

**Town of Auburn  
Police Commission  
May 6, 2014**

**Present:** David Dion, Police Commissioner, Dennis McCarthy, Police Commissioner, Ken Robinson, Police Commissioner, Chief Edward Picard and Captain Gary Bartis

**Also Present:** Tom Gonyea, Mary Ann Rolfe, Linda Dross, Jill Dross, Mike Dross, Scott Norris, Karen Norris, Mickey Rolfe, Kim Sargent, Brad Sargent, Bill Herman, Mike DiPietro, Holley Rolfe, Cliff Noyes, Greg Santuccio and Chris Rolfe.

**D. Dion** – the meeting was called to order at 7:02 and the locations of the exits and restrooms were identified.

**REVIEW THE April 1, 2014 MINUTES**

**K. Robinson** - motion to accept the April 1, 2014 minutes. **D. McCarthy** - second. All in favor. **Motion passes.** **K. Robinson** - motion to accept the Non-Public April 1, 2014 minutes. **D. McCarthy** - second. All in favor. **Motion passes**

**REVIEW BILLS AND CORRESPONDENCE**

**D. Dion** – comments there are no bills or one small correspondence tonight for what appears to be a young person thanking the chief for his kindness.

**NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH UPDATE**

**D. Dion** – looks to see if anyone is in attendance from the Neighborhood Watch commenting it appears there isn't tonight and moves to the next item on the agenda.

**CHIEF'S REPORT**

**Chief** – comments Lil Deeb will be graduating from the 266<sup>th</sup> Part-time Academy and further reports Officer Cashman has been on board for two months and continues to do an outstanding job. **D. Dion** – verifies Officer Cashman is working on his own. **Chief** – confirms and comments on the Women's Safety Clinic the Department will be hosting on June 26<sup>th</sup>. He further relays to the commission that both the reports have been submitted to the County Attorney's Office. **D. Dion** – confirms that is the Silva report and landfill report now in the hands of the county. **Chief** – confirms this. **D. McCarthy** – asks if the department anticipates any action from them. **Chief** – comments that they are reviewing it. **D. McCarthy** – asks on an average how long will the county have it. **Chief** – comments it is hard to tell, explaining they just got the county attorney back. **D. Dion** – wonders out loud if that will delay any response. **Chief** – comments the County Attorney must have a large back log to review, being out for five months.

**CAPTAIN'S REPORT**

**G. Bartis** – comments and thanks those that sent well wishes to him. He further comments on the SOPs that were requested by Mr. Herman relating his understanding was the request was based on the right to know law, on behalf of the Selectmen and also for Primex, further relaying

some time passed, checks were made to the Selectmen who were not looking for them and Primex responded when and if a claim was filled they'd look for the SOPs then, in the interim Lt Pelton has been in the process of updating all of the SOPs. **D. Dion** – confirms all of the SOPs are being revised? **G. Bartis** – confirms they are and comments that Lt. Pelton is presently enrolled in a leadership program, through Primex and with this program he is using this opportunity to update, revise and organize the SOPs and in the meantime he and Lt. Pelton will go through present SOPs and determine what can be released and what is tactical procedural and unable to be released giving some examples of what shouldn't be release and ask Mr. Herman if he wishes he can put a formal written request for the SOPs which will be reviewed. **D. Dion** – comments on a meeting with the Town's attorney last month, counsel recommended that the Commissioners didn't have to rewrite the SOPs but approved what can and cannot be released. **D. McCarthy** –comments the town attorney explained a table of contents could be used when making these decisions on what can and cannot be released to the public and further comments they are still discoverable by an attorney but that some are sensitive but the commission does not need to see the contents.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

**D. Dion** – comments there is nothing listed under old business but the commission took the opportunity to review the to-date expenditures. ***Commissioners briefly discuss certain line items and then move on to New Business.***

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**D. Dion** – comments there are two evaluations for review. **K. Robinson** - motion to accept the evaluation of Officer Fletcher and award him the appropriate STEP increase for a satisfactory evaluation. **D. McCarthy** - second. All in favor. **Motion passes.** **K. Robinson** - motion to accept the evaluation of Sgt. Dave Garofano and award him the appropriate STEP increase for a satisfactory evaluation. **D. McCarthy** - second. All in favor. **Motion passes**

**D. Dion** – asks if there is anything from anyone present tonight. **M. Dross** – comments on the complaint he filed indicating he was supposed to hear something in thirty days. **D. Dion** –comments that complaint was sent up separately to the county and the commission will follow up and if there has been anything reported let Mr. Dross know. **C. Rolfe** – comments on a write-to-know request he has and asks how the commission would like to receive it. **D. Dion** –comments Mr. Rolfe can bring the request up. **D. McCarthy** – explains the commission has just received a right-to-know requesting a significant amount of information. **T. Gonyea** – requests the commission to disclose what is being requested. **D. McCarthy** – comments the request is looking for correspondence between Officer Barry, Officer Santuccio and Chief Picard with Darren Wetherbee, Kevin Heald and Darren Wetherbee's attorney. **D. McCarthy** – comments town's counsel will have to look at this. **D. Dion** –comments the commissioners will follow up on whatever needs to be addressed. **M. DiPietro** - comments on the Department's recent quick response with traffic concerns that were raised on Steam Mill Road. **D. McCarthy** – comments on the pro-activeness of the Department with the radar acts as a deterrent and the residents appreciate this as the trailer acts as a reminder when people are speeding. **D. Dion** – asks if there is anything else before entertaining a motion to close. **D. McCarthy** – asks Mr. Herman about discussions that have been had about a "facilitator" to deal with the communication issues that are anticipated and asks if that is something the Selectmen are going to address. **B. Herman** – comments something is in the works. **D. McCarthy** – comments something is still needed. **B. Herman** – comments the Selectmen have a meeting

to advance the process in early June with the event most likely not happening till July

**D. McCarthy** - Motion to adjourn. **K. Robinson** - second. All in favor. **Motion passes**

**Meeting closed at 7:21 pm.**