

**TOWN OF CROMWELL  
POLICE COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING  
WEDNESDAY JANUARY 9, 2008  
7:00 P.M. TOWN HALL ROOM 224/5**

**MINUTES**

Present: Chairman R. Newton, A. Waters, First Selectman J. Shingleton, F. Monnes,  
D. Murphy, R. Waters, M. Johnson

Absent:

Also Present: Chief of Police A. Salvatore, Sgt. A. Anderson, Public and Press

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Newton called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**B. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

There being no changes or additions the agenda stands approved as posted.

**C. CITIZENS COMMENTS**

1. Karl Radune, Main Street – Spoke regarding Chapter 204 streets and sidewalks, Article V Snow Removal from sidewalks. Handout attached to original minutes on file in the Town Clerk's Office.
2. Bob Jahn, Woodside Road – Spoke regarding units that will be used to monitor traffic conditions on Geer Street. Mr. Jahn stated that if any money were left he would like to see additional units installed on the corner of Woodside and Court Street and at the entrance to the High School.

**D. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

1. Regular Meeting December 12, 2007  
**Motion** made by F. Monnes seconded by A. Waters and *unanimously carried* to approve the minutes of December 12, 2007.

**E. CHIEF SALVATORE'S REPORT**

The monthly statistics were distributed for the month of December.

Chief Salvatore responded to Mr. Radune's comments regarding Snow removal from sidewalks.

Chief Salvatore reported the following:

- They are in the process of closing out the Calendar Year and beginning to work on the budget for the next fiscal year.
- Holiday Drive that was held on December 15<sup>th</sup> was very successful. The support from the community was outstanding. A great deal of food was

collected; enough to double stack the trailer. In addition, over \$800.00 in cash was collected and donated to the Cromwell Fuel Bank.

- The Adopt-a-family Program was done again this year in conjunction with the Fire Department. Over \$6,000 was collected from Cromwell Businesses. The program was a huge success.
- In regard to staffing; the Captain is still out on Medical Leave, the officer that was out on leave of absence is back but another officer is out due to illness. The Recruit at the academy is doing very well. Hopefully the dispatcher position will be filled this evening.
- Regarding major crimes; an arrest was made for the burglary at Pineapple and Coconuts on Main Street. They are still working on the attempted robbery that occurred at KFC over the Holidays.
- They are continuing to work on the school security survey for voting. It should be completed soon and given to the First Selectman so the Board of Selectmen will be able to make a decision on where the polling place will be in the future.
- Additional mounting brackets were purchased for the radar units so they can occasionally be moved around to different locations.

F. Monnes congratulated the Police Department for a successful Christmas Project.

R. Waters notified Chief Salvatore that the sidewalks near the development on Woodside Road were not cleared six days after the storm.

A. Waters witnessed employees of the Police Department that were involved with the Holiday Programs shopping at Wal-Mart quite late in the evening. He was very impressed that they did this on their own time.

#### **F. OLD BUSINESS**

None

#### **G. NEW BUSINESS**

1. Authorization for Dispatcher Position.

Chief Salvatore presented the request.

**Motion** made by A. Waters seconded by F. Monnes and *unanimously carried* to appoint Mailene Downes as a Full-time dispatcher.

Discussion followed. In the future, Chairman Newton would like to see the First Selectman review the top candidates credentials. It was the consensus of the Commission that in the future, the resume of the candidate's name that is coming before the Commission for appointment should be included in the Commission's packets.

#### **H. CORRESPONDENCE**

None

#### **I. GOOD AND WELFARE**

None

**J. ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion** made by D. Murphy seconded by A. Waters and *unanimously carried* to adjourn the meeting at 7:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary