

Town of Auburn
AUBURN POLICE COMMISSION PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES
August 9, 2022

D. Dion – calls the meeting to order at 7:01 PM.

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

Absent: Chief Pelton and Patrick Bergeron, Police Commissioner.

Also present: Steve Grange, Neighborhood Watch Leader

D. Dion – mentions Mr. Bergeron will not be attending tonight's meeting and leads the Pledge of Allegiance

D. Dion – briefly explains the non-public meeting it did not take place as mentioned on agenda.

REVIEW MINUTES

D. Dion - motion to accept the June 7, 2022, public minutes as presented. **J. Rossino** – second. All in favor. **Motion passes.**

D. Dion - motion to accept the June 7, 2022, non-public minutes as presented. **J. Rossino** – second. All in favor. **Motion passes.**

CHIEF'S REPORT

D. Dion – clarifies the lieutenant will be giving Chief's report.

LIEUTENANT'S REPORT

C. Chabot – mentions the department retired K9 Athos, August 1st. He further mentions the administration will be querying officers for interest in continuing the K9 program and checking with Sgt. Cashman. **D. Dion** – questions Sgt. Cashman's transition. **C. Chabot** – comments on his experience as K9 handler and the transition. **D. Dion** – asked if Sgt. Cashman will be keeping Athos and how it will work with another working dog. **C. Chabot** – comments Sgt. Cashman will need to consider these factors and what is good for his family. **D. Dion** – mentions costs and funding will need to be looked at and possibility of comfort dog. **L. Deeb** – mentions department will be considering costs, training availability, grants and a lot goes into making this decision. **D. Dion** – asked about the K9 cruiser because equipment to outfit cruiser is expensive. **C. Chabot** – mentions stripping cruiser out. **L. Deeb** – mentions possibly saving K9 cruiser till decisions are made. **C. Chabot** – mentions the Flag Day event the department had organized, how well it went. **D. Dion** – mentions great public relations. **C. Chabot** – comments the first day of school is August 31st. **D. Dion** – mentions the efforts of the school and benefit of the orange traffic sign that blocks the road for one way. He mentions the little sign on Hooksett if you miss the time people make the turn. **C. Chabot** – mentions the budget is at 56%. **D. Dion** – asks if the new hybrid cruiser is operational. **C. Chabot** – comments

computer software being installed and some minor matters. **D. Dion** – asks which cruiser is the K9. **C. Chabot** – comments cruiser six. **D. Dion** – mentions that cruiser has the highest mileage.

C. Chabot – comments on his lieutenant's report and begins with June calls for service 774 calls, he mentions number of arrest and reports. He further mentions the increased number of untimely deaths. He comments on the 660 calls for service, mentions the number of arrests and reports for July and arson in that month. He mentions the MWW patrol made arrests for swimmers in the water.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH UPDATE

D. Dion – greets Mr. Grange. **S. Granger** – mentions a NW has been quiet. **D. Dion** – asks if NW plans on having a sign-up booth at Duck Day. **S. Grange** - mentions they have been trying to schedule a meeting but with summer people having been having trouble coming up with a date that works for all. He mentions manning a booth the past few years but has to work that day. **D. Dion** – comments there was lots of sign-ups last year at Duck Day. **S. Grange** – comments had 18 members sign up. **S. Grange** – mentions at the last meeting there was some great ideas and now just need to work to implement.

OLD BUSINESS

D. Dion – nothing under old business

NEW BUSINESS

D. Dion-motions based on the satisfactory evaluation of Matt Barsaleau, award him a step increase from Part-time Step 3 to Step 4. **J. Rossino** - second. All in Favor. **Motion passes**

D. Dion-motions based on the satisfactory evaluation of Melissa Gates, award her a step increase from Labor Grade 5, Step 16, to Step 17. **J. Rossino** - second. All in Favor. **Motion passes.**

D. Dion – explains Commission Meeting use to take place on the first Tuesday of the month but back when the commission moved the meeting to the town hall and conflict with Selectmen Rolfe's schedule the moved meeting to the second Tuesday. **D. Dion** – motions to move the Police Commission meeting to the first Tuesday of the month and keep the meeting here at the Safety Complex. **J. Rossino** – second. All in favor. **Motion passes.**

D. Dion – mentions if the potential new hire completes what is necessary the commission can schedule and interim meeting or it can wait till the first Tuesday in September.

D. Dion - motion to adjourn at 7:21 PM. **J. Rossino** - second. All in favor. **Motion passes.**

Meeting closed at 7:21 pm.

Minutes approved by _____ on _____.