

Town of Auburn
AUBURN POLICE COMMISSION PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES
April 12, 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, Joseph Rossino, Police Commissioner, Chief Pelton and Lillian Deeb.

Absent: Lt. Chabot.

Also present: Steve Grange, Neighborhood Watch Leader

REVIEW MINUTES

P. Bergeron - motion to accept the March 15, 2022, public minutes as presented. **J. Rossino** – second. All in favor. **Motion passes.**

CHIEF'S REPORT

Chief – reminds the commission the drug take-back event is coming up at the end of the month, mentioning it is Saturday, April 30th from 10 am to 2 pm. He mentions the awards night taking place this Thursday in conjunction with the Auburn Fire Department and will take place in the fire bays again this year. **D. Dion** – mentions he will be unable to attend but mentions last years event was nice. **Chief** – mentions AVS will be conducting an evacuation drill Monday and mentions the drill will include all the students coming to the safety complex and two grades will then be bussed to the reunifications site, to again, practice all the components for preparation. He further mentions Homeland Security performed a site check at the school for facility preparedness and school did very well. He also mentions the NH Department of Labor performed a safety inspections of the town's department buildings and the PD faired well, commenting the inspection looked for the PD to have an eye wash and emergency lighting in lobby. **D. Dion** – questions whether the fire department at safety complex has eye wash. **Chief** – mentioned the inspector recommended the PD sallyport should have one in case of pepper spray incidents and comments the PD has purchased a portable eye wash OSHA approved. He finishes his presentation by mentioning the OHRV training next week.

Chief – comments he will be giving the Lieutenant's report. He mentions for March there was 20 arrests, 6 resulting from a juvenile party. He comments on the felony arrest made at the Calef campground for felon in possession and armed career criminal. He mentions Auburn assisted in the perimeter at recent shooting in Chester where a male subject was shot twice, and it remains an active investigation with major crimes. **D. Dion** – asked if it was a small caliber weapon. **Chief** – mentions it is still ongoing investigation. He further mentions department had 181 MV stops and 25 investigative reports which appears to be standard. **D. Dion** – asks what financial exploitation is. **Chief** – explains it could be a case for example that falls under elder abuse when relative is taking money from elderly family member. He explains NH Elderly Services will assist officer with such calls. He also mentions the commissioners might have noticed the radar sign and trailer are being deployed around town. **D. Dion** – mentions looking into grant funding for another sign. **Chief** – comments will look into it.

LIEUTENANT'S REPORT

None.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH UPDATE

S. Granger – mentions warmer weather with activity picking up and mentions the notice sent to NW Leaders about mailboxes being smashed in Candia and report chatter on Facebook that it might of happened in Auburn as well and will be sending out the NW group and he mentions the Group Leader meeting tomorrow and brainstorming. He mentions it will be helpful to him.

Chief – mentions Melissa will be attending and will help with the sharing of the group's ideas.

D. Dion – mentions gradually seeing the NW signs around town gone or damaged. **S. Grange** – mentions the Department's Detective had contacted him to see if Mr. Grange possibly had camera footage, from night of shooting because the trail near his house comes out from Chester. He further mentions it might be helpful for NW to communicate who has cameras to provide help in future.

OLD BUSINESS

Chief – update the commissioners that one of the new cruisers has been outfitted and just waiting on decal and cruiser should be operational early next week. **D. Dion** – asks if this is the hybrid. **Chief** – reports this is the regular cruiser and they hybrid will be later in the Spring. He further mentions the budget report indicates as of April 1, looks to be right on target for spending. **D. Dion** – questions the OHRV line for vaccine site coverage. **Chief** – mentions that expenditure will be reimbursed.

NEW BUSINESS

D. Dion – asks if there is any new business. **J. Rossino** – comments on discussion he had with the chief, who mentioned the possible crosswalks being discussed on Manchester Rd and Londonderry Tpk. **Chief** – comments Manchester Water Works has been doing a lot of constructions across from Front Park at Youngsville Field, mentioning MWW ripped up 2 of the baseball fields and mentions the long-range plans are to make that parking and a crosswalk to Front Park. He also comments MWW is looking at possible crosswalk on Manchester Road where trail crossing before the lake near where Mr. Rossino lives, who has concerns of pedestrian traffic crossing. He further mentioned Mr. Rossino suggested since MWW will have to go to Department of Transportation about this issue and determine if town is for or against, Joe suggested reaching out to MWW and find out their future plans to see if this is something the Board would support. **D. Dion** – supports this idea. **Chief** – thought it would be beneficial to have advanced inside information and thought the commission might like to vote on police commissioner representative. **P. Bergeron** – supports the idea also. **Chief** – comments the Town is still making the building over at Severance Beach the Parks and Rec building and this project would benefit Auburn residents. **J. Rossino** – mentions living right there he has seen incidents where a crosswalk would be beneficial to slow the traffic down. **D. Dion** – mentions speed bumps. **Chief** – mentions the discussions of the lighted crosswalks. **D. Dion** – mentions Derry has nice crosswalk lighting on Rt 102. **P. Bergeron** – motions to make Joe Rossino the Commission's representative. **D. Dion** – second. All in favor. **Motion passes.**

Chief – mentions it might be early but then this can be reported back to commissioners. **P. Bergeron** – asks the Chief the process of getting signage for bus stop, and mentions Hooksett Rd in Depot Rd. **Chief** – mentions Highway Safety Board first and they can refer to the Selectmen, but comments will ask officers follow up during morning buses and mentions there are plans to move Depot Rd and where it comes out onto Hooksett Rd., explaining MWW owns the field on corner and proposals are for Depot to come out at the south side of field.

D. Dion - motion to adjourn at 7:23PM. **J. Rossino** - second. All in favor. **Motion passes.**

Meeting closed at 7:23 pm.

Minutes approved by _____ on _____.