

**CHESHIRE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD ON
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14, 2015 AT 7:20 P.M.
CHESHIRE TOWN HALL – 84 SOUTH MAIN ST.
ROOM 210**

Commissioners Present:

Vice Chairwoman Lisa DeAngelo, Nancy Blomstrom, Joseph Falvey and John Harris

Commissioners Absent:

Chairman Stephen Larson

Staff Present:

Lieutenant James Fasano, Patrol Division of the Cheshire Police Department

Others Present:

None

I. CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chairwoman DeAngelo called the meeting to order at 7:17 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 – November 12, 2014 Regular Meeting

MOTION by John Harris to accept the November 12, 2014 regular meeting minutes as submitted. **SECONDED** by Nancy Blomstrom.

VOTE: In Favor – Blomstrom, DeAngelo, Falvey and Harris
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

Lieutenant Fasano noted that the brush by the Maplecroft plaza’s intersections has been cleared up.

B) Safety Sign Update

Lieutenant Fasano stated that the Safety Signs were changed on Sunday to seasonably appropriate messages. He also noted that the new sign is up now on Academy Road with reflective lettering, which really stands out. Lieutenant Fasano stated that the new sign cost \$225 and was created by Dick Watson Wood Creations on Willow Street.

C) Sidewalk Survey Update

It was noted that sidewalks have not been a concern yet this Winter because there really hasn’t been much for snow fall so far.

D) Radar Speed Monitoring Unit Update

Lieutenant Fasano reported that the radar speed-monitoring units were put away for the Winter season and will be back out when the warmer weather returns.

E) Discussion on Sidewalk Snow Removal

Vice Chairman DeAngelo noted that snow removal has not been an issue yet this Winter.

F) Open Issues

There was no discussion of Open Issues during this meeting of the Public Safety Commission.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A) Treasurer's Report

Lieutenant Fasano stated that there is a balance of \$225 in the Treasurer's Report after the purchase of the sign last month.

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

Lieutenant Fasano reviewed the December Police Department Monthly report noting that there were 4 DUI's in December, which is the same as last December. He also noted that there had been a DUI check point the night before Thanksgiving and the Police Department held a "Stuff a Cruiser" fundraiser for the Food Pantry on December 9th at Stop and Shop. Also the Cheshire Police Department was represented at both NYPD Officer funerals. Two new Police Officers have recently finished at the Police Academy and have started their field training in Cheshire. Lieutenant Rogers retired from the Cheshire Police Department on December 29th. The December Fire Department monthly report was not available.

C) Miscellaneous Unfinished Business

Lieutenant Fasano informed the Commission that there have been some sign changes at the Cheshire Dog Park by the Park and Recreation Commission and Animal Control is keeping a closer eye on the Park after some complaints were made.

D) Projects for the Future

Lieutenant Fasano noted that there are still funds available in the current operating budget for the Commission if they would like to purchase an additional safety sign. Vice Chairwoman DeAngelo asked if there was anything that the Police Department needed and Lieutenant Fasano replied no, not that he could immediately think of.

E) Approval of the 2015 Meeting Dates

Commissioner reviewed the proposed dates and noted that in November the normal meeting day conflicts with Veterans Day which means that Town Hall will be closed. Commissioners therefore decided to hold the November 2015 meeting one week earlier.

MOTION by Joseph Falvey to approve the Public Safety Commission 2015 Meeting Dates, noting that November's meeting will be held on the first Wednesday due to the Veterans Day conflict; **SECONDED** by John Harris.

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

The motion passed 4 - 0.

F) General Discussion

Lieutenant Fasano reviewed the Town of Cheshire Conflict of Interest Policy for Commissioners.

Mr. Harris noted that he has been seeing more and more people walking on the opposite side of roads with sidewalks and walking in the roadway. Lieutenant Fasano stated that pedestrians should use sidewalks when available. Ms. Blomstrom added that she is also concerned for people that are wearing dark clothes when they are out walking or running at night, especially in the roadways. Lieutenant Fasano stated that he has seen it too but noted that walkers / runners should wear reflective / light colored clothes but also warned drivers to always be aware of their surroundings and do their best to not be distracted.

Mr. Harris would like to remind the public to stay away from wild animals after a recent story of a man being bitten by a possibly rabid raccoon in Avon.

Mr. Falvey stated that the stop sign at Brigadoon Drive and Guinivere Ridge is very faded and barely readable. Lieutenant Fasano stated that he would have it looked into.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Joseph Falvey to adjourn the January 14th Public Safety Commission meeting at 7:45p.m.; **SECONDED** by John Harris.

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

The motion passed 4 - 0.

Respectfully submitted:

Tracey M. Kozlowski
Recording Secretary