

**Town of Auburn**  
**AUBURN POLICE COMMISSION MEETING**  
**MINUTES**  
**August 2, 2016**

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

**Also Present:** David Jenkins, Susan Jenkins, May Ann Rolfe, Sally Smith, Tom Gonyea, Steve Grange, Marion Miller, Melissa Proulx, John Rolfe, Mike Dross, Linda Dross, Shawn Wheeler, Jill Dross, Pauline Vieira, Dennis Vieira, Dale Phillips, Tom Lacroix, Norma Picard, Michele Jacobs, Rick Jacobs, Paula Marzloff, Susan Marzloff, Rusty Sullivan, Bill Herman, Jeff Mullaney, Mike DiPietro, Greg Santuccio and Mike Rolfe.

**D. Dion** – the meeting was called to order at 7:05.

**REVIEW THE June 7, 2016 and July 7, 2016 MINUTES**

**G. Shaw** - motion to accept the June 7<sup>th</sup> minutes as presented. **D. McCarthy** - second. All in favor. **Motion passes.** **G. Shaw** - motion to accept the July 7<sup>th</sup> minutes as presented. **D. McCarthy** - second. All in favor. **Motion passes.**

**REVIEW BILLS AND CORRESPONDENCE**

**D. Dion** – comments there is no correspondence.

**NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH UPDATE**

**D. Dion** – asks Mr. Grange if there is anything he wants to update the commission on. **S. Grange** - comments things are going good and comments on the burglary that took place on Spofford Rd. He also comments of renewed efforts to be made regarding increasing and updating members and member email list.

**CHIEF'S REPORT**

**D. Dion** – asks the Chief for his report. **Chief** – comments on a recent fatal accident involving Auburn's own Detective's family member and explains he will be taking a few days' bereavement. Chief presents Lt. Pelton with a Life Saving Award for an incident which occurred on March 21, 2016 related to a heroin overdose and updates the commission on the status of new hire, Muzafer Aku and comments it's great to have him back. **D. Dion** – asked if he is still in training. **Chief**- comments he is out on the patrol and working full-time and he updates the commissioners on Jeff Mullaney resignation, mentioning Jeff's recent promotion with UNH takes up his time and thanks Jeff for his service to the Town of Auburn.

**CAPTAIN'S REPORT**

**D. Dion** – asks Lt. Pelton if he has a report. **D. McCarthy** – comments related with Jeff stepping down if there were other letters sent to employees about upping their performance. **R. Pelton** – affirms it is a work in progress. **D. McCarthy** – comments commission would like to

move forward with conversion to full-time officers for next budget season. **R. Pelton** – comments the MRI report is complete and everything looks great and he thanks the employees and town’s participation and comments the MRI guys were really friendly and professional having provided the department with things that could be change however many are economically based which will be addressed at budget time. MRI also made other minor recommendations that can be addressed. He outlines the plan is to list out the recommendations and prioritize those recommendations into ones that can be done easily and those that will need to be done over time and this will be addressed at a public meeting and department will implement everything that can be within financial reason. **D. Dion** – comments the public meeting the commission and selectmen August 16<sup>th</sup>. **R. Pelton** – comments on the continued issues the department is experiencing with Heroin, mentioning the two overdoses for July, explaining in the first instance officer performed CPR and the other Narcan was used, resulting in no fatalities. He further talks about a burglary on Spofford Rd and one on Hooksett Rd., with suspects for both and relates the Spofford Rd burglary’s suspect is in custody related to another town’s burglary. He comments on the gate at the top of Dartmouth Drive which was damaged, explaining the town is looking to cost of repair and speaks about how beneficial that gate has been to the fire and police departments keeping people out of that area. He further comments on the full-time new hire replacement for Captain Bartis’ opening, Muz Aku. He updates commission on department upcoming participation with the emergency airport drill at the end of August, which is part of learning about the incident command training MRI mentioned in their report and explains department will also be getting training from the fire department on incident training and command.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

**D. Dion** – comments waiting on old business till later in the meeting.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**D. McCarthy** - motion to approve the increase for Melissa Gates based on satisfactory review and award her a step increase from a Labor Grade 4, Step 11 to a Labor Grade 4, Step 12, **G. Shaw** – second. All in favor. **Motion passes.**

**D. McCarthy** - motion to approve the increase for Officer Peter Lennon based on satisfactory review and award him a step increase from a Labor Grade 6, Step 8 to a Labor Grade 6, Step 9, **G. Shaw** – second. All in favor. **Motion passes.**

**D. McCarthy** - motion to approve the increase for Jarlene Cornett, AOC based on satisfactory review and award her 2% increase at her current Labor Grade 4. **G. Shaw** – second. All in favor. **Motion passes.**

**G. Shaw** - motion to approve the increase for Officer Greg Santuccio based on satisfactory review and award him a step increase from a Labor Grade 6, Step 12 to a Labor Grade 6, Step 13, **D. Dion** - second. **D. McCarthy** – was not in favor. **Motion passes.**

**D. Dion** – comments on internal investigation report from Tideview related to the complaint filed by Mr. Dross, is complete and explains commission met with counsel. **D. McCarthy** – motions to release the report to the public but redact the supplemental findings based on additional considerations. **D. Dion** – comments there was one paragraph to redact that may have legal ramifications to the commissioner or town and commissioners are taking legal advice and

redacting. He further comments the commissioners may come back and release that information at a later date. **D. McCarthy** – clarifies “or” commissioner may not release that information. **D. Dion** – comments the redacted report will be available at the town hall tomorrow. **G. Shaw** – second. All in favor. **Motion passes.**

**D. McCarthy** -asks if there is any public comment. **M. Dross** – asks if someone is going to investigate Francis McFarland for contaminating town property. **R. Pelton** – comments on having seen this request in the Selectman’s minutes and reminds Mr. Dross that he doesn’t have to wait till a public police commission meeting to make a report, reminding Mr. Dross again can simply call and an officer will take the report of criminal wrongdoing. He further comments if there is criminal wrong doing and probable cause it will most likely be referred out because there is civil liability over this entire issue but an officer can meet Mr. Dross after the meeting to take his report. **M. Morrissette** – asks that is be made clear for the record that he objects to the release of the internal investigation report. He reminds the commissioner of his letter sharing his thoughts on same issue. **R. Brabazon** – reiterates what Attorney Morrissette said and strongly objects to release of the report also reminding commissioner of the letter he sent. **M. Rolfe** – asks what the process is related to Officer Barry still being employed. **D. McCarthy** – comments Officer is still employed and department administration has report. **D. Vieira** – asks the cost of the report. **D. Dion** – comments on the partial bill received for approximately \$2,500. **M. Jacobs** – asks if this issue is now resolved. **D. McCarthy** – comments commission is done with this. **M. Rolfe** – asks commission if they read the transcripts. **D. Dion** – comments commission didn’t read. **D. McCarthy** – comments that the person investigating did see transcripts. **M. Rolfe** – comments he has copy if anyone is interested. **D. McCarthy** – comments Tideview did good job on report. **D. Dion** – comments on town turmoil mentioning report was needed.

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

**Meeting closed at 7:30 pm.**

Minutes approved by \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_.