

Town of Auburn
AUBURN POLICE COMMISSION PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES
January 14, 2020

D. Dion – calls the meeting to order at 6:48 PM

Present: David Dion, Police Commissioner, Michael Rolfe, Police Commissioner, Chief Pelton, Lieutenant Chabot and Lillian Deeb.

Absent: Dennis McCarthy, Police Commissioner

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

D. Dion – reconvenes public meeting at 6:54 but suspends. He requested to record to reflect that at 6:57 pm **Commissioner McCarthy is now present.**

Present: Dennis McCarthy , Commissioner and Steve Grange.

D. Dion –at 7:00 pm and asks everyone to stand and leads the Pledge of Allegiance.

M. Rolfe – motion to seal non-public minutes. **D. Dion** – second. All in favor. **Motion passes.**
D. McCarthy – abstained.

REVIEW MINUTES

D. Dion – comments before commission accepts the minutes, they address Lillian Deeb's email related to the electronic copy needing to be corrected to include the commission's motion related to the Chief's increase, but mentions the written minutes before the commission for approval contain the motion.

M. Rolfe - motion to accept the December 17, 2019 public minutes as presented. **D. McCarthy** – seconds for discussion because he was not present for the entire December meeting. **D. Dion** – second. **M. Rolfe** and **D. Dion** – in favor. **D. McCarthy** – abstained. **Motion passes.**

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CHIEF'S REPORT

Chief – mentions the Warm Zone training taking place Saturday at the AVS with the Fire Department. It's training the FD is putting on using grant funding related to rendering aid during critical incidents. He mentions the kitchen project is complete and mentions the department appreciation for those that took part of completing the project. He mentions lockers are moved and now awaiting the new file shelves ordered. He comments the cruiser ordered in 2019 still

on target for delivery in February and the second cruiser ordered later in the spring. He mentions the February 13th awards night the Department is holding for officers sworn in so that family members can attend, and any awards given throughout 2019. **D. Dion** – comments liking a reminder. **Chief** - he further looks to thank to residents of Auburn for their generous outpouring of gifts and kindness as Melissa wrapped up the Giving Tree Event. He also thanks the wrappers. He comments plans have begun for Old Home Day in June, commenting they are looking to shift it back to public safety theme. He mentions in January police, fire and teaches will be playing student in basketball, should be fun event vying any injuries. He further mentions the Cyber testing project the department is participating in with Primex and mentions the interviews coming up on January 29th. He comments this project will allow the department to come away with policies and procedures for better computer security. **D. Dion** – comments on the seven DUI arrest reported in stats. **Chief** – comments during the holiday season the department increases DUI patrols and officers are more orientated. **D. Dion** – comments with all the publicity you'd think people would be more aware and DUIs down.

LIEUTENANT'S REPORT

C. Chabot – comments activity remains steady with 473 car stops, 13 investigations with 906 calls for service for the month. He further comments on the 10,762 calls for service for 2019. He further mentions the 93 arrests which is roughly the average for Auburn. **D. Dion** – questions how agency stands with burglaries. **C. Chabot** – mentions the department had a couple but mentions not nearly what the agency saw few years back when there was a spike. He mentions the media taking note that surveillance videos are showing criminals are masking up and making efforts to disguise themselves now that everyone has cameras, which hinders apprehension but certainly doesn't make it impossible. **D. McCarthy** – comments on reports generated "Police Information" is listed multiple times. **Chief** – comments on a copying issue into report but will check with Melissa. **D. McCarthy** – mentions pointing it out not to be critical but just mentioning.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH UPDATE

D. Dion – greets Mr. Grange. **S. Grange** – comments things quiet during the holiday. **D. Dion** – suggests the sign-up table again at the Old Home Day. **S. Grange** – asks if there is any information on burglaries he can furnish to members. **Chief** – mentions there was two burglaries, commenting one having a pretty good suspect but nothing that members would find helpful. **D. McCarthy** – asked how Department made out with porch pirates this holiday season. **Chief** – mentions many of the suspicious activity were calls generated by unmarked Amazon deliveries but couldn't recall any thefts. **D. McCarthy** – comments how many homeowners have those "Ring" alarms systems for minimal money, commenting seeing demo and the camera angle can pan 360 degrees. **D. Dion** - comments on having Melissa jazz up Neighborhood notice in Crier. **S. Grange** – mentions Melissa sending out reminder to residents about the phone scams.

OLD BUSINESS

D. Dion – comments reviewing 2019 budget asking if the numbers before commission, are the final figures. **Chief** – mentions still waiting on payroll adjustments needing to be made and waiting on encumbered funds for the cruiser. He comments on the \$68,000 listed with \$18,000 cruiser and payroll will be more along the lines of \$15,000-\$20,000. **M. Rolfe** – comments your safe it was challenging. **D. McCarthy** – comments not making it easy on Chief. **D. Dion** – comments good job.

NEW BUSINESS

D. Dion – asks if there are any evaluations. **L. Deeb** – none.

M. Rolfe - motion to adjourn at 7:23 PM. **D. McCarthy** - second. All in favor. **Motion passes.**

Meeting closed at 7:23 pm.

Minutes approved by _____ on _____.