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**POLICE COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING
21 SEPTEMBER 2020**

**NOTE: THESE MINUTES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE AND APPROVAL AT
A FUTURE MEETING OF THE POLICE COMMISSION**

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Chairman Don Sauvigne called the meeting to order at 4:16 p.m. In attendance electronically were Commissioner David Waters, Chief John Lynch, Captain Thomas Conlan and Captain Robert Cipolla.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Captain Conlan reported that no public comment had been received.

**DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION ON MATTERS DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE
SESSION**

There was no discussion or action on those matters discussed in the Executive Session Special Meeting that preceded this Special Meeting.

MINUTES

Commissioner Sauvigne made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 13, 2020 Executive Session Special Meeting and the August 13, 2020 Special Meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Waters. Motion carried 2-0.

DISCUSSION OF MONTHLY REPORTS

Monthly reports were reviewed and discussed.

The Activity Report for August was reviewed. The Commissioners noted that motor vehicle accidents are down, domestic matters were slightly increased but still flat compared with prior years, and that burglaries were down.

The Commissioners noted the number of MV Stops for August were up slightly, which was appreciated given the challenges of reduced personnel.

The Detective Bureau report for August did not present any issues. The Commissioners noted that pistol permits are up, which often occurs in election years.

The MAC Report for August was reviewed, and there were no issues. The moveable speed indicator signs are being moved around town to remind drivers not to exceed established speed limits.

The SRO Report for August was reviewed and the Commissioners noted no issues. The Commissioners noted that much attention is being placed on school arrivals and dismissals, and the Department is working with the Board of Education on plans for full school attendance so that it will be ready for implementation at the appropriate time.

The Overtime Report for August was reviewed. The Commissioners noted their concern with the increased overtime hours, but acknowledged that this is to be expected with the current reduced personnel until new officers are incorporated into the schedule, and also resulting from isolation of officers after travel due to COVID-19.

The K-9 Report for August was reviewed. Chief Lynch was asked whether the K-9 program was seen as a success, now that it has been established for several years. He responded that it is a positive program, a great public resource and good for networking with other municipalities.

REPORT OF CHIEF LYNCH

Chief Lynch reviewed with the Commission the letters of thanks and the donations that had been received, and expressed the thanks of the Department for the tremendous support from the community. Chief Lynch reported that he had held a Zoom meeting for the public in conjunction with First Selectwoman Vanderslice and Fire Chief Herald to discuss emergency preparedness, which was well received and is posted on You Tube. He also spoke at a Rotary event about COVID-19, recent storms and emergency preparedness.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Building Committee

Commissioner Waters reported that there has been no activity.

B. COVID Update

Chief Lynch reported that the EOC continues to meet in its groups three times a week. The current focus is on reopening the schools and on restaurants that will be seeking to

move indoors as the weather changes. The Department will continue to encourage compliance with emergency orders, with enforcement as a last resort.

C. Hiring New Recruits

Captain Conlan reported that there are currently four recruits going through the Academy – two that will complete their Academy training in January 2021 and will be on the road in March after field training, and two that started the Academy about two weeks ago and will complete the Academy in March and be on the road in June. There is currently one opening for which the Department may consider a lateral hire from another department.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Grumman Hill/Salem Road Traffic Survey

The Commissioners, acting as the Local Traffic Authority, reviewed the analysis performed by Lieutenant Hartman of a citizen's request for three-way stop signage at the intersection of Grumman Hill Road and Salem Road. The Commissioners agreed that the recommended stop bar on Salem Road and the recommended signage on Grumman Hill Road were appropriate. Commissioner Waters made a motion that the Commission adopt the analysis performed by Lieutenant Hartman. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sauvigne and carried 2-0.

B. St. Johns/Collinswood Centerline Request

The Commissioners, acting as the Local Traffic Authority, reviewed the analysis performed by Lieutenant Hartman of a citizen's request for line painting on St. Johns Road and Collinswood Road. The Commissioners agreed that the recommended single yellow line on both roads was appropriate to enhance visibility at nighttime and during inclement weather. Commissioner Waters made a motion that the Commission adopt the analysis performed by Lieutenant Hartman. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sauvigne and carried 2-0.

REPORTS OF THE COMMISSIONERS

There were no comments from Commissioners.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was received.

ADJOURNMENT

At 4:40 p.m., a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Commissioner Sauvigne seconded by Commissioner Waters and passed 2-0.

Respectfully submitted,
David F. Waters, Acting Recording Secretary