

**Town of Auburn
AUBURN POLICE COMMISSION MEETING
MINUTES
May 2, 2017**

Present: David Dion, Police Commissioner, Glenn Shaw, Police Commissioner, Dennis McCarthy, Police Commissioner, Chief Edward Picard, Lt. Ray Pelton, Lillian Deeb, Office Manager and Detective Charles Chabot.

D. Dion – called the meeting to order at 6:34 PM in the Safety Complex lobby.

D. McCarthy – motions to go into non-public pursuant to RSA 91-A :3, II, A at 6:34 PM. **D. Dion**- second. A roll call vote was taken: **D. Dion** – Yes; **D. McCarthy** – Yes. **Motion passes**

Commissioners leave the non-public meeting in PD and move to the Safety Complex meeting room.

Present: David Dion, Police Commissioner, Glenn Shaw, Police Commissioner, Dennis McCarthy, Police Commissioner, Chief Edward Picard, Lt. Ray Pelton and Lillian Deeb, Office Manager.

Also Present: Steve Grange, Chip Chabot, Marion Miller, Christine McQuillan, John Rolfe, Mary Ann Rolfe, Linda Dross, Mike Dross, Mike Rolfe, Melissa Gates, Bill Herman and Mike DiPietro.

D. Dion – the public meeting was called to order at 7:06

D. McCarthy - motion to seal the minutes of the Non-Public Session. **G. Shaw** – second. A roll call vote was taken: **D. Dion** – Yes; **D. McCarthy** – Yes. **G. Shaw** – Yes. All in favor. **Motion passes**

REVIEW THE March 7, 2017 PUBLIC MINUTES

D. McCarthy - motion to accept the Public minutes as AMENDED (typographical errors). **G. Shaw** - second. All in favor. **Motion passes.**

ELECT CHAIRPERSON FOR POLICE COMMISSION

D. Dion – comments last month the commission forgot to elect the annual chairperson. **D. McCarthy** – motions to elect Dave Dion as chairperson. **G. Shaw** – second. All in favor. **Motion passes**

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH UPDATE

D. Dion – welcomes Mr. Grange. **S. Grange** – comments all remains quiet. He comments it appears Raids is updating information. **D. Dion** – suggests after the Chief and Lt reports something sparks his interest let him know and it can be addressed.

CHIEF'S REPORT

Chief – comments on the monthly stats, reporting there were no burglaries for month of April. He comments on the 27 calls for suspicious vehicles and thanks the NW for their continued support. He updates the commission on AVS's recent evacuation drill which took place, mentioning the officers who participated in the drill and office staff, commenting it went smoothly. He mentions the drug take-back event that took place Saturday comments 120 pounds of prescriptions were taken in and overall Statewide the event had a huge response. He mentions the MC will be up and running and comments on the recent grant patrols the department has been conducting siting 36 stops were made for distracting driving alone in the month of April. **D. Dion** – asks for update of injured officer. **Chief** – comments on the approximate return date of July.

LIEUTENANT'S REPORT

R. Pelton – comments on an update that Manchester Fire Chief Goonan and Officer Lennon provided him today related the new type of Fentanyl "Carfentanil" which is on the streets of Manchester, mentioning the impact this will have on first responders. He comments on the precautions the department is taking after the recommendations from Goonan and Lennon. The PD has masks for the cruisers and hazmat suits from 24 Trauma and comments of the increased dose of Narcan officers are carrying and shows the commissioners the new dispenser of the Narcan the PD received from the City of Manchester. **G. Shaw** – asks if this works against the Carfentanil. **R. Pelton** – affirms and explains that Manchester had an overdose call and it took 8 doses to revive where initially when the epidemic began only 1 dose, then 2 but now it requires more. **D. Dion** – comments on today's Union Leader article and wondered about the trace amounts. **R. Pelton** – comments many of the OD calls Auburn handles are not in homes but in cars. The worry is an officer can touch the car or seat and be exposed and explains each officer now have available an excess of 2 doses so 4 doses on each shift until rescue arrives on scene. He further expounds on the distracted driving grant and the 6 patrols that were conducted last month which resulted in the issuance of 29 summons and 36 warnings. He mentions a rumor that was circulating that the department issued a summons for someone eating but mentions that was not true. He further comments over the entire month the department had 325 MV stops and the department experienced an uptick in MV accidents this month, experiencing 8, commenting the good weather is here and the department will continue its increased activity. He comments he did not have an opportunity this month to work on any MRI recommendations because he has been coving shifts. He updates the commissioners on the LEAD (Law Enforcement Against Drugs) program Officer Beaule is doing with the kids at AVS and the kids have been real responsive. **D. Dion** – asks where things stand with hiring a new officer. **R. Pelton** – comments the department is planning on posting it internally this month and look to begin hiring process in June. **D. Dion** – asks how long will it be posted internally to be compliant with the union. **R. Pelton** – comments the internal posting is for two weeks. **D. Dion** – comments on the selection process regarding internal interest.

