

Minutes

RIDGEFIELD POLICE COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING

Thursday, September 26, 2019

7:00pm

**Ridgefield Police Department
76 East Ridge Road**

Commissioners Present:

George F. Kain, Chairman

Marcie Coffin, Secretary (by phone)

Tom Reynolds

Nick Perna (by phone)

Joseph Savino (by phone)

In attendance: Chief Jeff Kreitz

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Kain at 7:02 pm

1. Depot Road Bridge Closure. This issue was brought to the attention of the Police Commission on September 25, when the Board of Selectmen advised the Police Commission of its concern over bridge safety issues. The State requests that the Legal Traffic Authority vote on any recommendation made by the state.

Current Police Commission discussion centered on the procedure necessary to support a recommendation made by the state that the bridge be closed, based on a study that had previously been conducted, which in part inspected the safety of the bridge. It was determined that, due to structural damage which developed since the last inspection, trucks should not be allowed to pass over the bridge, and further, that ultimately cars should not pass over the bridge as well. The study further determined that the bridge cannot be repaired and needs to be replaced. Chief Kreitz reported that procedures are already underway to obtain the necessary signage and barricades required to safely close the road and to prevent further problems which could arise by vehicles attempting to turn in and out of Depot Road from Route 7.

Once the proper signage and barricades are in place, trucks will be prohibited from crossing the Depot Road bridge. The next step will be that once the signage and barricades are available and drivers are given adequate notice, the bridge will be closed to all vehicular traffic.

A motion was made by Joe Savino and seconded by Tom Reynolds to support the closure of the Depot Rd Bridge due to the identified compromised structural integrity of the bridge.

The vote was unanimous (5, 0).

The meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted, George F. Kain, Chairman and Recorder for the meeting.