

**TOWN OF CROMWELL
POLICE COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2006
7:00 P.M. TOWN HALL ROOM 224/5**

MINUTES

Present: Chairman R. Newton, First Selectman P. Beaulieu, A. Waters, S. Stachura,
M. Johnson, S. Salvatore, F. Monnes

Absent:

Also Present: Chief of Police A. Salvatore, Captain, R. Nelson, Public and Press

A. CALL TO ORDER

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

B. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chairman Newton added item G. New Business, #1. Appointment of Police Dispatcher.

Motion made by S. Stachura seconded by F. Monnes and *unanimously carried* to approve the agenda as amended.

C. CITIZENS COMMENTS

1. Ray Mildren, 21 Rivercove Drive –Gave Kudos to Chief Salvatore and the Cromwell Police Department for all they do.
2. Joe Corlis, Redwood Court – Echoed Mr. Mildren and especially thanked the Chief and the Police Department for their efforts at Cromwell Hills.
3. Helen Zalewski, Geer Street – Spoke about speeding on Geer Street.
4. Marvin Selsky, Willowbrook Road – Spoke about the traffic trailer, which was placed on Willowbrook Road and inquired if a print out showing how fast the vehicles were traveling is available for him to review.

D. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

1. Regular Meeting, August 9, 2006

Motion made by S. Stachura seconded by F. Monnes and *unanimously carried* to approve the minutes of August 9, 2006.

E. CHIEF SALVATORE'S REPORT

The incident Analysis's Report was handed out for August.

Chief Salvatore advised, in response to Mr. Selsky's request, that the unit is old and the software that is used for the printout isn't compatible with their computers.

Chief Salvatore provided a spreadsheet to the Commission that corrected the erroneous information that was printed in Sunday's Hartford Courant regarding Cromwell's allocation for Homeland Security.

They are in middle of hiring a new police officer. It is not going very well. A written test was held at the Crowne Plaza, only 20 passed (34 applied, 27 showed up to take the written test). The top ten applicants were eliminated as a result of the oral board, back round and polygraph. They are now looking at the next group that is still in the running. Hopefully they will find an individual, if not they will have to start the process over. The October Academy slot, which was reserved for Cromwell, will have to be canceled. The next Academy slot may be in January.

The appointment for the new dispatcher is on tonight's agenda. Officer Vandersloot is still out; hopefully he will be back in a few weeks.

Chief Salvatore stated that the department is continuing to experience a bunch of unusual crimes; the Chief stated that he has never seen anything like in his entire career.

Chief Salvatore acknowledged Mr. Corlis's comments regarding the problems that Cromwell Hills is having. Chief Salvatore recently met with the three presidents of Cromwell Hills and they are working together to remedy the problems.

The department is ready for the Riverport Festival, which will start on Thursday evening.

Chief Salvatore advised the board that he was elected 1st Vice-President of the New England Chief's of Police, which means that next year Chief Salvatore will be the President of the New England Chief's of Police for all six New England States. Next year the conference will be held in Old Saybrook Connecticut.

They have been working closely with the Middletown Police Department regarding three stolen vehicles, which were located directly across from Connecticut Hardware. Marino Crane provided a crane and Cromwell along with the Middletown Dive Team got the vehicles out. Chief Salvatore and Mr. Marino discussed the situation and felt that if wooden guardrails were installed it might help to eliminate the problem. The guardrails would look good and have an opening so people could still fish off the wall.

F. OLD BUSINESS

None

G. NEW BUSINESS

1. Appoint Police Dispatcher

Motion made by S. Stachura seconded by P. Beaulieu and *unanimously carried* to appoint Thomas Firebaugh to the position of Police Dispatcher.

H. CORRESPONDENCE

None

I. GOOD AND WELFARE

None

J. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by S. Stachura seconded by P. Beaulieu and *unanimously carried* to adjourn the meeting at 7:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary