

**CHESHIRE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD ON
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11, 2015 AT 7:20 P.M.
CHESHIRE TOWN HALL – 84 SOUTH MAIN ST.
ROOM 115**

Commissioners Present:

Nancy Blomstrom, Lisa DeAngelo and John Harris

Commissioners Absent:

Chairman Stephen Larson and Joseph Falvey

Staff Present:

Lieutenant Brian Pichnarcik, Administrative Commander of the Cheshire Police Department

Others Present:

Cindy and Derf Kleist of 251 Lancaster Way (departed at 7:53 p.m.)

I. CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chairman DeAngelo 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 – January 14, 2015 Regular Meeting
February 11, 2015 Regular Meeting

MOTION by John Harris to accept the January 14, 2015 and February 11, 2015 regular meeting minutes as submitted. **SECONDED** by Nancy Blomstrom.

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

The motion passed 3 – 0.

VI. CORRESPONDENCE AND PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

Ms. Blomstrom mentioned that a neighbor expressed concern over a pot hole on West Main Street near the Maple Ave intersection. Lieutenant Pichnarcik noted that the pot hole has been called into the State Department of Transportation a number of times, including earlier today.

Ms. Kleist mentioned a number of pot holes at the intersection of Jarvis Street and Peck Lane. She noted that the Town Public Works crews have been out to try to fill the pot holes and have placed warning signs near the area.

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A) Site Line Survey Update

Vice Chairman DeAngelo noted that there is a newer sign at the Cheshire Dog Park that may be obstructing site lines as you are leaving the Park. Lieutenant Pichnarcik stated that he would go look at it tomorrow.

Ms. Kleist expressed concern over site lines at Guinevere Ridge and Jarvis Street as well as Lancaster Way and Jarvis Street.

It was noted that the Town Public Works crews have been around Cheshire over the past few weeks working to reduce the snow piles at intersections and near schools. Commissioners are hopeful that warmer weather will help to start melting the snow piles.

B) Safety Sign Update

Lieutenant Pichnarcik stated that he has not been able to change the safety signs over the past month but noted that Officer Jester would be doing it soon.

C) Sidewalk Survey Update

Ms. Kleist commented that this year the sidewalks in her neighborhood have been kept pretty clear compared to last year where there were problems.

Commissioners noted that prior concerns for the sidewalk at the corner of Oak Avenue and Cornwall Avenue near Doolittle School has been cleared along with the intersection of Peck Lane and Sandbank Road.

D) Radar Speed Monitoring Unit Update

The radar speed-monitoring units have been put away for the Winter season and will hopefully be back out soon with the return of warmer weather.

E) Discussion on Sidewalk Snow Removal

Lieutenant Pichnarcik noted that about 15 tickets have been issued for snow removal offenses in the last month. Ms. Kleist brought up concern for people that are throwing or plowing snow into the roadways from their own driveways and do not clean up the roadway afterwards. Lieutenant Pichnarcik noted that if the Police Department is made aware of a problem they will look into it and notify the property owner if they find an issue.

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

The Public Safety Commission's Operating balance of \$225 has not changed since the purchase of the safety sign in December.

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

Lieutenant Pichnarcik distributed and reviewed the February Police Department Monthly report. He also showed an example of the video from school bus on board video cameras, which showed a car passing a stopped school bus. The February Fire Department monthly report was also distributed for review.

C) Miscellaneous Unfinished Business

Commissioners are hopeful that in the future, traffic slowing techniques can be used at the existing Linear Trail intersections and will be included as the Linear Trail expands through Cheshire.

D) Projects for the Future

Commissioners mentioned the Fall Festival, which will be held in September and their interest in having some items from the State Police, such as the Enforcer or

Rollover Simulator, for the public to try out. Members also talked about having magnets with a list of important phone numbers for hand out at the Festival.

E) General Discussion

Ms. Kleist mentioned that drivers don't always come to a complete stop at a red light before turning right, such as the light on Route 10 at Route 42 and Main Street turning right onto Route 10. Lieutenant Pichnarcik noted that those are State roads and suggested that she contact them with her concerns. Ms. Kleist stated that she was going to take video of offenders. Vice Chairman DeAngelo also suggested that Ms. Kleist could write a letter to the State and provide any other additional information she gathers.

Commissioners expressed concern for people that are wearing dark clothes when they are out walking or running at night, especially in the roadways.

Ms. Kleist mentioned her concern for people illegally dumping items around the Reservoir.

Mr. Kleist talked about the expansion of the Linear Trail toward Jarvis Street and into Southington and the increase foot traffic for that area of Town because near Jarvis Street and Peck Lane, there are no sidewalks for pedestrian traffic to make their way to the Trail.

Lieutenant Pichnarcik stated that the Police Department is working to put together a distracted driving demonstration for Cheshire High School students.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Nancy Blomstrom to adjourn the March 11th Public Safety Commission meeting at 7:56 p.m.; **SECONDED** by John Harris.

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

The motion passed 3 – 0.

Respectfully submitted:

Tracey M. Kozlowski
Recording Secretary