

WINDSOR LOCKS POLICE COMMISSION
Minutes of Regular Meeting
May 9, 2018

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

Commissioners present:	Andrew Kulas, Ricardo Rachele, James Szepanski, Michael Perry, Mike Forschino and Dan Squires
Commissioners absent:	None
Also Present:	Chief Eric Osanitsch

- 1) Call to Order – Commissioner Kulas called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.
- 2) Pledge of Allegiance – The Pledge of Allegiance was observed.
- 3) Commission FOI Training – There was a miscommunication on the date. FOI thought training was last night. It will be rescheduled.
- 4) Public Input –

William Rousseau – 407 Elmwood – 1) Mr. Rousseau made comments regarding the length of time it is taking for responses to his multiple FOI complaints; 2) he wants charges pressed against the Chief for improper spending and failing to oversee the Captain’s investigations, 3) stated he is taking his complaints further due to non-compliance, 4) Requested Chairman Kulas attend his FOI hearing.

- 5) Correspondence – 1) Letter from FOI on Mr. Rousseau’s hearing date of May 24. The Chief stated he will attend along with the Town Attorney; 2) Copies of Mr. Rousseau’s complaint were distributed; 3) a letter written by Commissioner Szepanski.
- 6) Approval of the minutes for the regular meeting of March 14, 2018 and the special meeting of April 4, 2018.

MOTION: To approve the minutes of the regular meeting of March 14, 2018.
James Szepanski Seconded by Dan Squires
All in Favor, Motion Passed 4/0, 2 Abstentions

Approval of the minutes for the special meeting on April 4, 2018.

MOTION: To approve the minutes of the special meeting of April 4, 2018.
Ricardo Rachele Seconded by Michael Perry
All in Favor, Motion Passed 6/0

- 7) Chief’s Comments/Department Budget Update –
 - Background checks are being conducted on two highly qualified candidates and we hope to have a candidate before the Board within 4-6 weeks.
 - New Hire Chick Bistany began his training on May 1, 2018 and should be available for Patrol on his own in approximately 4 weeks.

- Officers conducted active shooter training in our schools over the past month. Cooperation with the school administration has been excellent.
- We have had two tragic fatal accidents over the past month (Rt. 75 and Old County Rd.) Both accidents are under investigation by the NCMARS team led by our own Sergeant Barry. The Rt. 75 accident has brought a lot of attention to the lack of sidewalks and crosswalks on that road.
- Community events performed –
 - DEA drug take back program
 - Fishing Derby – This was attended by many of our Officers as well a K-9 Abby who was a big hit with the kids
 - Festival – Touch a Truck
 - Police Explorers – by laws being drafted at this time
- We've had three lengthy medical leaves which have made an impact on our overtime line.
- The current budget is looking good. We will have to do some transfers within the budget and the Board of Finance has already been notified.
- Our current CAD system does not produce good stat reports. We will be working on creating a better reporting system during the next maintenance.
- K-9 Abby has been a great addition to the Department. She is getting well known and earning us asset forfeiture money which we will receive down the road. Included in the packet are examples of Abby's work.
- Also distributed are copies of the Arrested Residential Burglary suspect and the Rt. 75 Fatality press releases.
- The Department is currently pro-active with motor vehicle special enforcement patrols.

A discussion was initiated by Commissioner Perry regarding sidewalks and crosswalks on Rt. 75. Commissioner Rachele reiterated that Rt. 75 is a state road and controlled by the DOT. We are expecting a grant to build sidewalks but crosswalks also need to be addressed.

8) New Business –

Commissioner Rachele requested an update on the take home vehicle policy within the department and ask that it be reviewed with the individuals who take home cars.

9) Old Business –

None

10) Commissioner Comments –

Chairman Kulas discussed dates for FOI training and it was determined June 27 would be best.

Commissioner Kulas addressed Mr. Rousseau's accusation of misuse of budget spending. He stated he spoke with our Finance Director and she said there is no misuse of funds or wrong doing. Chief Osanitsch added that we constantly work with the Board of Finance and Auditors. Chairman Kulas determined the issue is now closed.

11) Adjournment –

MOTION: To adjourn at 6:58pm.
James Szepanski
All in Favor, Motion Passed 6/0

Seconded by Mike Forschino

Respectfully Submitted,

Sharon Pfaffenbichler
Recording Secretary