

Town of Auburn
AUBURN POLICE COMMISSION PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES
November 10, 2020

D. Dion – calls the meeting to order at 6:47 PM

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

D. Dion – reconvenes the public meeting at 7:00 and motions to seal the non-public meeting minutes. **D. McCarthy** – second. All in favor. **Motion passes.**

D. Dion – leads the Pledge of Allegiance.

REVIEW MINUTES

M. Rolfe - motion to accept October 13, 2020 non-public minutes as presented. **D. Dion** – second. **D. McCarthy** – abstained. **Motion passes.**

D. Dion – reviews October 13, 2020 public minutes to correct the typo contained on Computer Line – 01-4210-3-340-1, which was \$23,500 and should have read \$23,100 and

D. McCarthy – motion to make that amendment to the minutes. **M. Rolfe** – second. All in favor. **Motion passes.**

D. Dion – reviews the October 13, 2020 public minutes as it related to Radar Line – 01-4210-3-390-1 which should have been \$2,350 instead on \$2,300 and motions to amend. **M. Rolfe** – second. All in favor. **Motion passes.**

D. McCarthy – motions to re-accept minutes as amended. **D. Dion** – second. All in favor. **Motion passes.**

CHIEF'S REPORT

Chief – He comments on the community service events the PD has been participating in. He mentions the Citizen Academy has been going very well, mentioning this week they will be wrapping up with a mock criminal trial. **S. Grange** – comments classes have been going really well. **Chief** – mentions program was expanded length and had eleven participants. He comments on the trunk-or-treat event this past week and the turn out. **D. Dion** – mentions his neighborhood didn't have as many trick-or-treaters as normal. **Chief** – mention the up coming Giving Tree, which is well received with residents giving a lot, further commenting the tree is up in the lobby. He mentions the upcoming enforcement patrols during the holiday season so officers will be more visible. He mentions the discussions the department has had with the Selectmen relating to officer worn body cameras, commenting on the several brands agency tested. He explains department has decided on a brand and mentions Selectmen approved spending 2020 surplus money, however questions whether there will be surplus of \$23,000 after taking into consideration the 2019 payroll adjustment town hall will make at the end of 2020 having not taken that into consideration prior to speaking with the Selectmen. He mentions

speaking to the Town Administrator about funds that remain in the police detail account as only \$11,000 had been spent. **D. Dion** – comments on the 10% that department is allowed to use annually. **Chief** – comments considering utilizing any remaining available funds for the body cameras. **D. Dion** – explains the funds and outlines what the Selectmen voted can be used annually and asked what \$11,000 had been already sent on. **Chief** – comments rifle sights and portion of payment on door locking system and garage door were made from that account. **D. Dion** – asked if this has been proposed to Selectmen. **Chief** – confirms it was done at last night's Selectmen's meeting. He further mentions adjusting camera order if there are money constraints and when get to the 2021 budget portion of agenda will discuss with commissioners last night's meeting.

LIEUTENANT'S REPORT

Lt. Chabot – comments on the arrests and calls for service for the month. He mentions involuntary emergency admission calls are still up from past years. **D. Dion** – comments on the criminal mischief cases. **Lt. Chabot** – comments was vandalism and mailbox cases. **D. Dion** asked about the catalytic converter thefts. **Lt. Chabot** – mentions a warrant has been done for suspect. He further mentions the other calls for service and mentions use of force reporting and practices and why the department lists, and tracks use of force. **Chief** – outlines the mandates and explains how the department tracks incidents. **D. Dion** – asks where department stands with the governor's July 1st edicts. **Lt. Chabot** - comments many of them are State and our municipal agency are in compliance with a vast majority of them. **Chief** – mentions many of the edicts are policy related and are Calea Standards which Auburn already has.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH UPDATE

D. Dion – greets Mr. Grange and asks about new leaders. **S. Grange** – mentions there are new leaders on board and things are being organized into groups and waiting on Melissa to launch everything and begin sending out notifications. **D. Dion** – comments would like to check with town hall Crier to see if NW notice can continue to be posted. **S. Grange** – suggests adding Citizen Academy members a member of NW.

OLD BUSINESS

D. Dion – asks the Chief about the 2021 budget. **Chief** – comments met with Selectmen last night and comments only change was made to the cruiser line. He comments the department had more money set aside for the Hybrid cruiser and Selectmen reduced line and approved a cruiser but not the amount for the hybrid. **D. Dion** – questions the fuel saving on hybrid. **M. Rolfe** – comments (*as Selectmen*) before going with Hybrid vet information on saving out more. **Chief** – comments Selectmen also took \$1000 out on 2020 lease payment, commenting department rounded up and comments can go back to Selectmen if payment is more. **M. Rolfe** – comments can bring it to the budget committee. **D. Dion** – asks when scheduled with the Budget Committee. **Chief** – comments presently on for December 17th. **M. Rolfe** – comments that meeting will likely be at the school. **D. Dion** – mentions by next PC meeting having a better idea on remaining funds

NEW BUSINESS

D. Dion – asks if there is anything else tonight and comments with nothing, he will motion to adjourn at 7:19 PM. **M. Rolfe** - second. All in favor. **Motion passes.**

Meeting closed at 7:19 pm.

Minutes approved by _____ on _____.