

WINDSOR LOCKS POLICE COMMISSION
Minutes of Regular Meeting
February 12, 2020

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

Commissioners present:	Andrew Kulas, Michael Perry, Mike Hannaford, Mike Forschino and Dan Squires
Commissioners absent:	
Also Present:	Chief Eric Osanitsch

- 1) Call to Order – Chairman Andrew Kulas called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.
- 2) Pledge of Allegiance – The Pledge of Allegiance was observed.
- 3) Moment of Silence for James Szepanski
- 4) Appointments

- a) Proposed new commissioner Robert Crochetiere

MOTION: To accept the Republican Committee’s proposal to add Robert Crochetiere to the Police Commission.

Dan Squires

Seconded by Mike Hannaford

Motion Passed 5/0

- b) Vice-Chairman position vacancy

MOTION: To appoint Dan Squires as Vice Chairman for the Police Commission.

Mike Hannaford

Seconded by Michael Perry

Motion Passed 5/0

- 5) Approval of Minutes

- a) 12/11/19 minutes

MOTION: To approve the December 11, 2019 regular meeting minutes

Commissioner Hannaford made the motion to approve with one correction. He was referred to as Chairman on Page 2 rather than Commissioner.

Mike Hannaford

Seconded by Michael Perry

Motion Passed 5/0

- b) 9/24/19 minutes

MOTION: To approve the September 24, 2019 regular and special meeting minutes

Mike Forschino

Seconded by Dan Squires

Motion 3 in Favor, 2 Abstention, Motion Passed

6) Public Input –

Paul Harrington – 10 Meg Way – Mr. Harrington requested, as a member of the Selectmen Board, that we work together to add an enforceable noise ordinance to the town. He also stated that the new speed signs around town are wonderful and asked if we could get more.

Alan Stegman – 308 South Center Street – Mr. Stegman also requested a noise ordinance be put in place to help with the late noise from events at Travelodge.

Kathy Montemerlo – 18 Woodridge – Also made comments regarding excessive late night noise at Travelodge.

Chief Osanitsch requested the Board allow Lieutenant Cherniack to respond to the audience now rather than wait until later as written under 9b on the Agenda.

The Lieutenant stated that at the last big event held at the Travelodge, it was noted that:

- The crowd capacity was slightly over
- The Venue is in poor condition
- Overspill parking was everywhere – police involved
- A catering permit was in place which includes a broad liquor permit, a separate liquor permit is not required.
- The town is not required to be notified of these events, but the Liquor Control does need to be notified.

The Police Department heard about the event at the Travelodge less than 24 hours prior to its start time. The promotional coordinator in charge of the event was notified that the party was in danger of being shut down and a meeting took place. The meeting included members of the PD, other town building officials, and the promotor. As a town and Police Department, there is very little we can do to control these events. We informed them of what needed to be done and they agreed to hire seven police officers. As far as noise going into the late hours, there's not much seven officers can do against 800-1000 patrons.

A lengthy conversation continued and the Chief stated that at this point we need to consult with the Town Attorney. We need to find out exactly what sort of stipulations can be set for any events at any establishments in town and what those stipulations should be.

William Rousseau – 407 Elmwood – Mr. Rousseau had questions regarding space required for new PD, EMS and Fire Dept. needs.

Dave Vaicunas – Mr. Vaicunas requested the Police again look into an old case that involved himself and others.

7) Correspondence – An email from JoAnne Cassello regarding Travelodge

8) Budget Update/Chief's Report –

- a) Current budget status – The Chief stated that a detailed breakdown of the budget to date was in their packet and that we are within budget on each line. He pointed out that our salary and overtime lines comprise that largest portion of the overall budget.

- b) Proposed FY 20-21 Budget Request – The Chief stated that he will be presenting the Department’s budget to the Board of Finance on February 18. He will be requesting an additional Dispatcher which will bring us to 6. We need two dispatchers working during all busy shifts to meet the 911 response times mandated by the state. The Chief stated he will also be requesting another Officer to be specifically assigned to traffic enforcement. The new speed signs around town have proven that we need this new detail. The Chief also made comments that 91% of our budget is made up of personnel costs. He added that we are also requesting an increase of \$15,000 to the overtime budget and a minor increase to our cell phone budget.

9) Old Business –

- a) Traffic Enforcement – Chief Osanitsch told the board that the data from the signs are in their packets which explains his reasons for requesting a Traffic Enforcement Officer.
- b) Update on Travel Lodge event issue – This was already discussed during the Public Input portion of this meeting..

10) New Business – Chief Osanitsch asked the Commission to accept his recommendation to reassign Officer Bontempo from Patrol to the Detective Bureau.

MOTION: To add the reassignment of Officer Bontempo to the Agenda under New Business.

Mike Hannaford

Seconded by Dan Squires

Motion 5-0, Motion Passed

MOTION: To accept Chief Osanitsch’s recommendation to reassign Officer Bontempo to the Detective Bureau.

Mike Forschino

Seconded by Michael Perry

Motion 5-0, Motion Passed

11) Commissioner Comments – Chairman Kulas said he will continue to follow up with the Chief regarding the noise issue at Travelodge. It will remain on the Agendas going forward until the issue is resolved.

12) Adjournment -

MOTION: To adjourn at 7:00 pm.

Mike Hannaford

Seconded by Michael Perry

Motion Passed 5/0

Respectfully Submitted,

Sharon Pfaffenbichler
Recording Secretary