

TOWN OF EAST LYME  
POLICE COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING OF MARCH 14, 2019  
MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Daniel Price, Joseph Perkins, Marc Powers, Lisa Pellegrini, Tony Buglione and Giancarlo D'Angelo.

EXCUSED: Mark Nickerson

Also in Attendance: Police Chief Mike Finkelstein and Administrative Sgt. Mike Macek

Mr. Price called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Delegations

There were none.

4. Approval of Minutes

DISCUSSION: Mr. D'Angelo stated that the first sentence in MOTION (2) should read, "... amend line item 511 (Police Officers) to include an additional \$10,000". Ms. Pellegrini stated that for MOTION (3), it should state "... appoint Joe Perkins, Giancarlo D'Angelo and Lisa Pellegrini to this Planning Subcommittee".

MOTION (1)

Motion by Mr. Powers to approve the Regular Meeting minutes of February 14, 2019, as amended. Seconded by Mr. D'Angelo. Motion passed 4-0-2. In Favor; Messrs. Price, Perkins, Powers and D'Angelo. Abstained; Mr. Buglione and Ms. Pellegrini.

6a. Discussion – Public Safety Building Vision Committee

DISCUSSION: Mr. Price reported that the recent referendum passed, and that the Board of Selectmen created an ad hoc vision committee which consists of three members of the Police Commission (Dan Price, Mark Powers and Tony Buglione), three members of the Board of Selectmen (Kevin Seery, Paul Dagle, Dan Cunningham), three members of the Board of Finance (Bill Weber, Anne Santoro and Lisa Picarazzi), Chief Finkelstein, and two civilian members (Bill Cornelius and Joe Barry). They held their first meeting on March 12<sup>th</sup>, and hosted a tour for potential architect and engineering firms on March 13<sup>th</sup>. It was noted that seven firms participated in the tour, and one additional firm was not able to attend but did email for information. This ad hoc committee will be responsible for receiving the RFQs, choosing an architect, and evaluating the scope of work. Once their scope of work is complete, the committee will hand the project over to the Town Building Committee and the ad hoc committee will be disbanded. The members of the Police Commission believe that it is imperative that the project include cell blocks from the beginning. They feel strongly that not including the cells will not save money as the Board of Finance believes. There is a great concern with constructing this facility without including the holding cells. Mr. Price will present this concern to the Vision Committee on behalf of the Police Commission.

7a. Chief's Report

Chief Finkelstein summarized the monthly report for February 2019, which is attached hereto as Exhibit 1. The Chief reported that the second vehicle has been received from MHQ and is now in the fleet; this vehicle was received at MHQ in June and was just received in February. They will continue to explore other options for outfitting future police cars in a timelier manner. He reported that six officers

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took the Sergeants exam on the 19<sup>th</sup>, and reminded the commission members that he anticipates that three officers will be retiring in the coming months, two of which are sergeants. Currently the process consists solely of exams split into two parts; fifty percent of the exam is written and fifty percent is oral. No past work history is taken into consideration; they are currently negotiating with the union to possibly change this process to include work history. Regarding overtime, the Chief stated that there is a slight increase in this month's number primarily due to a glitch in the finance software; 76% is the correct number and is still in line with where we should be because of the major incidents that have occurred in the past few months. He reported that currently we receive Narcan donated by the Lawrence & Memorial Hospital; but in light of the State's recent announcement that they would be providing Narcan to the hospitals, the Chief is not sure how this will affect us the donated supply we currently receive. Mr. D'Angelo inquired about the status of parking tickets, and the Chief stated that they are ready to be printed but he has not had the money in his budget so he was waiting until spring to get that going so that they are ready to utilize for the busy spring and summer months. Sgt. Macek reported that the part time ACO put in her resignation, so they are currently seeking to hire a person to replace her; they have currently received four applications and the closing date for applications is March 21<sup>st</sup>.

#### 8. Chairman's Report

Mr. Price stated that they had covered everything that he wanted to cover, so no additional report was necessary.

#### 9a. Subcommittee Reports

Planning Subcommittee to work on a second in command position. It was noted that if they would like this position to be outside of the union, it cannot be called a Lieutenant position because that language appears in the contract. The subcommittee will work with the Chief on this and report back at the next meeting.

#### 10. Communications

There were none.

#### 11. Public Comment

There was none.

#### 12. Commission Response

There was none.

#### 14. Adjournment

MOTION (2)

Mr. D'Angelo Moved to adjourn the March 14, 2019, regular meeting of the Police Commission at 7:04 p.m.

Seconded by Mr. Perkins. Motion passed 6-0.

Respectfully submitted,



Sandra Anderson  
Recording Secretary

# EAST LYME POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief's Monthly Report – February 2019



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## Section 1: Noteworthy Incidents/Information

- Second Patrol vehicle received from MHQ. Second Patrol completed shortly.

## Section 2: Staffing

- Written Sergeants exam administered to 6 Officer by the Law Enforcement Council. Oral boards to be held March 19, 2019
- Anticipated that at least three retirements will occur within the coming year. Four additional Officers are eligible to retire.

## Section 3: Administrative

### Accident Analysis

- 16 Accidents
- 3 Crashes on Main St/W. Main St
- 5 Crashes on Flanders Rd
- 3 Boston Post Rd

### East Lyme Dispatch Center

- 1,401 phone call volume for the month, which does not include Police phone line.
- Busiest hours –4pm (110), 11am (96), 8am (94)

### Animal Control Division Activity

- 14 Animal Incident Calls in East Lyme

### Budgetary

- Total Budget – 68%
- Overtime – 76%
- Asset Forfeiture Balance - \$13,545

### Use of force

- No use of force



