

Town of Guilford
Board of Police Commissioners
Minutes
Wednesday, February 17, 2016
5:30 PM
Police Headquarters, Community Room

Present: Commissioners: Mike Mikolay, Martha Carlson, Jeff Hedberg, Fred Trotta, Paul Chello
Department Members: Deputy Chief Dunn,
Lucy Krauchick, Clerk of the Board
Public: Barry Felson, Resident

Call to order.

Chairman Mikolay called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

1. Approval of Board of Police Commissioners meeting minutes.

1.1. Approval of the Board of Police Commissioners meeting minutes of Wednesday, January 20, 2016.

Motion: Upon a motion by Commissioner Hedberg, and seconded by Commissioner Carlson, the Commission voted to approve the meeting minutes of Wednesday, January 20, 2016 as presented.

*All in favor: Mikolay, Carlson, Hedberg, Trotta, Chello
Opposed: None
Abstained: None*

1.2. Approval of the Board of Police Commissioners special meeting minutes of Tuesday, February 9, 2016.

Motion: Upon a motion by Commissioner Carlson, and seconded by Commissioner Hedberg, the Commission voted to approve the meeting minutes of Tuesday, February 9, 2016 as with one correction to the heading to read as 5:30 PM.

*All in favor: Mikolay, Carlson, Hedberg, Trotta, Chello
Opposed: None
Abstained: None*

2. Public Petition/Commentary.

None.

3. Traffic.

3.1. Traffic concerns-Squaw Lane/Orcutt Drive.

Chairman Mikolay recommended the traffic concern be referred to Public Works for their opinion. Commissioner Hedberg drove to look at the intersection and agreed with the Chairman's recommendation. Commissioner Trotta reviewed the traffic flow at the intersection with the Commissioners. Discussion took place. Commissioner Carlson asked for an accident history analysis. The Deputy Chief agreed to prepare an accident history analysis.

Motion: Upon a motion by Commissioner Carlson and seconded by Commissioner Hedberg, the Commission voted to table Agenda Item 3.1. Traffic concerns-Squaw Lane and Orcutt Drive pending the opinion of public works and an accident analysis report.

All in favor: Mikolay, Carlson, Hedberg, Trotta, Chello

Opposed: None

Abstained: None

3.2. Request for traffic sign-Moose Hill Road/Kenneth Circle.

The Chairman welcomed Mr. Felson and opened the floor. Barry Felson communicated his concerns regarding the intersection of Moose Hill Road and Kenneth Circle. He stated that he had a recent encounter at the intersection which nearly caused an accident. He said that people who live in the area are aware of the intersection and the strip of roadway on Moose Hill Road that is one way. He reported that motorists who are not familiar with the area have no signage to alert them to oncoming traffic which does not stop. He asked for the Commissioners to add signage to alert motorists of the traffic pattern.

The Commissioners reviewed the intersection and the traffic concerns. Deputy Chief Dunn sketched a map of the roadway as a visual of the intersection. Discussion followed and suggestions were made.

Motion: Upon a motion by Commissioner Carlson, and seconded by Commissioner Trotta, the Commission voted to add signage stating "oncoming traffic does not stop" on the south side of Moose Hill Road below the stop sign.

The Commissioners continued the discussion regarding Moose Hill Road and the one way section of the road. Upon the discussion, the Commissioners agreed to vote.

All in favor: Mikolay, Carlson, Hedberg, Trotta, Chello

Opposed: None

Abstained: None

The Commissioners agreed to hear the following items on the Agenda as one discussion considering they all pertained to bicycle charity rides.

3.3. Cystic Fibrosis Foundation-Request for permission to ride of CF Cycle for Life charity bicycle ride event on September 24, 2016.

3.4. American Diabetes Association-Request for permission to ride for Tour de Cure charity bicycle ride event on Sunday, June 12, 2016.

3.5. The ALS Therapy Development Institute-Request for permission to ride for Tri State Trek charity bicycle ride event on Saturday, June 25, 2016.

