

**TOWN OF CROMWELL
POLICE COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY MAY 14, 2008
7:00 P.M. TOWN HALL ROOM 224/5**

MINUTES

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

Absent:

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

A. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Newton called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

B. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

C. CITIZENS COMMENTS

1. A. Diaz, Thistle Down – Thanked the Cromwell Police and Fire Departments for the a superb job they did handling the four incidents of gas alerts within the last six weeks at River Highlands. Mr. Diaz was speaking on behalf of the residents of River Highlands.
2. H. Zalewski, Geer Street- Stated that the State Police and all the cars should have logo's on them so when they see the logo out of state they will know that it's not the Chief's car.

D. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

1. Regular Meeting April 9, 2008

Motion made by J. Shingleton seconded by F. Monnes and *carried* to approve the minutes of April 9, 2008.

Aye: A. Waters, J. Shingleton, F. Monnes, R. Waters, M. Johnson

Abstained: D. Murphy was not able to attend this meeting

E. CHIEF SALVATORE'S REPORT

The April Incident Analysis report was distributed to the Commission.

Chief Salvatore reported that Officer Parson's is doing well in the FTO Program and Officer Tolton is doing well at the Academy.

The Department is working on the Memorial Day Parade, the Golf tournament and the Riverport Festival, which is conjunction with the Fire-Fighters parade that same weekend.

Chief Salvatore commended Animal Control Officer Gagnon and her assistant for the outstanding job and hard work handling the situation of the thirty cats that were

abandoned in Cromwell. Chief Salvatore also thanked Cat-Tails in Middletown and the Middletown Animal Control Officer and the general public for the donations and foster homes.

F. Monnes asked what other Educational programs are being done in the schools other than the Dare Program.

A. Waters asked if something could be done regarding the high amount of calls that the Cromwell Police are called to at the Children's Home. Mr. Waters asked for the status of the green police car that was discussed at the last meeting.

R. Waters asked the First Selectman for a complete inventory of the Police Department. Mr. Waters agreed with Ms. Zalewski that the Chief and Captains cars should have logos and CW plates. Mr. Waters asked for an update on the negotiations the rules that were to be set forward when the Chief was on vacation. Mr. Waters continued discussion regarding the Chief's statements at previous meetings regarding the inventory at the Police Department.

M. Johnson advised the Chief that trucks are skidding in the vicinity of Pierson Park and there have been a few close calls. Mr. Johnson stated that it's time to look into a traffic signal at the end of Evergreen Road and Main Street. Mr. Johnson asked for a report of traffic incidents that have occurred on Main Street from Evergreen Road to Court Street

A. Waters advised the Chief that the mailbox on the corner of Evergreen and Main is blocking the site line.

F. OLD BUSINESS

None

G. NEW BUSINESS

None

H. CORRESPONDENCE

None

I. GOOD AND WELFARE

None

J. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by J. Shingleton seconded by A. Waters and *unanimously carried* to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary