

Town of Auburn
AUBURN POLICE COMMISSION PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES
September 8, 2020

D. Dion – calls the meeting to order at 7:05 PM

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

Also present: Bill Herman, Town Administrator.

D. Dion – leads the Pledge of Allegiance.

REVIEW MINUTES

M. Rolfe - motion to accept August 11, 2020 public minutes as presented. **D. Dion** – second. All in favor. **Motion passes.**

D. Dion - motion to accept the June 22, 2020 non- public minutes as presented. **M. Rolfe** – second. **D. McCarthy** – abstained. All in favor. **Motion passes.**

M. Rolfe - motion to accept the August 11, 2020 non- public minutes as presented. **D. McCarthy** – second. All in favor. **Motion passes.**

CHIEF'S REPORT

Chief – comments Officer Spinney has begun attending the full-time academy. He mentions Officer Webber continues under his FTO and should be out on his own on the next schedule rotation. He mentions Melissa is gearing up the next Citizen's Academy which has generated interested from residents. He comments, school started and drop off and pick up went surprisingly well. He mentions traffic backed up some but student, teaches and parents worked it out and process took 20 minutes less. He mentions the there is a DEA Drug Take Back event scheduled October 24th at the Safety Complex. He comments, Monday he will be meeting with the Selectmen to discuss the town's Trick or Treating and will also discuss Trunk or Treat. He further mentions last month Auburn PD hosted the Rockingham County Chief's meeting, commenting meeting went very well and the department will be looking to host a training for the entire department on the domestic violence topic that was presented at the Chief's meeting. He mentions the Front door locking and camera system has been ordered following the approval from Selectmen to utilize detail line funding.

LIEUTENANT'S REPORT

Lt. Chabot – comments no major crimes for month of August and mentions the 667 calls for service and sums up a couple of the more remarkable incidents. He comments on the five arrests. He mentions the stolen vehicle. **M. Rolfe** – comments vehicle was brand new. **Lt. Chabot** – comments it was taken right out of driveway. **B. Herman** – comments the vehicle was just registered. **Lt. Chabot** – comments on a mental health incident and shooting

complaints received and mentions as long as shooting is done according to RSA there is no violation. **D. Dion** – mentions his neighbor shoots behind home on weekends.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH UPDATE

D. Dion – mention the department had a meeting with NW member leaders. **Chief** – mentions the meeting and new volunteers that stepped forward. He further mentions Melissa has been doing some organization and members agreed to change the format to include both Facebook and email. He comments hoping by Christmas NW will be regrouped and operational with new ideas.

OLD BUSINESS

D. Dion – comments reviewing 2020 budget is at about 66% used. **Chief** – comments the reimbursement of some lines from the CARES Act, commenting Adele doing a fantastic job documenting and tracking funds. He further mentions the possibility of a surplus payroll due to personal changes. He suggests at year-end looking to purchase tables and chairs for the community room. He comments had to borrow from parks and rec. He mentions looking into purchasing some new radars to replace older units. He further mentions the department continues to explore body cameras but is learning there is more information to consider. He may propose funding for 2021 and 2022 but will discuss this more during budget meetings this fall. **D. Dion** – mentions that with all the changes going on and more agencies considering body cameras that technology and pricing will be changing. **Chief** – mentions using the next schedule commission meeting to discuss the 2021 department budget. **D. McCarthy** – comments that is good. **D. Dion** – mentions setting aside the entire agenda for the 2021 budget.

NEW BUSINESS

D. Dion – mentions last on agenda is employee evaluation. **D. McCarthy** – motions based on the satisfactory evaluation of Ryan Goulet and award him a step increase from Labor Grade 8, Step 13 to Labor Grade 8, Step 14. **M. Rolfe** – second. All in Favor. **Motion passes.**

D. McCarthy – comments not looking to discuss tonight but would like to add to next month's agenda discuss the continuation of the commission itself, whether commission should continue or not. **D. Dion** – comments this is being proposed by the other commissioners.

D. Dion - motion to adjourn at 7:21 PM. **M. Rolfe** - second. All in favor. **Motion passes.**

Meeting closed at 7:21 pm.

Minutes approved by _____ on _____.