

**CHESHIRE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION  
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD ON  
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 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 7:19 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 – October 8, 2014 Regular Meeting**

**MOTION** by Nancy Blomstrom to accept the October 8, 2014 regular meeting minutes as submitted. **SECONDED** by Lisa DeAngelo.

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

The motion passed 5 – 0.

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

Mr. Harris stated that he had been contacted about kids showing up at the Cheshire Dog Park to play with the dogs there, the kids are picking up the dog toys and teasing the dogs with them and they are running with the dogs. The person that contacted Mr. Harris was concerned that the combination of the kids and dogs in this situation was just “an accident waiting to happen”. Lieutenant Fasano stated that he would contact Mr. Ceccolini, the Parks and Recreation Director with these concerns and to see how this should be handled. Commissioners expressed their concern for both the kids and dogs at the Cheshire Dog Park. Ms. DeAngelo suggested that an education event for dog safety could be held in the future at the Cheshire Dog Park.

## **VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **A) Site Line Survey Update**

Chairman Larson noted that the site lines are in good shape right now because of the time of the year. Drivers should continue to use caution with the wet leaves on the roadways.

Lieutenant Fasano noted that the corner of Maple Avenue and West Main Street was trimmed back. He was not sure if the sea grass at the Station 3 Firehouse on South Main Street had been trimmed back yet near the safety sign.

### **B) Safety Sign Update**

Lieutenant Fasano stated that the Safety Signs will be changed around Thanksgiving to seasonably appropriate messages about DUI, candle safety, furnace cleaning, etc.

Chairman Larson suggested that the Town could possibly replace sign toppers at the different Public Safety sign locations, one each year going forward. He noted that the topper was done locally for under \$300.

Commissioners talked about potential new sign wording with regards to generator safety with a reminder that generators should be run outside and away from a house.

**MOTION** by John Harris that the Public Safety Commission approves the purchase of a new safety sign with the wording “Power Out? Run Generators Outside” in reflective lettering at a cost not to exceed \$250.00. **SECONDED** by Nancy Blomstrom.

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

The motion passed 5 – 0.

C) Sidewalk Survey Update

It was noted that sidewalk work for this year is wrapping up with the cold weather around the corner.

D) Radar Speed Monitoring Unit Update

Lieutenant Fasano reported that the smaller, pole mounted radar speed-monitoring units were used on Birch Drive to collect data, not showing speed, and it was discovered that the average speed was 18 mph, with one vehicle traveling at 50 mph. The radar / data collecting units are out on Old Waterbury Road, Creamery Road at Braemar Drive and Peck Lane near Sheriden Drive.

E) Discussion on Sidewalk Snow Removal

Chairman Larson asked how the Public Safety Commission goes about making an ordinance change to the Town Ordinance Committee?

Lieutenant Fasano noted that the Police Department will be more pro-active enforcing and checking sidewalks, especially around the schools. He noted that it is now a misdemeanor offense if you receive a ticket for not clearing your sidewalks in a timely fashion but the courts do not have time for these extra cases. Commissioners and Lieutenant Fasano talked about setting a fine instead, which would be paid to the Town instead of the court system. In order to initiate a change in the Town Ordinance, the Public Safety Commission can ask the Town Council Ordinance Review Committee to review information to implement the change. Lieutenant Fasano stated that he would talk to Police Chief Dryfe for ideas to move forward with making changes to Cheshire’s Snow Removal Ordinance.

F) Open Issues

Lieutenant Fasano noted that he had forwarded the concern about the tree on Stony Hill Road to the Public Works Department.

Chairman Larson continued the discussion about adding raised sidewalks at intersections near the Linear Trail, similar to the sidewalk / walkway in the Everybody's Plaza, as a means to slowing vehicular traffic. Lieutenant Fasano suggested that the Public Safety Commission could recommend to the Public Works Department to include a raised walkway when re-paving certain roadways. Chairman Larson asked Lieutenant Fasano to contact someone in New Haven regarding their raised walkways. Lieutenant Fasano mentioned that Southington also has some raised walkways along the Southington section of the Linear Trail.

## **VII. NEW BUSINESS**

### **A) Treasurer's Report**

Lieutenant Fasano stated that there has been no change in the Treasurer's Report since last report.

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

Lieutenant Fasano reviewed the October Police Department Monthly report noting that there has been an increase of larcenies and stolen vehicles. With regards to the stolen vehicles, they were left unlocked and everyone is reminded to lock their vehicles. Lieutenant Fasano also noted that there were 2 swatting incidents in Cheshire last month. He reviewed the October Fire Department Monthly report noting that there was nothing significant to report.

### **C) Miscellaneous Unfinished Business**

There was nothing additional discussed during this meeting of the Public Safety Commission.

### **D) Projects for the Future**

There were no additional projects for the future discussed during this meeting of the Public Safety Commission.

### **E) General Discussion**

Commissioners expressed their concern for stop sign violations, noting the intersections of Edwards @ Lanyon Drive, Cornwall Avenue @ Oak Avenue and Jarvis Street @ Peck Lane.

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION** by Lisa DeAngelo to adjourn the November 12<sup>th</sup> Public Safety Commission meeting at 8:26p.m.; **SECONDED** by John Harris.

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

The motion passed 5 - 0.

Respectfully submitted:

Tracey M. Kozlowski  
Recording Secretary