

Town of Auburn
AUBURN POLICE COMMISSION PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES
November 9, 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, and Lillian Deeb.

REVIEW MINUTES

D. McCarthy - motion to accept public, October 12, 2021, minutes as presented. **P. Bergeron** – second. All in favor. **Motion passes.**

CHIEF'S REPORT

Chief – mentions Officer Barsaleau's graduation from academy scheduled for November 19th at noon, commenting it's an in-person ceremony. He comments on the department's budget meetings with Selectmen and Budget Committee last week, mentioning the modification made to the computer line. He further explains the IT person met with Selectmen and the reduction was made because the mobile laptops software coverage changed via agreement. He comments on the drug take back events mentioning 72.4 pounds was turned in from Auburn and Statewide 10,500 pounds. He comments on the Trunk or Treat event and mentions the Veteran's Day memorial set up across from town hall, explaining anyone interested can send a photo to the PD. He comments the Department's annual Giving Tree event has begun, mentioning in keeping with last year tag pick up and present drop off will be set up outside in the department's trailer, as it worked out well and gave more access for residents to pick-up and drop off. He mentions the Department's annual range training is wrapped up but for a few officers, which he imagines will be completed before the snow.

LIEUTENANT'S REPORT

Chief – comments he will be filling in for the lieutenant that couldn't attend tonight. He mentions motor vehicle activity remains high and expects with the DWI patrols the department conducted last month and will continue into holidays. He comments on the recent 2 overdose deaths and mentions the increased calls for driving after suspension. **D. Dion** – questions whether the suspensions are due to non-payment of fines. **Chief** – comments might be sign of people having difficulty paying fines. He further mentions slight uptick in DUI arrests. **D. Dion** – mentions the department winning the electronic traffic sign. **Chief** – mentions there has been a delay in the PD getting it.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH UPDATE

D. Dion – questions Mr. Grange on recent happening since duck day when he had new members signing up. **S. Grange** – mentions the recent vandalism call in his neighborhood and commented on how neighbors collaborated to assist and identifying a suspect.

OLD BUSINESS

P. Bergeron – motion to ratify the tentative agreement with the Auburn Police Union for the period of April 1, 2022, to March 31, 2026. **D. McCarthy** – second. All in favor. **Motion passes.** **D. McCarthy** – mentions this will be on the town's warrant articles at elections time in March.

NEW BUSINESS

D. Dion – comments under new business are two evaluations. **D. McCarthy** – motions based on the satisfactory evaluation of Charles Chabot, award him a step increase from Labor Grade 17, Step 19 to Labor Grade 17, Step 20. **P. Bergeron** – second. All in Favor. **Motion passes.**

L. Deeb – mentions Officer Hanson's annual evaluation was missed in July.

D. McCarthy – motions based on the satisfactory evaluation of Karl Hanson, award him a step increase from Labor Grade 11, Step 7 to Labor Grade 11, Step 8. **P. Bergeron** – second. All in Favor. **Motion passes.**

D. Dion – asks if there is anything else before he entertains motion to adjourn. **Chief** – quickly updates the commissioners of the line items that are presently over budget, but comments should be all set overall.

D. Dion - motion to adjourn at 7:14 PM. **D. McCarthy** - second. All in favor. **Motion passes.**

Meeting closed at 7:14 pm.

Minutes approved by _____ on _____.