

Board of Police Commissioners
Regular Meeting
December 17, 2019
Police Headquarters
8 Linsley Street
5:30 p.m.

Vice Chairman Larry Lazaroff called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.

Present: Vice Chairman Larry Lazaroff, Commissioners Alden Mead, Robin Wilson and Marc Calafiore

Others present: First Selectman Michael Freda, Police Chief Thomas McLoughlin and Deputy Police Chief Kevin Glenn

First Selectman Michael Freda spoke to those present and the viewing public and explained that per the Town Charter, every two years after a municipal election, he must conduct the election of Officers for all Town Boards and Commissions.

First Selectman Freda then asked for a nomination for the position of Chairman of the Board of Police Commissioners. Commissioner Marc Calafiore made the motion to nominate Vice Chairman Larry Lazaroff as the Chairman of the Board of Police Commissioners; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Robin Wilson. There was no further discussion. All were in favor. Motion passed.

First Selectman Freda then asked for a nomination for the position of Vice Chairman of the Board of Police Commissioners. Chairman Larry Lazaroff made the motion to nominate Robin Wilson as Vice Chairman of the Board of Police Commissioners; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Marc Calafiore. There was no further discussion. All were in favor. Motion passed.

First Selectman Freda then asked for a nomination for the position of Secretary of the Board of Police Commissioners. Vice Chairman Wilson made the motion to nominate Marc Calafiore as Secretary to the Board of Police Commissioners; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Alden Mead. There was no further discussion. All were in favor. Motion passed.

Chairman Lazaroff asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the November 17, 2019 meeting both Regular and Executive Session. Commissioner Calafiore made the motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Mead. There was no discussion. All were in favor.

Chairman Lazaroff asked for a motion to approve the monthly reports for November 2019. The motion to approve the reports was made by Vice Chairman Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Calafiore. There was no discussion. All were in favor.

Correspondence:

Multiple hand written cards were sent to the department from students of the middle school expressing gratitude and thanks to the Officers for keeping the community safe.

Chairman's Report:

Chairman Lazaroff thanked former Chairman David Monz for his service to the community, the Board of Police Commissioners and the Town of North Haven. Chairman Lazaroff also congratulated Marc Calafiore and Robin Wilson on their new positions on the Board and wished a Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukah and Happy Kwanzaa to everyone.

Chief's Report:

Chief McLoughlin stated on behalf of all the officers of the department he wished to extend a Merry Christmas and Happy Hanukah to everyone.

Chief McLoughlin reminded residents during the holiday shopping season to lock your cars, be aware of your surroundings at all times, park in well-lit areas and do not leave any valuables in clear view. Chief McLoughlin also reminds residents to make arrangements to have packages delivered to your work or have someone accept them for you at your home.

Chief McLoughlin publicly thanked former Chairman of the Board of Police Commissioners, David Monz for his 19 years of service to the Town and to the Board. Chief McLoughlin described Mr. Monz as man of reason, someone who was apolitical when it came to being in the middle, and a gentleman who always did what was right for the police department and the Town. Chief McLoughlin wished him the all the best.

Chief McLoughlin advised the Board as well as the listening audience, that effective January 1st, 2020 there is a new statewide policy for police pursuits. Essentially, police statewide will not be allowed to pursue vehicles unless the suspects have committed a known felony involving violence.

Further Chief McLoughlin once again encourages residents lock up your property, no not leave things unattended.

Budget:

Chief McLoughlin said the budget continues to stay within his expectations and is currently 1.7 percent under budget.

Chief McLoughlin advised the Board that the gas and oil line of the operating budget may look a little inflated and explained that the gas pumps at the Town Highway garage were found to have some corrosion in the fuel lines. The State will not allow the town to put fuel in the tanks. The tanks are scheduled to be replaced in the spring and it is not cost effective at this time to repair the lines now and then dig them up in the spring.

The town has made arrangements with a gas station on Washington Avenue to allow for all town vehicles to refuel there until the repairs are done in the spring.

Chief McLoughlin spoke to the Board regarding their request from October to look in to installing a tv-type camera system, similar to that used by NHTV in the training room at police headquarters. Chief McLoughlin advised the Board that he received a quote from the vendor that serviced the new police building in the amount of \$37,000. Chief McLoughlin said he felt that was a lot of money to only use once a month and stated there is no revenue line in the Police budget for it. After some discussion regarding the cost, Vice Chairman Wilson said she would find out if any grants were available for the purchase and installation.

Chief McLoughlin advised the Board that the budget for the next fiscal year has been submitted to the Finance Department. The police budget workshop is scheduled for February 19th, 2020 at 8:30 p.m.

Services Uniformed /ISU

Chief McLoughlin stated that major crimes continue to be on the decline.

One residential burglary was reported last month.

Two commercial burglaries were reported.

There were no robberies last month, and no overdoses.

An incident at the Best Western last week was originally reported as a robbery and was later determined to be a payment dispute between a sex worker and client. Officers conducted a short pursuit on the highway but broke it off due to high speeds. The suspect vehicle continued at a high rate of speed and then crashed at exit 9. Two individuals fled the scene on foot. K9 Taro was deployed and tracked the two individuals who were located inside the Target store. The individuals were captured and arrested. Chief stated it was a job well done by all officers involved.

Chief McLoughlin reported there has been an uptick in stolen vehicles and car burglaries. There were 30 car burglaries reported in one month, half of which occurred in only two nights. Each of these vehicles was left unlocked with the keys left in them. Chief McLoughlin again encourages everyone to lock their vehicles to help us help you.

Chief McLoughlin reported the Massage Therapy Spa located at 565 Washington Avenue has been closed down due to unlicensed masseuses and numerous code violations.

Traffic/Support Services /Professional Standards

Chief McLoughlin reported that the production of the three new police cruisers has been delayed for all Ford police cars. Our vehicles won't be going in to production until sometime in January and won't be ready for delivery until sometime in March.

The signage approved last month has been erected.

Chief McLoughlin spoke of a traffic signage request at Millbrook and Knollwood Road. Sergeant DePascale completed a traffic report with his findings, and after a brief discussion, Chairman Lazaroff asked for a motion to approve the signage recommended by Sergeant DePascale. Commissioner Mead made the motion for signage to be added, the motion was seconded by Commissioner Calafiore. There was no further discussion. All were in favor,

Officer Carter will graduate from the Police academy in January and will then move on to her ten week field training. Officer Mateo will be finishing his ten week field training right after Christmas.

Two new dispatchers have begun their training and a third dispatcher will come on board in January.

Walter T. Berniere Scholarship

Chief McLoughlin stated he received no requests for consideration this month.

With nothing further, Chairman Lazaroff asked for a motion to move to Executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel matters. The motion was made by Commissioner Calafiore, seconded by Vice Chairman Wilson.

All were in favor. The time was 5:59 p.m.

At 6:28 p.m. the Board reconvened to Regular Session for the purpose of adjournment. Chairman Lazaroff asked for a motion to adjourn. The motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Calafiore and seconded by Vice Chairman Wilson. All were in favor. The time was 6:28p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Marc Calafiore, Secretary