

**Board of Police Commissioners
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, April 21, 2021
5:30 P.M.– Zoom Video Conference**

Present: Board Members: Robert Welsh, Michael Mikolay, Paul Chello,
Carrie Federici, Edward Huguenel
Town Officials: The Honorable First Selectman Matt Hoey
Department Members: Chief Warren Hyatt Jr.
Deputy Chief Massey
Lucy Krauchick, Clerk of the Board
Public: Sam Gerritz, Chair of the Safe Streets Task Force
Eric Weis, Representative
Members of the Safe Streets Task Force

Call to order.

Commissioner Welsh called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

1. Approval of prior meeting minutes

- 1.1 Approval of the regular meeting minutes of the Board of Police Commissioners of March 17, 2021

Motion: Upon a motion by Commissioner Mikolay, and seconded by Commissioner Chello, the Board of Police Commissioners voted to accept the minutes of the regular meeting of March 17, 2021 as presented.

In Favor: Welsh, Mikolay, Chello, Huguenel

Opposed: None

Abstained: None

2. Public Petition/Commentary

None.

Commissioner Federici joined the meeting.

3. Traffic

3.1 Signage/Enforcement

3.1.1 Safe Streets Task Force-Quick Builds presentation.

Commissioner Mikolay introduced Mr. Sam Gerritz, Chair of the Safe Streets Task Force and Mr. Eric Weis, Safe Streets Task Force Representative. Mr. Gerritz

took the floor and thanked all those in attendance.

Mr. Gerritz, Chair of the Safe Streets Task Force gave a visual presentation. He reviewed the mission statement. He stated that the objective of the task force is to upgrade the safety and mobility of pedestrians and cyclists while preserving the towns scenic, historic and environmental resources with “complete and safe” streets. He acknowledged the members of the task force, thanked First Selectman Hoey and all those in attendance. He indicated the main objective for this meeting was to present three “quick builds” and to look for approval.

Mr. Eric Weis presented visuals and reviewed the quick builds with the Board and the audience. Questions were entertained and discussion took place. Three quick builds were discussed, crosswalk bump outs at the intersection of Broad Street and Park Street and Park Street at the Town Hall, and a reconfiguration of the intersection of New England Road at Long Hill Road. Mr. Weis reviewed each quick build and he offered recommendations. In addition, Mr. Weis introduced the concept of advisory shoulders.

The Board of Police Commissioners agreed that the three quick builds proposed would be taken into consideration at this time and that the advisory shoulders would be considered at a later date. Discussion took place and it was agreed. Chairman Welsh asked for a motion.

Motion: Upon a motion by Commissioner Mikolay, and seconded by Commissioner Chello, the Board of Police Commissioners voted to approve the request of the Safe Streets Task Force proposed "quicks builds" in the following locations; the crosswalks associated with the Broad Street and Park Street intersection, the Park Street crosswalk in front of Town Hall and the intersection of New England Road and Long Hill Road with the following caveats; (i) the dates and duration of the "quick builds" will need final approval of the Chief of Police or his designee, and (ii) if the Chief of Police or his designee require any safety measures (that may or may not include having uniformed officers present) then those requirements will be implemented for the total duration of the "quick build" demonstrations.

In Favor: Welsh, Mikolay, Chello, Federici, Huguenel

Opposed: None

Abstained: None

The members of the Safe Streets Task Force left the meeting room.

3.1.2 State Street-Update

Deputy Chief Massey provided an update on the traffic concern on State Street. He reported that he had conducted a crash analysis and reviewed the results. He reviewed the crash history which included four crashes since 2008 related to

inclement weather where cars came off the roadway near Sachem Hollow.

Speeding was not an issue within the 500 block, but was an issue at the location of Sachem Hollow. The Deputy Chief will follow up by deploying a speed sign and requesting increased enforcement.

The Deputy Chief will contact the Director of the Housing Authority to discuss and provide an update of the data collected.

3.1.4 Pedestrian Crossing concern-Boston Street and Park Street

Chief Hyatt received a pedestrian crossing concern referencing Boston Street and Park Street. Boston Street is a state road and the concern will be referred to the State. Chief Hyatt reported that pop up pedestrian signs have been installed and Engineering is working to add additional lighting in the area. He will inform the concerned resident.

Chief Hyatt updated the Board of Police Commissioners on the Whitfield Street crosswalk.

3.2 Runs/Rides

None.

4. Committee Reports

4.1 Facilities/Equipment

None.

4.2 Personnel

Chairman Welsh thanked Commissioner Mikolay for swearing in Officer Nesci and Officer Michalowski in his absence. Discussion took place. The informal swearing in for a uniformed officer takes place upon the day of hire. The formal swearing in ceremony during Board of Police Commission meetings have been suspended due to COVID 19. Chief Hyatt will setup a date when the regular meetings go live and the ceremonies for new officers and promotions will take place.

Chief Hyatt stated that Officer DeMatteo completed field training and is on the road. He stated that Dispatcher Moriarty completed field training as well. He reported that Officer Glenbovitch is now at the Police Academy and is no longer training virtually.

Chairman Welsh stated that there is one opening for a patrol officer. The Chief confirmed and hiring will take place. The next police academy date is in September. Chairman Welsh asked if Chief Hyatt expects a larger pool of

applicants this time. The Chief responded it is very hard to forecast.

4.3 Communications

4.3.1 CALEA Accreditation

Chairman Welsh congratulated the Chief of Police and the Deputy Chief of Police for the recent CALEA reaccreditation. Chief Hyatt acknowledged the entire police department for their help with the reaccreditation and commended Officer Shove, Accreditation Manger.

4.3.2 Communication from Ms. Evans in appreciation of Officer Shove.

Chairman Welsh read from correspondence received from Mary Evans. She thanked Officer Shove for her knowledge and information regarding law enforcement when she was a student at the high school. She is now majoring in law enforcement at Salve Regina.

4.3.3 Communication from Ms. Leete of the First Church of Guilford thanking Sergeant Jakober and Officer Gingras.

Chairman Welsh read from correspondence received from Susan G. Leete, thanking Sergeant Jakober and Officer Gingras for conducting a risk evaluation at the First Church of Guilford.

4.3.4 Communication to Sergeant Lawrence from Ms. Parodi of A. W. Cox School commended Officer Martone.

Sergeant Lawrence received communication from Ms. Parodi the Library Media Specialist at Cox School commending Officer Martone for conducting a proactive Internet Safety presentation.

4.4 Budget/Finance

4.4.1 Fiscal Year 2020/2021 Budget

It was agreed that the year-to-date budget presented remains in good order.

5. Monthly Reports

Monthly reports were reviewed and questions were entertained.

6. Old Business

None.

7. New Business

None.

8. Police Personnel Comments

None.

9. Executive Session

None.

Motion: Upon a motion by Commissioner Huguenel, and seconded by Commissioner Mikolay, the Board of Police Commissioners voted to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:09 PM.

In Favor: Welsh, Mikolay, Chello, Federici, Huguenel

Opposed: None

Abstained: None

Respectfully submitted,

Lucy Krauchick

Clerk of the Board of Police Commissioners