Commissioners Present:
Chairman Steve Larson, John Harris and Lori Rusnack

Commissioners Absent:
Michael McCardle and Ray Sirico

Staff Present:
Lieutenant Jay Markella, Administrative Commander of the Cheshire Police Department

Others Present:
None

I. CALL TO ORDER
Chairman Larson called the meeting to order at 7:20 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 – December 9, 2009 Regular Meeting

MOTION by Lori Rusnack to accept the minutes of the December 9, 2009 regular meeting as submitted; SECONDED by John Harris.

VOTE: In Favor – Harris, Larson and Rusnack
Opposed – None

The motion passed 3 - 0.
VI. CORRESPONDENCE AND PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

Chairman Larson distributed the November 18th edition of Status Report to Commissioners to review, which had information about child car booster seats.

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A) Site Line Survey Update

Chairman Larson stated that he has not noticed any site line issues, while driving around Town, adding that the snow banks are not a problem at this time.

B) Safety Sign Update

Lieutenant Markella stated that Lieutenant Mazzini had changed the Public Safety Signs earlier today. Lieutenant Mazzini noted that the signs could use some maintenance so Lieutenant Markella has sent an e-mail to Joe Michelagenlo, Director of Public Works, asking for maintenance to be done to the Public Safety Signs, before the Summer, preferably on the first warm day this Winter / Spring. The maintenance that is needed on the signs is not anything major; mostly better latches are needed from keeping the signs from blowing out.

Any new slogans for a Public Safety Sign message can be brought forward at any Commission meeting. Commissioners talked about having a sign made up reminding residents about the Snow Removal Ordinance in Cheshire.

C) Sidewalk Survey Update

Chairman Larson was not aware of any sidewalk issues. Lieutenant Markella and Chairman Larson reminded everyone that the Snow Removal Ordinance in Town allows property owners 24 hours after a storm has ended to clear their sidewalks, before fines can be issued. Lieutenant Markella reported that 35 warnings were given out after the last snowstorm by the Police Department for residents that did not clear their sidewalks.

D) Radar Speed Monitoring Unit Update

Radar speed monitoring units have been put away for the winter season.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS
A) Treasurer’s Report

Lieutenant Markella reviewed the latest Treasurer’s report.

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

The Commission reviewed the December 2009 Police Department and Fire Department monthly reports.

C) Miscellaneous Unfinished Business

Lieutenant Markella showed the Commissioners the new packaging design for the next batch of WHALE stickers that will be purchased shortly, which will have the Town seal and “Courtesy of the Public Safety Commission”.

D) Projects for the Future

Commissioners would still like to find another location for a Public Safety sign in Town. The location would have to be on property either in a commercial or industrial zone, in order to get all of the proper approvals.

Commissioners talked about coming up with a slogan for a snow removal sign for the Public Safety Commission signs. Lieutenant Markella stated that he would get a price on having a new sign made and a price on the sign blanks.

The 2010 Fall Festival is scheduled for Saturday, September 11th. The State Police Enforcer and Roll Over Simulator will likely be at the event. Commissioners talked about other materials and information that could be distributed at the Fall Festival. Mr. Harris will look into information on poison ivy and Chairman Larson will try to contact Status Report regarding child car seat / child booster seat handouts.

E) General Discussion

Ms. Rusnack commented that the Public Safety Commission members should support the Police Department and Fire Department Operating Budgets, if needed during the Budget process, in addition to support the Public Safety Commission’s budget, during the Town Council review.

Mr. Harris talked about the need for a “No Parking” sign in front of the Dunkin Donuts on West Main Street and the Subway in Maplecroft Plaza as a result of the numerous cars and trucks that park in front of these locations creating a hazard for passing traffic. Lieutenant Markella stated that he would check to see what is involved in having these signs installed and if it would be possible for these locations.
F) Approval of the 2010 Public Safety Commission Meeting Dates

**MOTION** by John Harris to accept the 2010 Public Safety Commission Meeting Dates as submitted. SECONDED by Lori Rusnack.

**VOTE:** In Favor – Harris, Larson and Rusnack
Opposed – None

The motion passed 3 - 0.

IX. **ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION** by John Harris to adjourn the meeting at 8:06 p.m.; SECONDED by Lori Rusnack.

**VOTE:** In Favor – Harris, Larson and Rusnack
Opposed – None

The motion passed 3 - 0.

Respectfully submitted:

Tracey M. Kozlowski
Recording Secretary