OLD BUSINESS

D. Dion – comments about last month's discussion about video recording the meetings and looks to Melissa for a review on her findings. **M. Gates** – outlines Mr. Herman reached out to town counsel and that there appeared to be no issue with recording the meetings and the minutes would remain the official record. **D. Dion** – reiterates about what town council said and comments on the issue of saving the recording being subject to disclosure as long as the department saves it. He further comments on being able to destroy it after the official record is

made. **B. Herman** – suggests creating a policy. **D. McCarthy** – affirms that a policy should be established but questions whether the idea was to assist with preparing the minutes. **R. Pelton** – comments the recording was not for that purpose. **M. Gates** – comments the idea came from the fiasco related to the election and the weather which got the department thinking about people have commitments in their lives that would make it impossible to attend the commission meeting and why not make it available through social media as a way to make this accessible to residents. **D. McCarthy** - comments the need for a policy related to how long recordings are kept before destroying them. He further comments on townstreaming.com that he mentioned at the last meeting and comments again on how Rye, NH has this set up and mentions approximate cost of a couple thousand dollars to set up for the whole town which allows residents to simply go to the web site where they are stored and simply click on the meeting. **M. Gates** – questions how long the recording is saved. **D. McCarthy** – mentions Rye, NH keeps for least 3 years and then notice is provided before recording are dropped off the website. He recommends the town look at something like this for all the Boards and mentions the set-up location would most likely be the town hall and mentions it is usually 1 camera that faces the front of the room. **M. Gates** – mentions starting this as a pilot project and utilizing the YouTube to track how many people are viewing the meetings, commenting the cost Mr. McCarthy mentioned are now up to \$2800 and YouTube is free. **D. Dion** – comments on the commission recording for a 90-day trial period and revisit after the third meeting is recorded and the town could see if this is something they want to invest funds into. **M. Gates** – explained at the last meeting she recorded using her tablet and things were very clear on the record. **D. Dion** – asks where people will go to view this video. **M. Gates** – comments the PD has a YouTube channel called Auburn NH Police Department. **D. McCarthy** – asks how long it will be available for. **M. Gates** – comments the decision wasn't made. **D. McCarthy** – questions whether 72 hours is long enough for people to have an opportunity to view. **M. Gates** – comments YouTube keeps it forever and the department would have to delete it if they wanted to make it unavailable. **D. McCarthy** – comments that's why there needs to be a policy or expectations. **M. Gates** – comments her recommendation is not to delete. **D. Dion** – reiterates running a three-meeting trial period and after that time Mr. Herman will have had an opportunity to determine if live streaming is the way the Selectmen are willing to fund. **G. Shaw** – comments reasonable going with YouTube because costs the town nothing. **R. Pelton** – comments it was the department's plan to have Ms. Deeb record them because she is already paid to attend and it's free to leave the recording up on the YouTube side forever because Melissa checked with surrounding towns that just leave them posted. **D. McCarthy** – recommends deleting it in a month. **M. Gates** – recommends going for the three-meeting trial period before any decision is made to delete because she will be able to gather stats as to when people are watching and whether they are viewing meetings from a month ago or three month. **D. McCarthy** – comments on the need for a process. **D. Dion** – asks the commissioner to agree to the three-month trial period and a decision then being made when the recording will or will not be removed. **G. Shaw** – comments his belief that this is a win, win. **D. McCarthy** – agree but wants a policy. **M. Gates** – comments on having other town's policies and can have something prepared to email to people. **D. Dion** – asks if a motion should be made. **D. McCarthy** – motions that the commission will have a trial period recording their meeting until October at which time it will be reviewed. **G. Shaw** – second. All in favor. **Motion passes**

NEW BUSINESS

G. Shaw - motion based on satisfactory review to award Officer Huard a step increase from a Labor Grade 7, Step 10 to a Labor Grade 7, Step 11, **D. McCarthy** – second. All in favor. **Motion passes.**

G. Shaw - motion based on satisfactory review to award Officer Fletcher a step increase from a Labor Grade 10, Step 8 to a Labor Grade 10, Step 9, **D. McCarthy** – second. All in favor. **Motion passes.**

D. Dion – asks before meeting closes if there is anything additional. **M. Rolfe** – comments on the recent settlement the town reached against the Town, Bill Barry and the Road Agent Mike Dross, asking if any action has been taken against Bill Barry yet, mentioning the recent raise given to Barry. **D. Dion** – comments that is a personnel matter. **M. Rolfe** – comments Barry should be on a Laurie List for falsifying police reports. **D. Dion** – comments it wouldn't be the Commission that address Laurie List issue and further comments that during Officer Barry's testimony at court if there was a Laurie issue it would have been addressed there but comments the Commission should not be discussing in public. **M. Rolfe** – comments on crooked cops.

G. Shaw - Motion to adjourn. **D. McCarthy** – second. All in favor. **Motion passes**

Meeting closed at 7:37 pm.

Minutes approved by _____.