

**Town of Auburn**  
**AUBURN POLICE COMMISSION PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES**  
**May 10, 2022**

**D. Dion** – calls the meeting to order at 6:50 PM.

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

**D. Dion** - motion to go into non-public pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, II (b). **J. Rossino** – seconds and polled the members having received the affirmative from Dion and Rossino. **Motion passes.**

(Patrick Bergeron, Commissioner arrived at 6:52 PM moments after non-public session began)

Public meeting resumed at 7:00 pm

**P. Bergeron** – motion to seals the non-public meeting minutes. **J. Rossino** – seconds. All in favor. **Motion passes.**

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

**D. Dion** – leads the Pledge of Allegiance

#### **REVIEW MINUTES**

**J. Rossino** - motion to accept the April 12, 2022, public minutes as presented. **P. Bergeron** – second. All in favor. **Motion passes.**

#### **CHIEF'S REPORT**

**Chief** – comments on the recent Take Back event. Auburn turned in 87.3 pounds and event totals were 11,811 pounds. He reminds residents the collection box is available all year in the PD lobby. He updates the commission Hybrid cruiser was ordered, mentioning it's a good time to save 25% of fuel costs and it should be operational by July. He further comments the Selectmen approved the purchase of a cruiser laptop and radar from the detail account at the approximate amount of \$7000. He explains the balance of account is approximately \$163,000 while it was agreed that up to 10% of the fund could be used annually the department has elected to hold off spending due to fuel cost. He mentions the success of the evacuation drill at the Auburn Village School, mentions buses didn't show to take kids to reunification site but school made calls and gave them an opportunity to practice adjusting to make plans.

#### **LIEUTENANT'S REPORT**

**C. Chabot** – Mentions over a 1000 calls for service for the month of April, 235 motor vehicle stops, 9 arrests and outlines what the arrests entailed. He mentions the incident reports taken for the month. He further mentions June 14<sup>th</sup>, Flag Day the department has organized a Flag

Retirement Ceremony and put information out to residents to drop of flags and a neighboring agency will be sending an officer to play taps on bugle, more information to come. **D. Dion** – mentions 17 hands free summonses and questions whether the department had a grant. **C. Chabot** – confirms a grant. **Chief** – mentions 3 additional patrols last month.

## NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH UPDATE

**S. Granger** – mentions NW held their meeting and discussed additional Crier articles. He further mentions discussions about August's National Night out, commenting doesn't really participate but would like to continue to have something organized around that time and will be holding another meeting to discuss what might be done on that night with a Neighborhood Watch theme. He mentions additional discussions where had about his idea of getting a list together to NW members that are interested in participating if they have home video equipment. He explains in the past he has viewed his surveillance to aid the PD and thought other residents would be interested. The NW could create a list and if the need ever arose the leaders could reach out to members to see if they have video that could assist the PD. **D. Dion** – mentions there is likely a lot of homes that have video. **Chief** – mentions may be helpful in identifying timelines and such. **S. Granger** – comments had computer issues but will be getting that out to leaders and mentions meeting May 18<sup>th</sup> meeting to discuss Auburn Night Out event and build membership.

## OLD BUSINESS

**D. Dion** – looks to Commissioner Rossino for update on MWW crosswalks. **J. Rossino** – comments spoke with John O'Neil and was told the plan is in its infancy but they will loop him in when they begin to schedule meeting with DOT. He further mentions noticing there were lots of trees cut up near Front Park. **Chief** – explains Manchester got rid of some of the balls fields because they were not being used and making a parking area further down and the crosswalk would come into play and believes there is discussions to move entrance to Front Park away from the traffic circle. **J. Rossino** – mentions might be good idea to move the existing parking lot and make it a grass area. **Chief** – comments there might be discussion about a gazabo and mentions there is a Water Works Board and likely will meet looking for approval. **J. Rossino** – comments if any plans are made MWW would have to go through PD. **Chief** – comments public roadway issues go through the DOT and Town. **J. Rossino** – mentions PD should have input. **Chief** – comments have not been contacted yet in this case. **D. Dion** – comments plans are likely not etched in stone or to that point yet. **Chief** – mentions tree cutting can be part of MWW harvesting of the pine.

**D. Dion** – comments the fuel line is at 44%. **Chief** – comments being approximately \$2500 over budget ¼ through the year and mention the 1/3 of year gas prices are not what they are today. He further comments the plan is to get the other Hybrid operational and assign them to patrol exclusively and revisit again and may have to look at mileage restrictions and don't think great idea. **D. Dion** – comments on public knowledge. **Chief** – mentions alternative would be a lay-off and that's not what looking for. He mentions supervisors can ride with guys for half the shift and swap off to save fuel and mentions if commissioners have any innovative ideas willing to hear them. **D. Dion** – asks if there is another line funding could absorb overage. **Chief** – comments looking to keep cruiser maintenance lower, hoping to not have to purchase tires. He comments keeping an eye on it and look at surplus funding in other lines, but comments wage

line is even and not a lot of surpluses. **D. Dion** – asks if there are any additional budget questions for Chief.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**P. Bergeron**-motions based on the satisfactory evaluation of James Huard, award him an increase from Sergeant Step 3 to Sergeant Step 3. **D. Dion** - second. All in Favor. **Motion passes**

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

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

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