

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, Chief Pelton and Lillian Deeb.

Absent: Joseph Rossino, Police Commissioner and Lieutenant Chabot

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

Public meeting resumed at 6:57 pm.

Also present: Steve Grange, Neighborhood Watch Leader

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

REVIEW MINUTES

P. Bergeron - motion to accept the February 7, 2023, public minutes as presented. **D. Dion** – second. All in favor. **Motion passes.**

P. Bergeron - motion to accept the February 7, 2023, non-public minutes as presented. **D. Dion** – second. All in favor. **Motion passes.**

CHIEF’S REPORT

Chief – comments the Lieutenant is not present tonight and he mentions Drug Take Back event coming in April. **D. Dion** – questions the date. **Chief** – confirms the date of April 22, 2023, from 10a-2p and mentions the elections next week. He explains April patrol schedule is going to be a little tight for month of April mentioning department has another officer that will be away of military duty for one month. He comments Officer Gardner has completed his training and Officer Blurton will be completing his this month but department plans on having him work a month on evenings with another officer. **D. Dion** – comments on cutting back on coverage. **Chief** – mentions some shifts might be single coverage but admin will be covering too. He mentions the Town is working on updating their Capitol Improvement Plan and department added police cruisers to the plan. He mentions the department is seeking six cruisers of the next six years but that doesn’t not necessarily mean a cruiser a year as in past sometimes the department gets one and other times none. He also mentions Ford explained a \$9,000 increase in state bid pricing. **D. Dion** – questions whether PD is still getting cruisers through Erwin Ford. **Chief** – comments getting in Mass. **D. Dion** – questions the change. **Chief** – mentions last few

times Erwin delayed delivery and that McGowen Ford has had them available for a sooner delivery.

LIEUTENANT'S REPORT

Chief – comments a standard month with 12 arrests, 728 calls for service, 218 MV stops. He further mentions most of the arrests appear to be for Operating After Suspension. He mentions continue to have police information reports for identity or fraud calls that require a police report for insurance or banking needs. He mentions Officer Gardner is on the midnight shift and been generating lots of activity and doing a great job.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH UPDATE

D. Dion – questions if there is anything new with NW. **S. Grange** – mentions a meeting is in the works. **Chief** – mentions Melissa is having response issues with leaders and meeting date has been delayed. **D. Dion** – mentions the nice add in the Crier for NW. **Chief** – mentions Melissa has been working hard to update the list and thought there was around 300 members with good email addresses. **S. Grange** – comments on the work being done to update the email list for accuracy, mentioning as lists have been merged over time duplication occurred. **L. Deeb** – comments Melissa mentioned Steve's list was pretty accurate. **D. Dion** – mentions looking into getting a welcome kit for new members. **S. Grange** – comments good idea to refresh things with the NW. **D. Dion** – mentions maybe use notice school sends out to parents.

OLD BUSINESS

D. Dion – asks if the 2023 budget numbers have been posted yet. **Chief** – explains Lil has created an excel sheet importing 2023 expenditures for tracking. **D. Dion** - mentions at 16.5% which appears right on track. **Chief** – mentions the department is tracking overtime in an effort to stay ahead on usage.

NEW BUSINESS

Chief – mentions updating the Selectboard about raising money for the K9 program and mentions department is going to work it so that the donations will be collected by the Police Association and the Association will donate the equipment and dog. He mention that Detective Kapos mentioned that even if the cage didn't fit in the new style cruiser the heating and cooling system should work as well as the electronic door opener. He mentions Melissa and going to be ramping up fundraising. **D. Dion** – mentions working of pup-cup ice cream donation at DQ he is working on with Melissa and suggests maybe Melissa comes to the April or May PC meeting.

D. Dion - motion to adjourn at 7:18 PM. **P. Bergeron** - second. All in favor. **Motion passes.**

Meeting closed at 7:18 pm.

Minutes approved by _____ on _____.