

**Town of Auburn**  
**AUBURN POLICE COMMISSION PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES**  
**February 8, 2022**

**D. Dion** – calls the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and leads the pledge of allegiance.

**Present:** David Dion, Police Commissioner, Patrick Bergeron, Police Commissioner, Chief Pelton, Lt. Chabot and Lillian Deeb.

**Absent:** Dennis McCarthy, Police Commissioner.

**Also present:** Steve Grange

### **REVIEW MINUTES**

**D. Dion** – comments on a correction to the minutes needs to be made as it relates to Sgt. Cashman's Labor Grade, mentioning it was not the intention of the Commission to increase his Labor Grade only to award him a step increase from Step 16, to Step 17.

**P. Bergeron** - motion to accept the January 11, 2022, public minutes as corrected, reflecting a Step increase from Step 16 to Step 17 for Sgt. Cashman. **D. Dion** – second. All in favor.  
**Motion passes.**

### **CHIEF'S REPORT**

**Chief** – comments on the March Awards Night the PD will be hosting again this year, along with the FD and once decided date, will let people know. He further comments on the department's Legal Training with Lonnie this month and next month's Active Shooter Training at AVS and mentions the April training with F & G for OHRV. **D. Dion** – questions whether legal to drive OHRV's on roadways. **Chief** – explained that although you can register OHRV's they can not be driven on the road unless expressly authorized by State Law giving the example of Agricultural purposes and further explained unless authorized by the community as it is in Berlin, NH but not Auburn. **Chief** – updates Commission on furnace issues he's raised with the Selectmen and the Fire Chief have been discussing.

### **Commissioner Dennis McCarthy arrives at 7:06.**

Chief further explains safety complex operating on one unit and mentions Mr. Eaton came to PD to look at kitchen insulation and Selectmen have approved replacement unit after getting some bids, looking to replace one of the units. He mentions the cruiser purchase for this year, commenting plan is to purchase one now and one later in year, commenting the second purchase will be after K-9 Athos retires. **D. Dion** – comments makes sense to wait to outfit cruiser after determining if it's a K9 cruiser. **Chief** – mentions waiting maybe a year or so to look at a K9. He further mentions department is getting the Hybrid again and pricing is within budget. **D. Dion** – asked if the cruisers purchased in Laconia. **Chief** – comments Massachusetts and are told they have cruisers in stock. He mentions Officer Barsaleau's field training is wrapping up and he will likely be on March schedule. **Chief** – mentions one of Auburn's officers was put in an online article in the Union Leader on a Form B when the ACLU

petitioned to the Attorney General's Office any forms that were demotions. He reminds the commission Auburn had a voluntary demotion and that was put in this article under a negative light, making it seem like demoted for disciplinary reasons when this was not the case. **P. Bergeron** - asked if this was like the past article the Union Leader ran. **Chief** - explains this was last week and Officer Anita's Lombardo's name was in there. He comments she spoke with someone from the Attorney General's Office, and they suggested sending letter to Police Standards and Training explaining Anita's asked to voluntary change from a Master Patrolman because she is back at nursing school and couldn't work the MP schedule and we wanted this corrected information out there in case it was questioned. **D. McCarthy** - asked who released this information. **Chief** - explains the Department must send a Form B to the NH Police Academy and those forms were requested by the AG. **D. Dion** - asked how Officer Lombardo was. **Chief** - explains she was pretty upset knowing she was lumped in with disciplinary action. **D. Dion** - asked department to check in as to why the school flashing sign is flashing at 6:00 am. **L. Deeb** - comments will contact AVS to check it out. **D. Dion** - asked where the new radar sign is. **Chief** - mentioned the roads the PD had it out on and explained it was presently being charged. **D. Dion** - asked if data is gained from sign. **Chief** - comments it's just like the radar trailer. **L. Deeb** - mentions the cloud storage was free till November and PC might want to consider renewing.

## **LIEUTENANT'S REPORT**

**Lt. Chabot** - comments on the 15 arrests ranging from DUI, DUI 2<sup>nd</sup>, Hit and Run and Operating After Suspension. He mentions the 25 investigative report and 166 car stops and crash last month were operator died and mentions the unfortunate untimely death of a long-time resident. He further mentions, last month the Neighborhood Watch brought up stats and refers commission to packet containing bar graph of total calls over the last 12 years and the pie graphs with are calls broken down by called in and officer initiated. He mentions the anomaly in 2015 but suggests that is due to the year Auburn when live with Rockingham Dispatch and using laptops in cruiser. **P. Bergeron** - asked if it was due to more full-time officers. **Lt. Chabot** - comments he didn't break it down that far. **Chief** - mentions a full-time officer was added in maybe 2018 and another in 2019 but suggested the increase based on officers being able to enter their own calls. He further mentions the slight drop off in 2020 to 2021. **D. Dion** - suggests Covid. **Chief** - mentions some due to Covid but more likely being down an officer or two over a period of time. **S. Granger** - recalls some officers being out with injury.

## **NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH UPDATE**

**S. Granger** - mentions things are quiet. **D. Dion** - suggested maybe a quarterly NW publication and another sign-up page. He further looks to thank Melissa for this month's Crier Article and the NW information provided. **Chief** - comments his plan to speak to Melissa about organizing another Leader Meeting in the coming months to allow introductions to all the new faces with the leadership. **S. Granger** - mentions when people see the NW information in the Crier he thinks people are more likely to report "see something, say something."

## **OLD BUSINESS**

**D. Dion** - mentions already review stats.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**D. Dion** - mentions no new business.

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**D. Dion** - motion to adjourn at 7:19PM. **D. McCarthy** - second. All in favor. **Motion passes.**

**Meeting closed at 7:19 pm.**

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