

WINDSOR LOCKS POLICE COMMISSION
Minutes of Regular Meeting
October 11, 2017

“These minutes are not official until approved at a subsequent meeting.”

Commissioners present:	Michael Hannaford, Ricardo Rachele, James Szepanski, Michael Perry and Andrew Kulas
Commissioners absent:	Dan Squires
Also Present:	Chief Eric Osanitsch

- 1) Call to Order – Chairman Hannaford called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.
- 2) Pledge of Allegiance – The Pledge of Allegiance was observed.
- 3) Executive Session – Union local 671 (Dispatcher Union) grievance procedure

MOTION: To enter into Executive Session at 6:02pm. Dispatcher Scott Paluck, Union Representative Eric Downer, Chief Osanitsch and Captain Smith were invited to attend.
Andrew Kulas Seconded by Ricardo Rachele
All in Favor, Motion Passed 6/0

MOTION: To exit Executive Session at 6:38pm.
Andrew Kulas Seconded by Ricardo Rachele
All in Favor, Motion Passed 6/0

MOTION: To deny Step #2 of the Union Local 671 Grievance.
Andrew Kulas Seconded by James Szepanski
All in Favor, Motion Passed 6/0

- 4) Public Input –

Michael Bracken – 12 Tinker Drive – 1) Mr. Bracken made comments about an existing complaint he has against a member of the Commission.

Bob Charrette – Mr. Charrette asked if we had an Officer in the Department who is qualified to inspect trucks and Chief Osanitsch answered “yes”.

William Rousseau – 407 Elmwood – 1) Mr. Rousseau made additional comments regarding his claim that there was a “cover up” during the investigation of Henry Dang’s death.

Chairman Hannaford requested that the Commission agree to move Item #8 – New Business – to #5 in order to allow Selectman Kervick to speak sooner rather than later in the meeting.

5) New Business –

- a) Request by First Selectman Chris Kervick to address the Commission regarding a proposed Noise Ordinance.

Selectman Kervick distributed copies of a draft version of the new Chapter 236 – Nuisance, Blight and Excessive Noise Ordinance to the Commission. Selectman Kervick explained that numerous complaints from town residents is what is driving this force. After a lengthy discussion, Chief Osanitsch stated he would review the proposed Ordinance and look into the solutions discussed and report back to the Commission at next month's meeting.

- b) Request by First Selectman Chris Kervick to address the Commission regarding truck traffic on Old County Road, North, Spring and Suffield Streets.

Selectman Kervick explained that there is rapid growth in the complaints from town residents regarding tractor trailer noise and vibrations. He explained that he feels the increase in truck traffic is due to GPS and originating businesses requiring drivers to take the shortest routes possible. After another lengthy discussion, Selectman Kervick requested that the Commission authorize a request to the Department of Transportation to designate Suffield Street between North Street and the town line as a no through truck route. Chief Osanitsch stated that the Police Department would monitor truck traffic in that area and look into the process with the Department of Transportation.

6) Correspondence –

Chairman Hannaford stated that after reviewing two complaints submitted by Mr. Michael Bracken, there is no basis for any action by this Commission nor does the Commission have the authority to take such action. A discussion followed about what is ethical behavior by a Commission board member. Although not unanimous, it was determined that nothing unethical occurred.

7) Approval of the minutes for the regular meeting of September 13, 2017.

MOTION: To approve the minutes of the regular meeting of September 13, 2017 as presented.

James Szepanski

Seconded by Michael Perry

All in Favor, Motion Passed 6/0

8) Chief's Comments/Department Budget Update –

Chief Osanitsch stated that the media attention regarding a home renovation that our Police Officers are involved in is a task they have taken on during their own time. They are working with multiple departments in town and companies that are donating their time and supplies.

Chief Osanitsch stated there are ongoing operations targeting hotel prostitution.

Budget – Dispatch Overtime is traditionally high this time of year due to vacation coverage.

9) Old Business –

- a) Update on Ross Way traffic sign request – We have worked with Public Works and signs are being installed on the town owned circle.
- b) Update on Narcotic Detection Program – The program is going very well and our K-9 has already received its certification.

10) Commissioner Comments –

Commissioner Rachele inquired about the speed bumps in front of Pesci Park. Public Works will schedule their removal after Fall Ball is complete.

Commissioner Hannaford wanted to speak publicly that he agrees with Commissioner Rachele that it doesn't matter who files complaints against the Commission, they all need to be taken seriously. He reiterated that in tonight's discussion, it did not warrant any action.

Commissioner Szepanski commented that after 25 meetings, this would be the last time this group of board members would meet due to November's election.

11) Adjournment –

MOTION: To adjourn at 7:45 pm.
Andrew Kulas
All in Favor, Motion Passed 6/0

Seconded by James Szepanski

Respectfully Submitted,

Sharon Pfaffenbichler
Recording Secretary