

Town of Auburn
AUBURN POLICE COMMISSION PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES
August 9, 2023

D. Dion – calls the meeting to order at 6:45 PM and leads the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: David Dion, Police Commissioner, Joseph Rossino, Police Commissioner, Chief Pelton, Lieutenant Chabot and Melissa Gates.

Also Present: Steve Grange, Neighborhood Watch Leader.

D. Dion – suggests jumping ahead to Steve Grange and the Neighborhood and looks for update. **S. Grange** – comments on leaders still looking to meet and talk more of master list and continue with Facebook. **M. Gates** – comments looking into maybe establishing a NW email address. **S. Grange** – mentions the importance of keeping the interest going, especially with all the new homes being built in Auburn. **D. Dion** – asks for the number on the membership list. **M. Gates** – comments it being around 500 to 600 names and mentions the Crier articles have generated more members. **D. Dion** – mentions the Crier articles are helping. **M. Gates** – confirms having received new members. **S. Grange** – mentions Duck Day and depending on work schedule will look to have sign up booth. **M. Gates** – mentions other members maybe coving the sign-up booth on shifts. **D. Dion** – indicates commission will be going into non-public.

Mr. Grange exited the meeting room.

D. Dion - motion to go into non-public pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, II (c) at 6:50 pm. **J. Rossino** – seconds and polled the members present and received the affirmative from all. **Motion passes.**

Public meeting resumed at 7:01 pm.

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

REVIEW MINUTES

J. Rossino - motion to accept June 6, 2023, public minutes as presented. **D. Dion** – second. All in favor. **Motion passes.**

J. Rossino - motion to accept the June 6, 2023, non-public minutes as presented. **D. Dion** – second. All in favor. **Motion passes.**

CHIEF'S REPORT

Chief – thanks Dairy Queen, mentioning the Pup-Cup event brought the total K9 fundraising amounts to date to \$10,800 and mention Officer Gardner will be getting the dog before the end of month and will begin their training in September. **D. Dion** – mentions more funds being raised on Duck Day. **Chief** – mentions the format of the budget presentation is changing. He explains the budget payroll numbers will now be presented by department heads as in the past

the town administrator presented. He further explains Mimi the Finance Director has been very helpful and Selectboard will be looking for the Department presentation sometime in October, therefore he mentions the department will need to give a presentation to the Commission in advance. He also mentions the Amazon Delivery/Return boxes are now installed at the Safety Complex. **M. Gates** – comments not hooked up but should be soon. **Chief** – discusses the Regional Peer to Peer program's progress and mentions Doctor Alizio has agreed to be the doctor that is needed to oversee the program. He mentions doing spousal peer to peer training wherein spouses will learn about available support or learn assistance they can provide on November 9th.

LIEUTENANT'S REPORT

Lt. Chabot – comments June there were 856 calls for service, with 12 arrests and 202 MV stops. He comments 16 reports were generated from conduct after, to tobacco charges. In July there were 1097 calls for service, with 19 arrests. He further mentions 237 MV stops with 3 arrests for DUI. He mentions from Jan to June there was a total of 5700 calls for service and 1045 MV stops. **D. Dion** – questions burglary statistics. **Lt. Chabot** – mentions none. **D. Dion** – asks about car break-ins on the trailheads. **Lt. Chabot** – reported Candia had a recent report Tower Hill area.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH UPDATE

Addressed earlier in presentation.

OLD BUSINESS

D. Dion – reviews the 2023 budget numbers to date. **Chief** – comments budget is around 60% and explains although bottom line budget, town administration is asking rather than take one-time purchases from funds from lines with balance to run over on lines. He also mentioned the town requested look at remaining funds for 2023 and look to make plan to purchase any anticipated 2024 expenses from those funds rather than incur in 2024 to keep tax costs down. He explains the department may look to purchase or make a cruiser payment to keep costs down in 2024. **J. Rossino** – questions why the police commission line which is only budgeted for \$100.00 is overspent. **Chief** – explains initially this was taken out of the part-time line but town questioned it be changed to commission line and run over. He explains the Canine Line is over for the kennel purchased for new K9. **D. Dion** – budget is looking good.

NEW BUSINESS

D. Dion-motions based on the satisfactory evaluation of Peter Lennon, award him an increase from Part-time Officer Step 8 to Step 9 **J. Rossino** - second. All in Favor. **Motion passes**

D. Dion -motions based on the satisfactory evaluation of Karl Hanson, award him an increase from Master Patrolman Step 4 to Step 5. **J. Rossino** - second. All in Favor. **Motion passes**

D. Dion-motions based on the satisfactory evaluation of Melissa Gates, award her an increase from Labor Grade 5, Step 17 to Step 18. **J. Rossino** - second. All in Favor. **Motion passes**

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

The meeting closed at 7:18 pm.

Minutes approved by _____ on _____.