

**CHESHIRE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION  
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD ON  
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2015 AT 7:20 P.M.  
CHESHIRE TOWN HALL – 84 SOUTH MAIN ST.  
ROOM 210**

Commissioners Present:

Chairman Stephen Larson, Nick Cifarelli and Lisa DeAngelo

Commissioners Absent:

Nancy Blomstrom and John Harris

Staff Present:

Support Services Lieutenant Fred Jortner

Others Present:

None

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Larson called the meeting to order at 7:29 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 4, 2015 Regular Meeting**

**MOTION** by Lisa DeAngelo to accept the November 4, 2015 regular meeting minutes as submitted. **SECONDED** by Steve Larson.

**VOTE:** In Favor – Cifarelli, DeAngelo and Larson  
Opposed – None

The motion passed 3 – 0.

**VI. APPROVAL OF 2016 MEETING DATES**

**MOTION** by Lisa DeAngelo to accept the 2016 Meeting Dates for the Public Safety Commission as presented. **SECONDED** by Steve Larson.

VOTE: In Favor – Cifarelli, DeAngelo and Larson  
Opposed – None

The motion passed 3 – 0.

**VII. CORRESPONDENCE AND PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS**

Chairman Larson distributed the November 10<sup>th</sup> and December 10<sup>th</sup> Status Reports for Commissioners to review.

Ms. DeAngelo talked about her concerns for vehicles being broken into and/or vandalized throughout Town recently. She also expressed a desire to have the news of these events more widely broadcast out to the Community in an effort to warn them and be on the look out for suspicious activity.

Ms. DeAngelo also mentioned that she spoke with a couple of women at Rite Aid pharmacy recently that were talking about possible drug transactions happening on Remus Road. One of the women also stated that her husband had been fatally hit by a dump truck last year in Town and she expressed how upset she was by how then Lieutenant Picnarcik handled her notification, stating that he was “not very compassionate”.

**VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

A) Site Line Survey Update

Chairman Larson noted that there are no snow banks at this time to obstruct site lines, but reminded everyone to be careful once the snow starts falling this Winter.

Chairman Larson mentioned his concern for the number of sandwich board style signs around Cheshire businesses and their placement possibly obstructing driver’s view, especially in lower vehicles as opposed to SUV’s and trucks that have a higher sight line.

B) Safety Sign Update

Lieutenant Jortner stated that the new Public Safety sign with blue, reflective lettering, which states “Clear Public Sidewalks 24 hours after a storm, It’s the Law!” was completed in December and is currently out on one of the sign locations. Signs will continue to be seasonally appropriate and Chairman Larson had recommended signs for the last sign change, recently.

Mrs. DeAngelo suggested that a new sign could be done to promote neighborhood watches, be aware and report suspicious activity. Another suggestion is “store valuables in your house & lock your vehicles”. Commissioners will work on new sign wording at a future meeting.

C) Sidewalk Survey Update

There were no sidewalk issues to report at this time.

D) Radar Speed Monitoring Unit Update

The radar speed-monitoring units have been put away for the Winter season.

E) Discussion on Sidewalk Snow Removal with Town Council Liaison

Chairman Larson stated that he would like to defer the discussion on how to do better at enforcing sidewalk snow removal in Cheshire so that the new Town Council Liaison to the Public Safety Commission, Paul Bowman, can be invited to the meeting next month.

F) Open Issues

Lieutenant Jortner stated that he and Town Representatives had attended a meeting today with State Department of Transportation Representatives regarding the addition of crosswalks on the south end of Route 10. A study will be done to track the car volume. The State DOT has stated that they will paint Route 10 for the (2) proposed crosswalks; one will be in the area of Cheshire Shopping Center and the other will be in the area of Everybody's Plaza. The Town will be responsible for the remaining work to have the 2 crosswalks installed and will be looking for grants to help with the costs. Everyone involved is hopeful that the work on the crosswalks will begin this Spring.

**VII. NEW BUSINESS**

A) Treasurer's Report

According to Lieutenant Jortner, after paying almost \$200 for the new safety sign, there is just over \$ 300 remaining for the Public Safety Commission in the fiscal year operating budget that began on July 1<sup>st</sup> 2015.

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

Lieutenant Jortner distributed and reviewed the November and December Police & Fire Department Monthly reports. When asked about drunk driving arrests over the holidays, Lieutenant Jortner replied that there were 6 arrests in both November and December.

When asked, Lieutenant Jortner stated that so far their has only been one "repeat offender" that has gone through the Juvenile Review Board.

C) Miscellaneous Unfinished Business

There was nothing discussed under miscellaneous unfinished business.

D) Projects for the Future

Commissioners would like to look into having a permanent comment box at Town Hall for public safety concerns.

Commissioners would like to look into ways to promote neighborhood awareness and personal safety in Cheshire. Lieutenant Jortner mentioned that the area of Jarvis Street and Guinevere Ridge has seen a higher rate of car break-ins and crimes over the last 3 years. He stated that the Cheshire Police Department is looking at doing a neighborhood flyer and possibly going through the neighborhoods to talk to residents and remind them of some personal safety tips.

E) General Discussion

There were no general discussions during this meeting of the Public Safety Commission.

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION** by Lisa DeAngelo to adjourn the January 13<sup>th</sup> Public Safety Commission meeting at 8:06 p.m.; **SECONDED** by Nick Cifarelli.

**VOTE:** In Favor – Cifarelli, DeAngelo and Larson  
Opposed – None

The motion passed 3 – 0.

Respectfully submitted:

Tracey M. Kozlowski  
Recording Secretary