

Town of Guilford
Board of Police Commissioners
Minutes
Wednesday, August 15, 2018
5:30 P.M.
Community Room – Police Headquarters

Present:
Commissioners: Chairwoman Carlson
Commissioner Mikolay
Commissioner Frey (5:45)
Commissioner Chello
Commissioner Welsh

Department Members: Chief Hutchinson
Deputy Chief Hyatt
Lucy Krauchick, Clerk of the Board

Outgoing Chairman Mikolay called the meeting to order at 5:33 P.M.

1. Election of Officers.

Motion: Upon motion by Commissioner Welsh and seconded by Commissioner Mikolay, the Commission voted Commissioner Carlson as the new chair of the Commission (effective immediately).

All in favor: Carlson, Mikolay, Chello, Welsh
Opposed: None
Abstained: None

Motion: Upon motion by Commissioner Chello and seconded by Commissioner Carlson, the Commission voted Commissioner Mikolay as the vice chair of the Commission (effective immediately).

All in favor: Carlson, Mikolay, Chello, Welsh
Opposed: None
Abstained: None

Committees: Traffic
Chair: Commissioner Mikolay
Vice Chair: Commissioner Welsh

Personnel:
Chair: Commissioner Chello
Vice Chair: Commissioner Carlson
Facilities: Open

2. Approval of Board of Police Commissioners meeting minutes.

2.1. Approval of the Board of Police Commissioners regular meeting minutes of June 20, 2018.

Motion: Upon a motion by Commissioner Chello, and seconded by Commissioner Mikolay, the Commission voted to approve the regular meeting minutes of Wednesday, June 20, 2018 as presented.

All in favor: Mikolay, Chello

Opposed: None

Abstained: Carlson, Welsh

5.2.1 Swearing-in ceremony for Officer Scott Gingras.

Motion: Upon a motion by Commissioner Mikolay and seconded by Commissioner Chello, the Commission voted to move agenda item 5.2.1 Swearing-in ceremony for Officer Scott Gingras up on the agenda.

All in favor: Carlson, Mikolay, Chello, Welsh.

Opposed: None

Abstained: None

Chief Hutchinson addressed and welcomed the Gingras family – acknowledged that Officer Gingras is doing a great job – has been recognized on social media for community interactions including handing out water and popsicles on a very hot day.

A short recess took place – returning at 5:50 pm.

3. Public Petition/Commentary.

None.

4. Traffic.

4.1.1. 2018T9 Little Meadow/Meadow Hill

Commissioner Mikolay reviewed a request from Scott Edmond (President of the Meadow Hills Association) for signage on Little Meadow Road to remind traffic of the curve and intersection with Meadow Hills. Discussion took place regarding approved signs and appropriate placement. Edmond indicated he is working with association homeowners to remove underbrush to increase visibility at the intersection.

Motion: Upon a motion by Commissioner Mikolay and seconded by Commissioner Chello, the Commission voted to add a sign southbound on Little Meadow to alert drivers of the intersection with Meadow Hills.

All in favor: Carlson, Mikolay, Chello, Frey, Welsh.

Opposed: None

Abstained: None

4.1.2. 2018T10 – Whitfield Street Parking.

Commissioner Mikolay reviewed a request from Sheila England for more handicap parking spaces in the area of the green. Discussion took place in regard to the current number of public handicap spaces and the need to work with the State to identify the correct number of handicap spaces and to ensure that the spaces are clearly and appropriately signed and marked.

Motion: Upon a motion by Commissioner Mikolay and seconded by Commissioner Chello, the Commission voted to work with the State to identify the appropriate number and placement of handicap spaces along the state roads around the green.

All in favor: Carlson, Mikolay, Chello, Frey, Welsh.

Opposed: None

Abstained: None

4.1.3. 2018T11 – Mulberry Point Association.

Commissioner Mikolay reviewed a request by Sue Robbins for added speed limit signs along Mulberry Point Road. Commissioner Mikolay indicated that he and Chief Hutchinson drove through the area and found it to be adequately signed with the exception of possibly adding a 15 MPH speed limit sign on Tuttle Road exiting the causeway. Chief Hutchinson also stated that he would add Mulberry Point to the list for a future deployment of the electronic speed sign followed by enforcement activities.

