

Town of Auburn
AUBURN POLICE COMMISSION PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES
September 6, 2022

D. Dion – calls the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

Present: David Dion, Police Commissioner, Patrick Bergeron, 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 all. **Motion passes.**

Public meeting resumed at 7:00 pm.

Also present: Donald Ross and Steve Grange, Neighborhood Watch Leader

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

D. Dion – leads the Pledge of Allegiance

REVIEW MINUTES

J. Rossino - motion to accept the August 9, 2022, public minutes as presented. **D. Dion** – second. **P. Bergeron** – abstained. Voted in favor. **Motion passes.**

CHIEF'S REPORT

Chief – comments before moving into his report asks the PC to address 2 topics from the non-public. **D. Dion** – asks if there is a Step and rate for the new hire. **P. Bergeron** – Motion to hire Donald Ross as a part-time officer starting at Step 4. **J. Rossino** – second. All in favor. **Motion Passes.** **D. Dion** – requests in any conditions need to be put in place. **Chief** – mentions the conditional offer covers the conditions.

D. Dion – questions the second issue. **Chief** – mentions the MOU discussed understanding union and administration had about overtime and the change in the schedule. He mentions once town counsel has drafted a satisfactory MOU, he would request commission after review and sign off on it. **P. Bergeron** – motions to give Chairman Dion the signatory power to sign off on an agreed to MOU for the schedule. **J. Rossino** – second. All in favor. **Motion passes.**

Chief – mentions the Duck Race coming up this weekend, mentioning patrol coverage and Police Association French fries stand. He further mentions the Manchester Yacht Club is hosting a breakfast for police and fire on September 11th. He also mentions Auburn's Citizen's Academy is starting up September 22nd with classes until November. He updates the commissioners on the new Hybrid cruiser, mentioning it took a while to get outfitter because equipment was back ordered. He outlines some of the thoughts and plans for continuing the K9 Program and what that may entail, meeting with trainer and such and will have more information in a few months. **D. Dion** – comments on whether the \$3000 line item for canine is going to be

eliminated. **Chief** – mentions at this time no because looking at school for 2023, commenting the town has departments reviewing costs a year in advance. **D. Dion** – mentions that line-item cost is for administering the K9 and questions the costs of cage. **Chief** – mentions the cage can not be reused due to style of cruiser changing but mentions looking into reusing the hotdog. **D. Dion** – mentions the costs in 2015 for the K9 equipment and dog. **Chief** – mentions the costs are up to around \$10,000. **Chief** – mentions department budget presentation to commission will likely be at next month's meeting. **D. Dion** – comments there being no big-ticket items. **L. Deeb** – mentions the gas price increase this year alone. **P. Bergeron** – mentions the CPI increase for everything else.

LIEUTENANT'S REPORT

C. Chabot – mentions 773 calls for service, commenting right on track with July. He comments on the 9 arrests. He mentions the increase in car stops and vandalism calls at Eaton Hill Park. He comments on the Annual 10 Miler Race around the lake. **D. Dion** – asks about the training with Fish Game and ride-along. **Chief** – mentions it was just Training and took place last month.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH UPDATE

S. Granger – mentions a NW group meeting took place couple weeks ago and mentions the sign-up table at the Duck event and a NW theme for participation with Trunk-or-Treat and softball game. He further mentions conflict with work this coming weekend and will look to see if the group can help with manning the table at the Duck event. **D. Dion** – mentioned in past had a good number of people sign up. **S. Grange** – mentions a recent email notification about security camera footage getting bummed back with Comcast due to limit on a number of emails contacts within a distribution list. **P. Bergeron** – suggested looking into MailChimp. **S. Grange** – mentions that option was explored. **D. Dion** – asks for a member count in the near future. **S. Grange** – mentions some of the Facebook members are interested in receiving emails but will be working on this in the coming weeks.

OLD BUSINESS

D. Dion – comments nothing under old business.

NEW BUSINESS

P. Bergeron-motions based on the satisfactory evaluation of MP Karl Hanson, award him a Step increase from Step 3 to Step 4. **J. Rossino** - second. All in Favor. **Motion passes**

P. Bergeron-motions based on the satisfactory evaluation of Officer Peter Lennon, award him a Step increase from Step 7 to Step 8. **J. Rossino** - second. All in Favor. **Motion passes**

P. Bergeron-motions based on the satisfactory evaluation of Officer Jason lentile, award him a Step increase from Step 4 to Step 5. **J. Rossino** - second. All in Favor. **Motion passes**

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

Meeting closed at 7:20 pm.

Minutes approved by _____ on _____.