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Board of Police Commissioners Tuesday, June 2, 2020 Meeting Minutes

7:00 PM ZOOM Meeting

Board of Police Commissioners Present: Police Board Chairman Beth Gralnick, Police Board Vice Chairman Jess DiPasquale, Police Board Commissioners Susan Moch, Peter Ottomano, Dawn Egan, David Muller and Woody Bliss

Absent: Chief Henion

Others Present: Captain Brodacki

Police Board Chairman Gralnick called the Zoom meeting to order at 7:00 PM

Consideration / Approval, May 5, 2020 Meeting Minutes

Police Board Commissioner Muller made a motion to approve the May 5, 2020 meeting minutes, Police Board Commissioner Egan seconded, motion passed unanimously.

2020-2021 Annual Budget Update- The Board of Finance postponed the meeting until Wednesday, June 3, 2020.

Chiefs Report

Current Monthly Report OT/Budget (Changes) Updates - Covid related overtime will be reimbursed.

Regional Study for Westcog/ Facility – Captain Brodacki sent a seventy three page study to the Commissioners regarding regional dispatch centers . The study did not include costs.

File Storage / Plan for Evidence - Captain Brodacki is working with Dr. Spaulding.

Training Plan Modification / Active Shooter Federal Program – The Federal Bureau Investigation program may be suspended the Police Department is waiting to hear.

Signage Update - We now have signs in front of Town Hall at both entrances.

Grant Updates / Donations / Vote - Emergency Management Grant has not come in yet.

Facilities Update – Renovations are going on in Town Hall and the Police Departments processing room. We are waiting to hear the Governor's order for fingerprints as to when this can begin again. PPE supplies will have to be ordered.

Police Department Radio Equipment - The radio equipment will be taken out of the radio tower budget.

Upcoming Rt. 57 State Bridge Project – There is more activity by Weston Garden Center. The plan is for August for the work to begin, preferably 1st week in August.

IT Update and Shift in Services – Slight delay – The Police Department connected vendors with the School IT so they have a full understanding what we require.

School - Stop the Bleed Initiatives - Continuing training.

COVID-19 - The fields are open. Slowly we are beginning to reopen.

Additional Business for Commission Consideration - None.

Sub-Committee Reports

Road signs - Police Board Commissioners Ottomano, Moch, Muller and Captain Brodacki have had Zoom meetings regarding the signs and the statues for cyclists on busy roads. The Commissioners would like to have these signs on Lyons Plains road, Route 53 and Route 57, Norfield Road, Old Hyde Road and School Road. The signs would be placed on the existing speed limit signs. The size of the signs would be 24 X 24 and would read Share the Road. It will have a picture of a cyclist, car and pedestrian. Three signs will cost \$200.00. Commissioners are hoping to have donations for these signs.

Police Board Commissioner Moch made a motion to purchase three 24 X 24 Share the Road signs, Police Board Commissioner Ottomano seconded, motion passed unanimously.

Other Sub-Committee Updates – Police Board Chairman Gralnick is on the sidewalk committee, she will send the schematic plans regarding the sidewalk plans to all the Commissioners.

Police Board Commissioner Egan made a motion to go into Executive Session at 7:57 PM, seconded by Police Board Commissioner Bliss, motion passed unanimously.

The Commissioners came out of Executive Session at 8:30 PM.

Police Board Commissioner Ottomano made a motion to approve the Memorandum of Agreement to enable employees to carry forward up to five vacation days from fiscal year 2019-2020 to fiscal year 2020-2021. Police Board Commissioner DiPasquale seconded the vote, and the vote was all in favor.

Discussion followed regarding the departments zero tolerance for any form of discriminatory conduct or preferential treatment of any citizen. The department has implemented a policy to allow citizens to file complaints anonymously, instituted policies to hire and retain minority officers, and fair treatment policies for all officers that are reviewed monthly. Captain Brodacki noted that in the past ten years the department has had over 10,000 incidents and zero use of force complaints against officers in Weston.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted Mary Gunshor Board of Police Commissioners Recording Secretary Approved 7/7/2020