

Town of Auburn
AUBURN POLICE COMMISSION PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES
February 7, 2023

D. Dion – calls the meeting to order at 6:45 PM.

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

Also Present: Officer Jeffrey Blurton

D. Dion - motion to go into non-public pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, II (b) at 7:01. **P. Bergeron** – seconds and polled the members having received the affirmative from all. **Motion passes.**

Public meeting resumed at 7:00 pm.

Also present: Steve Grange, Neighborhood Watch Leader

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

REVIEW MINUTES

P. Bergeron - motion to accept the January 3, 2023, public minutes as presented. **J. Rossino** – second. All in favor. **Motion passes.**

J. Rossino - motion to accept the January 3, 2023, non-public minutes as presented. **P. Bergeron** – second. All in favor. **Motion passes.**

CHIEF’S REPORT

Chief – comments on the Deliberative Session which took place this past Saturday, mentioning discussions were had but the budget passed without change. He further updates commissioner that Officer Gardner has completed his FTO and is presently on patrol on his own and comments he is doing a great job. He mentions Officer Blurton will likely be on FTO for February and March. His previous experience was limited for patrol and following March the FTO schedule will be revisited. He mentions the Department’s Annual Award Night is scheduled for March 23, 2023 at 6:30 and the commissioners can expect a formal invitation some time in the coming weeks. He further mentions the upcoming training this month is Legal with Lonnie wherein updates to the laws that impact policing are discussed. He commented on 3 arrests made for January related to failing to install interlocking device and expresses his curiosity over the increase in this crime.

LIEUTENANT'S REPORT

C. Chabot – comments on the 702 calls for service, 7 arrests and mentions the probation violation arrest wherein Sergeant Cashman assisted. He further comments on the months MV stops and anticipates an uptick with new officers' enthusiasm.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH UPDATE

D. Dion – mentions article he presented to Mr. Grange and looking for the information to be put into the Town Crier. **S. Grange** – supported the idea and questions the current population of Auburn. **Chief** – comments population around 6,000. **S. Grange** – mentions email communication with Melissa today and updating the email and distribution lists. He mentions reaching out to old leaders from their lists and mentions the large number of NH Facebook members. He mentions a special meeting being in the works to schedule with leaders, Melissa has been organizing. **Chief** – mentions the increase in phone scams members need to be aware of and also recalls when moving to Auburn he was provided with a Welcome Handout that provided some great information and thought NW might consider a similar hand-out. **S. Grange** – mentions recent Walmart hacking scam wherein his information was trying to be obtained. **P. Bergeron** – mentions his Walmart.com was hacked and he managed to protect his private information, but Hooksett was unable to apprehend anyone.

OLD BUSINESS

D. Dion – Review 2023 Budget. **Chief** – mentions the figures are not entered until election result. **L. Deeb** – mentions printout contains a calculation of what percent expenditures are to date. **Chief** – mentions on target and will monitor payroll lines and by next meeting should have numbers.

NEW BUSINESS

Chief – mentions moving forward with the K9 program with Boston based training in southern NH. He outlines the PD has been in touch with Hillsboro Officer Nick Hodgins and will be looking to reserve a dog. He mentions Sergeant Cashman and Officer Gardner will be going this week to observe training with Auburn's possible future K9. **D. Dion** – asks if Officer Gardner is up for commitment. **Chief** – confirms Trevor is and an evaluation with Trevor and the dog is done. He further mentions the dog is approximately 8 months old and mentions in-service training will match up nicely for this coming fall. **D. Dion** – questions whether the dog will be ready. **Chief** – confirms the K9 will be at a good working age for training. **D. Dion** – comments on cost of dog and outfitting equipment. **Chief** – comments K9 is around \$10,000 and mentions will continue to keep commission in loop as things move forward.

P. Bergeron-motions based on the satisfactory evaluation of Kevin Cashman, award him an increase from Sergeant Step 6 to Step 7. **J. Rossino** - second. All in Favor. **Motion passes**

P. Bergeron-motions to hire Jeffrey Blurton as full-time officer at Step 4. **J. Rossino** – seconds. All in Favor. **Motion passes**. **P. Bergeron** – amends motion to include the effective hire date as February 6, 2023. **J. Rossino** – seconds. 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 _____.