

Town of Auburn
AUBURN POLICE COMMISSION PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES
October 12, 2021

D. Dion – calls the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and leads with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: David Dion, Police Commissioner, Dennis McCarthy, Commissioner, Patrick Bergeron, Commissioner, Chief Pelton, Lieutenant Chabot and Lillian Deeb.

REVIEW MINUTES

D. McCarthy - motion to accept public, September 21, 2021, minutes as presented. **P. Bergeron** – second. All in favor. **Motion passes.**

CHIEF'S REPORT

Chief – comments the department had one officer out with Covid but that officer has returned to full duty and comments doesn't appear to be any big spike ups in Auburn. **D. McCarthy** – questions whether the town is mandating vaccines. **Chief** – comments hasn't heard any discussions of that and right now believes it's personal choice. He comments on Officer Barsaleau's upcoming graduation from the academy and mentions his upcoming vacation. He comments on the Citizen Academy's 10 members being in week three and feedback is positive. He reminds the commission drug take-back event is October 23rd from 10 am to 2 pm. He further comments union negotiations have wrapped up and expects it to be ratified by next meeting. **D. Dion** – mentions the Joint Board meeting coming up. **P. Bergeron** – mentions meeting on October 19th. **D. McCarthy** – mentions police commission needs to discuss the contract. **P. Bergeron** – clarifies that can't be discussed until CBA signs. **D. Dion** – questions whether agreement will be ready for the October meeting. **P. Bergeron** – mentions should be ready. **D. McCarthy** – comments should make the ballot. **Chief** – mentions meeting with the town administrator and will discuss procedure. **D. McCarthy** – comments commission has to sign agreement. **Chief** – comments department budget meeting with the Selectmen is November 1st and Budget Committee is November 4th and mention having done this last year. **D. Dion** – questions if the department will be looking to re-visit the cruiser line. **D. McCarthy** – confirms department not anticipating any changes from PC approved figures. **P. Bergeron** – questions whether he can bring up a question he had on approved PC budget. **D. McCarthy** – suggests raising his questions under old business. **Chief** – mentions the PTO Spooky walk October 16th, commenting an officer will be present, he comments town Trick-a-treating will be October 31 from 1 pm to 4 pm and trunk a treat will be that same evening from 6 pm to 8 pm.

LIEUTENANT'S REPORT

Lt. Chabot – comments on the reports for the month, commenting the department had 11 arrests, 1 DUI and 150 motor vehicle stops. He comments the department wrapped up its investigation of fatal MC accident. **D. Dion** – asks about trail break-ins this month. **Lt. Chabot** – mentions another agency made an arrest and calls are down.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH UPDATE

D. Dion – mentions Mr. Grange is not present tonight. **P. Bergeron** – mentions his wife is participating in the Citizen's Academy as NW member and mentions there haven't been anything major with NW but they continue to add people through Facebook.

OLD BUSINESS

D. Dion – comments nothing under old business. **P. Bergeron** – explains he had some questions on the Computer Line on 2022 budget. He mentions understanding commission approved increase based on what the town as a whole was moving towards, but he mentions cost increase seemed high. **Chief** -mentioned can discuss with Selectmen when they meet in November and mentions cross the board increase might be easier. **D. McCarthy** – mentions historically each department had their own IT person, and liability could lie with one department to another and mentions one service provider. **P. Bergeron** – comments he did some research and increase seemed rather high. **Chief** – mention the Selectmen may want to discuss at their meeting. **D. McCarthy** – mention Mr. Bergeron may want to ask that question to Selectmen if he attends. **Lt. Chabot** – mentions having one vendor is beneficial. **L. Deeb** – comments the IT person had quoted options and mentioned the department chose certain coverage which didn't cut services but provided more off-site monitoring. **Chief** – mentions the town seems to have elected full-plan coverage. **D. McCarthy** – mentions many towns are looking for securer coverage because many hacks are a result of staff inadvertently clicking on something and the costs on back-end after breach is huge. **P. Bergeron** – mentions his research in EDR and it offers more monitoring but questions the upgrade cost. **D. McCarthy** – comments town likely looked into this cost and again suggests Mr. Bergeron can question town. **P. Bergeron** – mentions the department seemed to not be given an option. **D. McCarthy** – comments the commission did approve funding at the higher amount. **D. Dion** – mentions asking the value to the cost question to the Selectmen in November. **Chief** – mentions the issue with Peterborough was the hack prevented town from taking in funds to bring in revenue, therefore town will need to weigh costs. **D. McCarthy** – comments on transparency factors that play into releasing information. **Lt. Chabot** – comments this opens vulnerabilities. **Chief** – mentions this will be discussed in the department's slide presentation to Selectmen at budget presentation.

NEW BUSINESS

D. Dion – comments there are not evaluations.

D. Dion - motion to adjourn at 7:20 PM. **P. Bergeron** - second. All in favor. **Motion passes.**

Meeting closed at 7:20 pm.

Minutes approved by _____ on _____.