Deputy Chief Dunn reviewed each request for charity rides with the Commissioners and entertained questions. The Commission agreed to vote as one motion.

Motion: Upon a motion by Commissioner Trotta, and seconded by Commissioner Hedberg, the Commission voted to approve the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation CF Cycle for Life charity bicycle ride on Saturday, September 24, 2016 and the American Diabetes Association Tour de Cure charity bicycle ride on Sunday, June 12, 2016 and the ALS Therapy Development Institute Tri State Trek charity bicycle ride on Saturday, June 25, 2016.

All in favor: Mikolay, Carlson, Hedberg, Trotta, Chello
Opposed: None
Abstained: None

3.6. Vineyard Point Road (tabled).

Chairman Mikolay discussed the ongoing traffic item regarding Vineyard Point Road. He spoke about numerous discussions that the Board of Police Commissioners have had and the many meetings that the Traffic Authority and the Chief of Police have attended in regard to public parking. Chairman Mikolay commended the report that the Deputy Chief prepared which was a detailed compilation of the parking issue. Commissioner Carlson suggested that the Chairman of the Shellfish Commission be contacted for clarification on the shellfish beds. She agreed to contact the Shellfish Chairman. A lengthy discussion took place regarding the sea wall, shellfish beds, public parking and emergency vehicle access.

Motion: Upon a motion by Commissioner Trotta, seconded by Commissioner Hedberg, the Commission voted to table Item 3.6. Vineyard Point Road.

All in favor: Mikolay, Carlson, Hedberg, Trotta, Chello
Opposed: None
Abstained: None

4. Committee Reports

4.1. Facilities.

4.1.1. Body Armor.

Deputy Chief Dunn reviewed the standards for Police Officers and body armor. Some members of the department require body armor replacement which is an approved budget item. Deputy Chief Dunn reviewed the recommendation prepared by Lieutenant Provencher. His recommendation was to use the state bid for the eighteen replacement vests.

Motion: Upon a motion by Commissioner Trotta, and seconded by Commissioner Carlson, the Commission voted to approve the purchase of eighteen vests (Point Blank) from the state bid using the vendor Security Uniform within the department budget.

All in favor: Mikolay, Carlson, Hedberg, Trotta, Chello

Opposed: None

Abstained: None

4.2. Personnel.

4.2.1. Retirement-Sergeant Steven Renchy (f.y.i.).

Sergeant Steven Renchy will formally retire the end of this month.

4.2.2. POST recruit update (f.y.i.).

The Deputy Chief reported on the three recruits at POST. All are doing very well. Officer McCain is scheduled to graduate POST in March. Officer Scirocco and Officer Eannotti are scheduled to graduate POST in June.

4.2.3. Lateral hiring.

Chairman Mikolay reported that the Chief of Police is considering lateral hiring. Discussion took place. The Commissioners agreed that lateral hiring could be a consideration within the hiring process.

4.3. Communication.

4.3.1. Correspondence received from Gabriela Garcia-Perez.

The Commissioners agreed that the note received which thanked the Commissioners for their attention to her traffic concern was written by an articulate and intelligent young person.

4.4. Budget/Finance.

4.4.1. Budget Report 2015/2016.

The Deputy Chief of Police provided a verbal report. The budget remains in order.

4.4.2. Budget Report 2016/2017.

Chairman Mikolay reported that the budget meeting was canceled last night and is to be rescheduled.

5. Monthly Reports.

The Deputy Chief entertained questions. Chairman Mikolay commended the department.

6. Old Business.

None.

7. New Business.

None.

8. Police Comments.

None.

9. Executive Session.

None.

Motion: Upon a motion by Commissioner Chello, and seconded by Commissioner Hedberg, the Commission voted to approve to adjourn the meeting at 6:28 PM.

All in favor: Mikolay, Carlson, Hedberg, Trotta, Chello

Opposed: None

Abstained: None

Respectfully submitted,

Lucy Krauchick
Clerk of the Board