

Town of Auburn
AUBURN POLICE COMMISSION PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES
June 5, 2018

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

D. Dion – called the meeting to order at 6:37 PM.

D. Dion- calls for a motion to go into non-public pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, II (a). **D. McCarthy** – so moves, for non-public. **D. Dion** – polls the members – **D. McCarthy** – Yes, **M. Rolfe** – Yes, **D. Dion** – Yes. **Motion passes.**

D. McCarthy – motion to come out of non-public at 7:00 pm. **M. Rolfe** – second. **D. McCarthy** – Yes, **M. Rolfe** – Yes, **D. Dion** – Yes. **Motion passes.**

D. Dion – reconvenes the public meeting at 7:00 pm and asks everyone to stand and lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

D. McCarthy - motion to seal the minutes of the Non-Public Session. **M. Rolfe** – second. All in favor. **Motion passes.**

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D. McCarthy – clarifies a question on the second page and motion to accept the minutes as presented. **M. Rolfe** – second. All in favor. **Motion passes.**

CHIEF'S REPORT

Chief – comments there were 673 calls for service for the month and mentions Auburn experienced its second burglary this year indicating the investigation remains open with the detective. He comments on the suspicious activity calls coming into the department again taking the time to thank the Neighborhood Watch members. He comments on having received a resignation from one of the part-time officers and comments on the threatening disturbance call officers responded to on King Street.

LIEUTENANT'S REPORT

R. Pelton – mentions the phone scam which took place last month and the help the department requested from the NW related to that. He further comments on how the scam played out so people were aware and explains although it doesn't appear to have happened again in the area but did recently in Deerfield. **D. Dion** – asked if there was a prepared statement for NW members. **R. Pelton** – explained the message was already sent and mentions the increased number of calls in needles being found on the side of road. He mentions the department has seen a decrease in the heroin calls, explains a report that the use is down in Rockingham County. He mentions there was an increase in methamphetamine calls and mentions it may be

new thing. He comments on the recent heroin arrest on King Street related to the disturbance and mentions as the Chief did calls are increasing because Auburn is an outdoor community. He mentions the incident where officers had to be deconned and the FD assisted but mentions the PD plans on doing some. **D. Dion** – asks about calls related to carfentanil. **R. Pelton** – explained the officer safety issues and the recent lab results which contained carfentanil. He further comments on making Officer Kapos a Master Patrolman at labor grade 10, step 7 and explains the additional duties the officer is performing and has been performing. **D. McCarthy** – asks if that will be the only officer holding that position. **D. Dion** – asks for motion. **D. McCarthy** – motion move Officer Kapos from his current position to a Master Patrol position to a Grade 10, Step 7. **M. Rolfe** – second. All in favor. **Motion passes.** **D. McCarthy** – requests the effective date. **L. Deeb** – comments the coming Sunday begins the pay period. **D. Dion** – affirms the effective date beginning on the next pay period.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH UPDATE

D. Dion – greets Mr. Grange and asks about new members. **S. Grange** – comments on last month having a few new members but is not aware of any since. **D. Dion** – asked if anyone was planning on have a sign up table at the Old Home Day this Saturday. **S. Grange** – comments looking into it. **D. Dion** – asks about the member sign-up appearing in the Crier and asks to check that it can be in every month. He also mentions seeing the NW signs that were missing were replaced and new ones installed were requested. **R. Pelton** – comments on the two that were added on Bunker Hill.

OLD BUSINESS

D. Dion – ask for an update on the long gun upgrade. **R. Pelton** – reminds commissioners the matter was brought up in April, mentioning the discussions had about some of the guns are from 2004 and there are varying models. He explains the guns should be replaced after 5 years and the best deal coming from company in Derry. He mentions the deal and trade in they are offering. He comments is cost is not available in the present firearms budget and will be looking to take funding from part-time line. He explains conversations had with town administrator agreeing to this proposed expense. **D. McCarthy** – asks if the standardization is the only reason for the exchange. **R. Pelton** – explains this is the primary reason but the age is another reason, mentioning some guns are from 2004 and explains the department has 7 but that one was a gift that can't be turned in. **D. McCarthy** – confirms that \$6000 is the max but there will be a trade in. **D. Dion** – motion to limit the exchange for long guns to \$5000. **D. McCarthy** – second. All in favor. **Motion passes.** **D. McCarthy** – comments on another matter that was talked about and may be premature. He hands out copies of a Drug and Alcohol Policy and mentions the need for the union input. He also mentions his belief the town is also working on a policy. **D. Dion** – mentions any policy they approve should be CALEA certified and union involved. **D. McCarthy** – comments not planning on discussing tonight. **L. Deeb** – comments she can send to officers.

NEW BUSINESS

D. Dion – asks if there is anything else and then reviews the employee evaluation.

D. McCarthy - motion based on satisfactory review and award Officer Peter Lennon a step increase from a Labor Grade 6, Step 10 to a Labor Grade 6, Step 11. **M. Rolfe** – second. All in favor. **Motion passes.**

D. McCarthy - motion based on satisfactory review and award Officer Chris Beaulé a step increase from a Labor Grade 7, Step 18 to a Labor Grade 7, Step 19 and mentions this officer is nearing the end of the scale. **D. Dion** – ask Bill Herman if there is a plan for another wage study. **B. Herman** – comments there isn't but that it's up to the Selectmen. **M. Rolfe** – second. All in favor. **Motion passes.**

D. McCarthy - motion based on satisfactory review and award Office Manager/Part-time Officer Lillian Deeb a step increase from a Labor Grade 6, Step 17 to a Labor Grade 6, Step 18. **M. Rolfe** – second. All in favor. **Motion passes.**

D. McCarthy - motion based on satisfactory review and award Officer Bill Barry a step increase from a Labor Grade 6, Step 14 to a Labor Grade 7, Step 15. **D. Dion** – second. **D. McCarthy** and **M. Rolfe** – abstained from vote. **Motion passes.**

D. McCarthy – mentions having one other item for new business on agenda. He motions to move the location of the police commissioner's meetings to the town hall to a larger meeting room beginning next month. And that they are held on the 2nd Tuesday of the month. **D. Dion** – asks why looking to move the location. **D. McCarthy** – comments liking the room better and every other committee meets there. **L. Deeb** – questions whether it holds more people. **D. McCarthy** – comments holds more than this room. **M. Rolfe** – second. **D. Dion** – abstains from vote. **Motion passes.**

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

Meeting closed at 7:25 pm.

Minutes approved by _____ on _____.