Motion: Upon a motion by Commissioner Mikolay and seconded by Commissioner Chello, the Commission voted to add a 15 MPH speed limit sign on Tuttle Road exiting the causeway.

All in favor: Carlson, Mikolay, Frey, Chello, Welsh.

Opposed: None

Abstained: None

4.1.4. 2018T12 – State Street

Commissioner Mikolay reviewed a request from Peter Sipple to add a sign indicating blind driveway on State Street in the area of North Street. Discussion took place regarding the fact that Blind Driveway is not an approved traffic sign.

Motion: Upon a motion by Commissioner Mikolay and seconded by Commissioner Frey, the Commission voted to deny the Blind Driveway sign because it is not an approved traffic sign.

All in favor: Carlson, Mikolay, Frey, Chello, Welsh.

Opposed: None

Abstained: None

4.1.5. 2018T13 – Church Street

Commissioner Mikolay reviewed a request from Diane Martin for the installation of a No Turn on Red sign at the stop light at the end of Exit 58 with its intersection with Church Street. Discussion took place and Chief Hutchinson indicated that Exit 58 is under the Jurisdiction of the state and enforcement activities at the intersection may be the best approach.

Motion: Upon a motion by Commissioner Mikolay and seconded by Commissioner Frey, the Commission voted to increase enforcement efforts at the intersection and to notify Diane Martin of such.

All in favor: Carlson, Mikolay, Frey, Chello, Welsh.

Opposed: None

Abstained: None

4.1.6. – 2018T14 –Uncas Point Road Church Street

Commissioner Mikolay reviewed a request to remove the stop sign from the northbound lane of Uncas Point Road at its intersection with Sachems Head Road. Discussion took place. Chief Hutchinson and Commissioner Mikolay drove through the area and indicated that sight lines are good and the removal of the sign would be appropriate for the volume of traffic in the area.

Motion: Upon a motion by Commissioner Mikolay and seconded by Commissioner Frey, the Commission voted to remove the stop sign from the northbound lane of Uncas Point Road.

All in favor: Carlson, Mikolay, Frey, Chello, Welsh.

Opposed: None

Abstained: None

4.2. Runs/Rides

4.2.1. 2018R12 Cycle for the Cause (09/22/18).

Discussion took place. Chief Hutchinson indicated that this is a ride and not a race. It is occurring at the same time as the Fair Parade but organizers have re-routed the ride to avoid the green and any interference with the parade.

Motion: Upon a motion by Commissioner Mikolay and seconded by Commissioner Welsh, the Commission voted to approve the request for the Cycle for the Cause on September 23, 2018 as presented.

All in favor: Carlson, Mikolay, Frey, Chello, Welsh.

Opposed: None

Abstained: None

5. Committee Reports.

5.1. Facilities/Equipment – no discussion

5.2. Personnel.

5.2.1. Swearing-in of Officer Scott Gingras.

This agenda item was moved to beginning of the agenda.

5.2.2. Personnel update.

Officer Sadiev is graduating from the POSTC Academy on September 20, 2018.

One Officer and one Sergeant out injured.

Entry level applicant interviews scheduled for Wednesday, August 22, 2018.

5.2.3. Employee Excellence Award-Officer Basimakopolous.

Chairwoman Carlson and the Commission commended Officer Basimakopolous for his efforts and acknowledged his receiving the Employee Excellence Award.

5.3. Communications

5.3.1. Communication received thanking Sergeant Brooks for speaking to the Women Recreating Retirement on the subject of How to Avoid Theft to Cars, Property and one's self.

5.3.2. Communication received thanking Sergeant Lawrence for installing a car seat.

5.3.3. Communication received thanking the entire department for what they do every day for the community.

5.4. Budget/Finance.

5.4.1. 2017/2018 Budget.

Chief Hutchinson reviewed the 2017/2018 budget close out. 2018/2019 budget too early to identify any trends.

6. Monthly Reports.

Chief Hutchinson reviewed the monthly reports.

7. Old Business.

None.

8. New Business

None.

9. Police Comments.

None.

10. Executive Session.

None.

Motion: Upon a motion by Commissioner Mikolay, and seconded by Commissioner Chello, the Commission voted to adjourn the meeting at 6:40 PM.

All in favor: Carlson, Mikolay, Frey, Chello, Welsh.

Opposed: None

Abstained: None

Respectfully submitted,

Lucy Krauchick

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Clerk of the Board