

**CHESHIRE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD ON
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 10, 2011 AT 7:20 P.M.
CHESHIRE TOWN HALL – 84 SOUTH MAIN STREET
COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

Commissioners Present:

Nancy Blomstrom, John Harris and Lori Rusnack

Commissioners Absent:

Chairman Steve Larson and Dan Marchitello

Staff Present:

Lieutenant James Fasano, Administrative Commander of the Cheshire Police Department

Others Present:

Andrew Falvey, Town Council Liaison

I. CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chairman Rusnack called the meeting to order at 7:18 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

The recording secretary took the roll for the meeting.

III. DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

It was determined that a quorum was present.

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – July 13, 2011 Regular Meeting

MOTION by Nancy Blomstrom to accept the minutes of the July 13, 2011 regular meeting as submitted; **SECONDED** by John Harris.

VOTE: In Favor – Blomstrom, Harris and Rusnack
Opposed – None

The motion passed 3 – 0.

VI. CORRESPONDENCE AND PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

None.

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A) Site Line Survey Update

Lieutenant Fasano reported that the over growth on Peck Lane has been addressed.

B) Safety Sign Update

Lieutenant Fasano stated that the Safety Signs were not changed this past month but he will be changing them this Saturday.

Lieutenant Fasano reported that the pedestrian crossing signs at the Linear Trail intersections and on Wiese Road are all new ones after new stickers were requested for the damaged signs and the Police Department received new signs, instead. He also noted that the "Slow Down" reflective inserts have been installed near the Linear Trail.

C) Sidewalk Survey Update

Lieutenant Fasano reported that the Town will replace the brick sidewalks in the center of Town, thanks in part to funding they received from Yankee Gas.

The West Main Streetscape project is underway again, continuing up West Main Street to Grove Street with paver sidewalks, granite curbing and streetlights. Councilman Falvey commented how nice the area looks; adding that is great to see the project coming together. It is not know when the State Department of Transportation will be replacing the culvert on West Main Street, which was originally scheduled for July. It was also reported that Yankee Gas and the State are not happy with the way West Main Street is settling between Ives Row and Mountain Road, so it may not be until October that the roadway is re-paved after Yankee Gas' work there last year.

D) Radar Speed Monitoring Unit Update

Lieutenant Fasano reported that the radar speed monitoring units are going out again after some work was done on them. Anyone that would like a radar speed monitoring unit on their street should contact the Traffic Division at Cheshire Police Department.

E) Open Issues

1) Bicycle safety hat distribution to students

This project is on hold for right now and maybe can be done for next June, when the kids are getting out of school.

2) Linear Trail Crosswalk painting project

Lieutenant Fasano reported that Traffic Officer Picnarcik is working on a traffic calming idea to be tried out at the intersection of the Linear Trail and South Brooksvale. Hash marks will be painted white on both sides of the roadway, with the lines getting bigger as you approach the Trail. This will make the roadway "appear" to become narrower, which will likely encourage drivers to slow down as they approach. Vice Chairman Rusnack commented that she has seen this used in New Haven as well as speed bumps on city streets.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A) Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's Report for the Public Safety Commission was discussed at this meeting. Lieutenant Fasano commented that a new fiscal year has started so the Commission has \$500 available for the Commission's annual budget. Lieutenant Fasano brought the 2 extra Public Safety Commission shirts to the meeting to see if they would be appropriate sizes for the new members of the Commission. For any Commissioners that still needs a shirt, please e-mail Lieutenant Fasano your size and he will see about getting it ordered before the Fall Festival.

B) Review of Police and Fire Department's Monthly Reports

The Commission reviewed the July 2011 Police Department and Fire Department monthly reports during tonight's meeting. Lieutenant Fasano noted that there were 7 Driving Under the Influence arrests in July. Mr. Harris asked how many were under 21 years old and he was told very few. Ms. Blomstrom asked about DUI checkpoints and was told they usually occur near holidays, the most recent was held on July 2nd.

C) Miscellaneous Unfinished Business

Mr. Harris stated that the pothole he mentioned on West Main Street near the Lutheran Church is directly across from Jocelyn Court and is actually a sunken manhole cover, it was noted that it is still an issue but is marked to be risen.

Lieutenant Fasano stated that he had reported the safety concerns about the tree on Willow Street to the Public Works Department but Commissioners do not believe it has been addressed yet.

D) Projects for the Future

The Fall Festival will be held on Saturday, September 10th. Commissioners would like to have the State Police Enforcer and Rollover Simulator at the event, which Lieutenant Fasano stated he would look into reserving but could not promise they would be available for the event due to State budget cutbacks. Commissioners would also like to have the WHALE sticker kits available at the event. Vice Chairman Rusnack encouraged any available Commission member to help out at the Police Department / Public Safety Commission booth for the Fall Festival.

E) General Discussion

Councilman Falvey asked about the intersection of South Meriden Road near Bishops Farms. Lieutenant Fasano reported that a 4 way, full traffic light will be installed by the State at the intersection of South Meriden Road and Country Club Road but he is not sure of the time schedule for the installation.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by John Harris to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m.; **SECONDED** by Nancy Blomstrom.

VOTE: In Favor – Blomstrom, Harris and Rusnack
Opposed – None

The motion passed 3 - 0.

Respectfully submitted:

Tracey M. Kozlowski
Recording Secretary