

**CHESHIRE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION  
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD ON  
WEDNESDAY, MAY 14, 2014 AT 7:20 P.M.  
CHESHIRE TOWN HALL – 84 SOUTH MAIN ST.  
ROOM 210**

Commissioners Present:

Chairman Stephen Larson, Nancy Blomstrom, Lisa DeAngelo, Joseph Falvey and John Harris

Commissioners Absent:

None

Staff Present:

Lieutenant James Fasano, Patrol Division of the Cheshire Police Department

Others Present:

None

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Larson 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 – APRIL 9, 2014 Regular Meeting**

**MOTION** by Nancy Blomstrom to accept the April 9, 2014 regular meeting minutes as submitted. **SECONDED** by Lisa DeAngelo.

VOTE: In Favor – Blomstrom, DeAngelo, Harris and Larson  
Opposed – None  
Abstained - Falvey

The motion passed 4 – 0 – 1.

## **VI. CORRESPONDENCE AND PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS**

Chairman Larson distributed the April 8<sup>th</sup> 2014 edition of Status Report for Commissioners to review.

## **VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### A) Site Line Survey Update

Chairman Larson noted that trees and plants are blooming and growing so the Park and Recreation and Public Works crews will have to keep an eye on site lines around Cheshire and should try to stay proactive. Lieutenant Fasano noted that crews are in the process of sweeping the streets to remove excess sand / dirt from the Winter.

### B) Safety Sign Update

Lieutenant Fasano stated that the Safety Signs were changed last week to seasonably appropriate messages. He noted that he did put out the “Do Not Pass A School Bus” sign, at the Commission’s suggestion.

Lieutenant Fasano noted that all the Safety Sign frames have been re-built and stained by the Public Works Department and look good. He is also working with a local sign maker and got a price for new toppers for the Public Safety signs; \$175 each or all 4 for \$700. Chairman Larson suggested that the Commission purchase a sign topper or two for the 2 in the worst condition before this fiscal year is over. He also asked if more WHALE kits should be ordered and was told that there was still a good amount in inventory.

**MOTION** by John Harris that the Public Safety Commission move forward with Wooden Creation sign company to re-do the 2 worse Public Safety Commission sign toppers with reflective material. **SECONDED** by Lisa DeAngelo.

VOTE: In Favor – Blomstrom, DeAngelo, Falvey, Harris and Larson  
Opposed – None

The motion passed 5 – 0.

### C) Sidewalk Survey Update

Chairman Larson asked if there are any issues with the local sidewalks. Mr. Falvey noted that many of the sidewalks in the back neighborhood behind Dodd Middle School are in bad shape. Lieutenant Fasano noted that he was not sure what the Town's schedule is for sidewalk work this Summer but he will check with Public Works Director, George Noewatne, to see about getting his schedule.

### D) Radar Speed Monitoring Unit Update

Lieutenant Fasano reported that the smaller, pole mounted radar speed-monitoring units are out now on Wallingford Road collecting data, not showing speed. The units also recently collected data on North Brooksvale Road near Kings Road. The larger unit with the message display is on South Main Street near Cheshire High School with a message reminding drivers about Sunday's road race.

### E) Open Issues

Chairman Larson talked about adding raised sidewalks in heavy pedestrian areas such as near the Linear Trail or in Bartlem Park as a means to slowing vehicular traffic. He added that if the Commissioners want to move forward with the idea it will need the Town Council on board with the idea and help with the funding. Lieutenant Fasano mentioned a honeycomb-like pavement area in the roadway with reflective paint in Hamden near their Linear Trail and Quinnipiac University. Chairman Larson stated that he would email the Commission's Town Council Liaison, Jim Sima, to invite him to the next Public Safety Commission meeting to discuss this idea.

## VII. NEW BUSINESS

### A) Treasurer's Report

Lieutenant Fasano stated that budget for staff is in line. The balance for the materials budget for this fiscal year is approximately \$350 after the last safety sign lettering. This current fiscal year ends on June 30<sup>th</sup>.

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

Lieutenant Fasano reviewed the April Police Department Monthly report and he noted that as a result of the Department's Distracted Driving Enforcement last month 114 tickets were issued for cell phone use vs. 10 tickets in April 2013. There was also increased enforcement of drivers that were following too close. The State's "Click it or Ticket" campaign starts in a few weeks and Cheshire will be participating in that, too. When asked about the public's reaction to the recent distracted driving campaign that the Cheshire Police Department took part in, Lieutenant Fasano stated that it was well publicized and he does not recall any complaints coming in so he feels it was well

received. Many people that Lieutenant Fasano talked to were concerned with distracted driving and feel strongly about it.

Lieutenant Fasano mentioned that the Fire Department and Campion Ambulance participated in the Annual DUI / accident / extrication demonstration for the Cheshire High School Junior's before their prom. Lieutenant Fasano did not have the April Fire Department Monthly report.

#### C) Miscellaneous Unfinished Business

Chairman Larson asked about having the Convincer or Enforcer demonstration equipment from the State Police at the Fall Festival this year. Lieutenant Fasano stated that he would ask Lieutenant Rogers about available staffing for either piece of equipment at the Fall Festival.

Mr. Harris again mentioned his concern for speed and the potential for collisions in the shopping plaza in the area of Pier One and CVS. His suggestion is that a stop sign be installed in Cheshire Shopping Center on South Main Street near the Pier One corner for cars coming in from North Brooksvale. Lieutenant Fasano noted that it is private property and the Police Department can not regulate but can make the suggestion to the property owner. It was noted that stop signs had recently been added at the main entrance off South Main Street.

#### D) Projects for the Future

Chairman Larson asked Lieutenant Fasano what the Public Safety Commission can do to help out the Police Department, Fire Department and / or Town of Cheshire in the coming year? Lieutenant Fasano stated that he did not have any suggestions at this time from the Police Department but perhaps this Commission could help with signage for the Cheshire Dog Park.

#### E) General Discussion

Ms. DeAngelo mentioned that the same dog that was causing some problems at the Cheshire Dog Park last month has again been an issue this month. Lieutenant Fasano stated that if someone can get the license plate of the dog owner, the Police Department can try to contact them about the concerns that are being raised.

Lieutenant Fasano stated that the YMCA Sea Dog Road Race will be held on Sunday morning starting at 9am and going until around 1 pm. Residents should expect delays and some road closures on Route 10 and roadways on the south end of Cheshire. He also stated that the annual Memorial Day Parade will be held on Sunday, May 25<sup>th</sup>. Residents should expect road closure of Route 10 between 12:30 pm and 4pm.

Mr. Harris mentioned that it is that time of year for the tractors to be crossing Peck Lane at Schoolhouse Road near Kurtz Farm. He expressed concern for vehicles coming over the hill in that area and suggested that signs warning of tractor crossing should be more prominently displayed in the area.

Mr. Harris asked about the Police Department's procedure regarding how fast they respond to calls, when they use their lights and / or sirens. Lieutenant Fasano replied that the Police Department has recently updated their procedures on responding to different types of calls for assistance and explained the different response scenarios that officers typical deal with on a regular basis.

### **VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION** by John Harris to adjourn the May 14<sup>th</sup> Public Safety Commission meeting at 8:26p.m.; **SECONDED** by Lisa DeAngelo.

VOTE: In Favor – Blomstrom, DeAngelo, Falvey, Harris and Larson  
Opposed – None

The motion passed 5 - 0.

Respectfully submitted:

Tracey M. Kozlowski  
Recording Secretary