeking members assistance in locating a vehicle. He comments on his security cameras and the help they have provided in the past, commenting systems today are easy to operate and they're inexpensiveness. **D. Dion** – comments he knows the department has appealed to the residents in the past and on occasions resident's observations and cameras have provided helpful information.

CHIEF'S REPORT

Chief – comments the recruitment of new NW members being beneficial to the town because it allows for more eyes and ears. He mentions the recent burglary on Bunker Hill and comments the department has a suspect who was arrested in Nashua and items from the burglary have been recovered. He mentions the department's efforts to help the victims in dealing with the crime so close to Christmas, mentioning the overabundance and generous donations made from residents and the Giving Tree, Melissa was able to provide some Christmas gifts to the family who lost money at the time of the burglary. Chief further agrees with Mr. Grange that having that extra set of eyes is valuable, so recruiting members is important. He mentions that in today's society many homes have home security camera and composite drawings are becoming a thing of the past. He comments to the commissioners that the officers of the Auburn Police have done a fabulous job and need to be recognized for that.

LIEUTENANT'S REPORT

R. Pelton – comments on the department wrapping up a few community event projects this month, mentioning Melissa wrapped up the Giving Tree and that 12 families were assisted this year and the residents of Auburn a generous in their support. Melissa did a tremendous job. He comments on the recent burglary and explains the department had checked with some members of the NW, explaining the department was looking for independent evidence that the subjects were in the area. He further explains why the department was looking for the NW's assistance and mentions not looking for their involvement but in the future if we ask for assistance if those people wouldn't mind stepping up if they observed something. **D. Dion** – asked if Auburn experienced an abundance of package thefts. **R. Pelton** – comments not being aware there were but explains during the season officers were requested to do directed patrol throughout the neighborhoods because it was concerning to many officers Auburn residents had packages sitting out. He further outlines the training coming up for the department which includes Update to the Laws and February training, Manchester Mental Health will be coming in to discuss dealing with the emotionally disturbed.

OLD BUSINESS

D. Dion – comments the department is still working on wrapping up the 2017 budget. **L. Deeb** – confirms invoices for December continue to come in. **D. Dion** – asks what the department expects will be remaining in the 2017 budget figures. **R. Pelton** – comments expecting at least \$30,000-\$40,000 but reminds the commissioner there is still some days of the payroll that need to be adjusted. **D. Dion** – comments on remaining funds that are being turned back to the town and the newly appointed officer position that was sought. **R. Pelton** – explains the department's part-time line logistically reduce when the full-time position was added and mentions the same predicted reduction to the part-time line will occur again when other full-time position is added. He mentions why there was remaining funds in the sergeant's line and explains the full-time line and detective sergeant line may be over to cover for the officers out on injury and figures there should be at least the \$30,000- \$40,00 remaining. **D. McCarthy** – comments may sound like a lot of money but is only 3-4%. He asks if the department had opportunity to do year end spending. **R. Pelton** – comments at the last meeting when Mr. McCarthy was not present the commission approved the purchase of a cruiser radio.

NEW BUSINESS

D. Dion – explains there was no new business but wanted to remind the department to continue to notify residents in a Crier article about the NW and comments on the use of NW cameras. He asks if there is anything else that needed to be discussed. **D. McCarthy** – commends the department on a good year. **D. Dion** – comments on the increased community projects the department has been engaged in and looks to see the same or more for 2018. **S. Grange** – comments on the possibility of having a scheduled NW event sign-up like in past years to try and generate recruitment and educate members. **D. Dion** – confirms the successful events in the past and feels this is a positive idea and department will look to do something in the coming months. **Chief** – comments on the positive impact the NW has had on burglaries in town.

D. McCarthy - Motion to adjourn. **G. Shaw** – second. All in favor. **Motion passes**

Meeting closed at 7:18 pm.

Minutes approved by _____ on _____.