

Town of Auburn
AUBURN POLICE COMMISSION PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES
March 17, 2020

D. Dion – calls the meeting to order at 6:50 PM

Present: David Dion, Police Commissioner, Dennis McCarthy, Commissioner, Chief Pelton and Lillian Deeb.

Also present: Bill Herman, Town Administrator.

Absent: Michael Rolfe, Police Commissioner

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

D. McCarthy – motion to come out of non-public meeting at 6:58. **D. Dion** – seconds. All in favor. **Motion passes.** **D. Dion** – Motion to Seal minutes of non-public. **D. McCarthy** – seconds. All in favor. **Motion passes.**

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

D. McCarthy – motions to hire Matthew Webber for full-time officer at Step 4, Labor Grade 7.
D. Dion – second. All in favor. **Motion passes.**

REVIEW MINUTES

D. McCarthy - motion to accept the February 11, 2020 public minutes as presented. **D. Dion** – second. All in favor. **Motion passes.**

CHIEF'S REPORT

Chief – discusses the preparation the department has been doing considering the COVID 19 virus. He mentions the inventory of protective gear and supplies that has been done and that supplies have been reissued accordingly. He mentions the FD assistance and training which will take place this week from Mike Sullivan of the Auburn FD. He comments on the temporary response changes made when officers deal with medical calls and the practice of tactical distancing to limit the exposure to officers because department is dealing with only a limited number of officers for coverage. He mentions the State's Emergency System is open and is conducting telephone conferences Monday, Wednesday and Fridays to provide information across agencies, especially when dealing with personal issues. He mentions discussions with Chief McGillen of Candia and the informal mutual aid plans being considered. He mentions discussions with AVS related to food delivery to students, commenting it's in the planning stages and mentioning the department has offered it's help. He comments the EOC website is operational and the department has logged in for preparations if the need arises. He comments Court across the State has been cancelled and public hearing like commission meeting being cancelled and discussions are being had to set them up via telecommunication. **D. Dion** –

mentions the recommendation of not meeting with more than 10 people. **B. Herman** – comments the State's standard is less than 50. **Chief** – comments will continue to work with recommendations, but comments the important issue tonight was the ability to hire new officer. He explains this will assist with manpower and mentions while Officer Spinney the newest part-time hire is only part-time will be able to utilize him for more hours.

LIEUTENANT'S REPORT

Chief – comments the Lt is not present tonight but patrol remains routine and mentions call volume has been a little low over the last week or so but mentions that may change moving forward as people remain home bound.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH UPDATE

D. Dion – mentions being disappointed with the lack of communication and updates from department to neighborhood watch leaders. **Chief** – mentions recalls having seen communications on Lieutenant's desk

OLD BUSINESS

D. Dion – comments discussed the new hire and have hired him.

NEW BUSINESS

D. Dion – asks if there are any evaluations. **D. McCarthy** – motions based on the satisfactory evaluation of Kevin Cashman and award him a step increase from Labor Grade 12, Step 14 to Step 15. **D. Dion** – second. All in Favor. **Motion passes.**

D. Dion - motion to adjourn at 7:10 PM. **D. McCarthy** - second. All in favor. **Motion passes.**

Meeting closed at 7:10 pm.

Minutes approved by _____ on _____.