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MINUTES-REGULAR MEETING BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20, 2016 7:00 P.M. 11 FRANKLIN STREET SEYMOUR POLICE DEPARTMENT

Members present: William Paecht, Lucy McConologue, Robert Koskelowski, David Bitso and Frank Conroy. Also in attendance: Deputy Chief Satkowski, Inspector DeNigris, Cmdr Rinaldi, Officer Butler, Officer J. Martin, Officer Harkins, Officer Oczkowski, First Selectman Kurt Miller, Cmdr. D'Antona, Officer Adames and the public.

1. **Meeting was called to order** at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Koskelowski
2. **Pledge of allegiance:** was led by Chairman Koskelowski
3. **Public Comment:** Bailey Cook, 40 Patton Avenue, has been asked by several residents of 16 Bank Street in regards to construction work taking place on Saturday's and wanted to know what the rules are to what time can construction projects start on Saturday's. Chairman Koskelowski states that there is an ordinance in effect that says no contractors may start work before 7:00 am.
4. **Approval of minutes of regular meeting on March 16, 2016**
William Paecht/Lucy McConologue motion to accept the minutes. **Motion: 3:2**
(David Bitso and Frank Conroy abstain).
5. **Commissioner's Comments:** Commissioner McConologue asks that officers check the skate park as the kids are staying there later.
6. **Old Business:**
 - 6a) **Patrol reports:** Board accepts the reports.
 - 6b) **Detective report:** Board accepts the report.
 - 6c) **SRO report & Community Police:** Board accepts the reports. Officer Harkins states that the parking downtown is a problem. He is trying to work with the handicapped people and where and for how long they are parking in spots. Discussion took place in regards to people parking on Bank Street-all day-every day- and people don't want to walk in order to get to a business and some of the business owners feel this is hurting their business. A suggestion is that a parking ticket box be placed in the downtown area. This item will be reviewed more in conjunction with the First Selectman's Office and the Economic Development Director.

6d) K-9 reports: Board accepts the reports. Officer Oczkowski states that there has been a lot of marijuana lately and did a show at the Boys and Girls Club.

6e) Car Report: Board accepts the report.

7. New Business: A copy of a new Complaint/Commendation form was given out.

William Paecht/Lucy McConologue motion to accept the form.

Chairman Koskelowski believes there should be two separate forms.

Commissioner Bitso would like to look at this further.

Commissioner Conroy thinks the form looks lengthy and we should look it over further.

William Paecht/Lucy McConologue rescind their motion.

Frank Conroy/David Bitso motion to table this item to next month's meeting. **Motion: 5:0**

Commissioner Conroy brought up the drug epidemic that is nationwide. He feels the department should be in a position to offer help and look into NARCAN.

Deputy Chief Satkowski stated that upcoming training in NARCAN will be taking place. Suggests that the Community Officer and SRO look into programs with Griffin and Valley Health Care. Griffin Hospital possibly will be supplying the department with NARCAN.

Inspector DeNigris spoke on a new uniform coat and hat that the officers would like to make their Class A uniform. The new coat and hat were presented to the Board.

Lucy McConologue/Frank Conroy motion to accept the Unions request for a change in the Class A uniform and hat. **Motion: 5:0**

8. Management Report: First quarter report handed out, State of CT will be taking more money from the seizure account, Jasmine Vega set to graduate the academy on 5/23/16, and firearms training upcoming.

9. Correspondence: Letter given to Fire Police for their assistance with the fire on Bungay Road, letter to Officer Miceli from a resident thanking him for his help, letter from a resident on Beecher Place regarding parking issues with the renovation of the old Lopresti School, letter from Founders Day asking if the police department would like to set up a booth, letter from the Finance Department stating no spending unless contractual and First Street Proposal letter.

Discussion took place regarding a letter the Chief of Police sent to the First Selectman, the First Street Proposal, to change First Street into a one way.

Chairman Koskelowski does not feel that First Street should become a one way. Chief Metzler maybe the parking authority but he does not have the right to make streets one way- he's in charge of the parking on the streets. Chairman Koskelowski has driven down First Street at different times and different days and does not see all the parking spaces filled therefore there should be no need to change the street, that every business on First Street has their own parking lot. He thinks this town does not deserve that to be a one way street-it has been a two way street for years and people know how to get to the Town Hall.

Officer Harkins states that he has spoken to the business owners and they are in favor of making First Street and Columbus Street one way.

Commissioner Conroy feels if the one way does not work it can be changed back again.

First Selectman Kurt Miller states that changing the street to one way is part of the 2012 Seymour Action Plan. The road is not wide enough for two way traffic.

Commissioner Paecht states there is not enough parking in town hall for all employees and sometimes there is no parking on First Street. Believes it is good for the town.

Commissioner Bitso feels there is not enough parking downtown.

Commissioner McConologue states that if we change the flow of traffic to add parking spaces, then people should not complain there is not enough parking if they don't want to walk. It will be nice to have all the traffic coming in one way and not have to worry about moving over as the road is not wide enough by the Bank Street intersection.

Bryan Nesteriak, Town Engineer-states that the width of the road is the widest at Town Hall, once you get around the corner is narrows up by Bank Street and is not wide enough by engineering standards to have two way traffic, by changing to a one way street the flow will be better.

William Paecht/David Bitso motion to place on the agenda the First Street Proposal.

Motion: 5:0

William Paecht/Lucy McConologue motion to support the Chief's decision in making First Street and then Columbus Street (after construction is done) a one way.

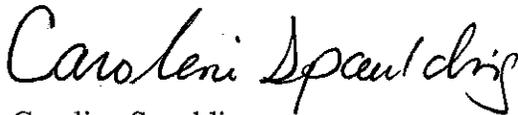
Motion: 4:1 (Robert Koskelowski opposes).

10. Other Business: None.

11. Public Comment: Bailey Cook states that at this meeting over an hour was spent on parking issues. He states that the first grant given out on 16 Bank Street, there was to be parking for residents of the building. Now another grant goes through for 38 Columbus Street and this building is now being built on the parking lot of 16 Bank Street. This was never caught by anyone because these are 2 different addresses. The seniors are caught between a rock and a hard place and can't move their cars and that is it a shame that no one has caught onto what it going on. The town should not be paying for parking let the owner of the building pay for it.

12. ADJOURNMENT William Paecht/Lucy McConologue motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 p.m. **Motion: 5:0**

Respectfully submitted,



Caroline Spaulding
Recording Secretary