

**Town of Auburn**  
**AUBURN POLICE COMMISSION PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES**  
**December 14, 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.

**Also Present:** Steve Grange, Neighborhood Watch Leader

**REVIEW MINUTES**

**P. Bergeron** - motion to accept public, November 9, 2021, minutes as presented. **D. McCarthy** – second. All in favor. **Motion passes.**

**CHIEF'S REPORT**

**Chief** – comments on the twenty-two active cases of Covid reported for Auburn, mentioning its decrease since last few weeks. He further comments the department still has plenty of PPE equipment and that vaccination booster have been offered to first responders at the CMC hospital and officers have availed themselves when interested. He further mentions the Giving Tree is in full swing and Melissa is working with 19 families, the most ever. He also comments the Giving Tree has gotten the interest of a few companies this year who have made donations and contributions. He mentions one family donates turkeys and hams each year. He comments he approached the Selectmen about an unanticipated cost incurred to repair the Safety Complex furnace and the town paid it through the building fund that was established. He mentions that officers have been out since Thanksgiving performing DWI and radar patrols. In addition, he mentions the neighborhood saturation patrols the department is performing until Christmas in an effort to be visible monitoring all the delivery vehicles. **D. Dion** – asks if porch pirates been issue. **Chief** – comments none that he is aware of but received more complaints on the delivery vehicle and suspicious vehicles and he encourages residents to continue to call. He comments alert went out to agencies throughout Southern NH that car thefts are on the rise and that video was captured with one of the suspects being armed and reportedly fired a shot off to deter a homeowner. He comments Officer Barsaleau graduated the academy and is working completing his FTO training December and January and officers report he is doing well. **D. Dion** – mentions seeing the new radar sign out on Hooksett Rd and now Wilson Crossing but wasn't working when last he drove by. **Chief** – comments sign has been moved to Old Candia and likely was the batteries as it only lasts only so many days. **D. Dion** – questions the easy of moving the bracket and such and asks about retrieving information. **Chief** – comments there is software to retrieve data.

**LIEUTENANT'S REPORT**

**Lt. Chabot**– comments on eleven arrests for November from DUI to operating after. Officers are out there in the neighborhoods and no daytime burglaries. He comments officers took thirteen investigative reports for the month and two hundred sixty-two car stops and mentions

some additional calls for service. He also mentions the department continues to receive a lot of reports for scams and takes this opportunity to remind residents if they question a scam they can call, and the department can look into it. **Chief** – mentions scams are Auburn's more popular crime. **D. Dion** – mentions receiving email from Amazon about his delivery but has no Amazon delivery. **Lt. Chabot** – comments detectives can break down the email header to see whether it is actually a legitimate account. **D. Dion** – mentions people realize cyber crimes are hard to solve and imagine nothing will come of investigation.

## **NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH UPDATE**

**D. Dion** – questions Mr. Grange on what's new. **S. Grange** – mentions being on vacation and things are pretty quiet. He mentions getting positive feedback from residents on how much they enjoyed the Santa Parade, the PD organized.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

**Chief** – mentions 2021 is spent down within a reasonable amount, commenting there is one pay period left. **D. Dion** - comments on the overage on the fuel line. **Chief** – mentions there is funding in other lines that will cover this and imagines there will likely be \$15,000 to \$20,000 going back to the general fund. **D. McCarthy** – asks where the 2022 budget process is. **Chief** - comments Budget Committee is wrapping up with every department's budgets. He also mentions not sure if the town will be doing to year-in-review they did before COVID.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**D. Dion** – comments under new business are evaluations. **D. McCarthy** – questions the 6-month review form contained in folder. **L. Deeb** – explains the Sgts request a copy of the officer's 6-month review when they complete the annual. **D. McCarthy** - questions why Spinney is always on mid-nights. **Chief** – explains he is the junior guy and gets last shift pick. **L. Deeb** - mentions he is coming to days in January. **D. McCarthy** - motions based on the satisfactory evaluation of Chance Spinney, award him a step increase from Labor Grade 8, Step 8 to Labor Grade 8, Step 9. **P. Bergeron** – second. All in Favor. **Motion passes.**

**D. McCarthy** – motions based on the satisfactory evaluation of Gary Bartis, award him a step increase from Labor Grade 6, Step 16 to Labor Grade 6, Step 17. **P. Bergeron** – second. All in Favor. **Motion passes.**

**D. McCarthy** – motions based on the satisfactory evaluation of Chief Pelton, award him a step increase from Labor Grade 19, Step 18 to Labor Grade 19, Step 19. **P. Bergeron** – second. All in Favor. **Motion passes.**

**D. McCarthy** – mentions department has come a long way and has an amazing group of people working for agency and mentions he will not be running for police commissioner again. **D. Dion** – mentions Mr. McCarthy has served many years. **D. McCarthy** – congratulates the department and its present administration.

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

**Meeting closed at 7:20 pm.**

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