

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL POLICE COMMISSION MEETING
of
Tuesday, September 4, 2018

Commissioners Present: Charles Knoche, Chairman
George Kain, Secretary
Marianne Coffin
Joseph Savino

Present By Phone: Stephen Saloom

Also Present: Major Stephen Brown

These minutes are an overview of the meeting; not a verbatim text.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00pm by Chairman Knoche.

AGENDA ITEM #1 - AGENDA REVIEW

Chairman Knoche stated there would be an Executive Session for personnel matters following the Public Session. The UDC report will be presented at a later meeting.

AGENDA ITEM #2 MINUTES

Chairman Knoche requested a motion to accept the minutes of the July 12, 2018 Police Commission meeting. Commissioner Coffin motioned to accept; Commissioner Savino seconded the motion.

ALL IN FAVOR

Minutes of July 12, 2018 accepted as written.

AGENDA ITEM #3a COMMISSION VOICE MAIL

Commissioner Kain stated he had 6 voice mail messages and one written request within the last two months. One resident was upset because he got a lot of calls for the Missing People Alert. Commissioner Coffin said she thought you had to sign up for the alerts.

Another resident questioned about getting a battery backup for the traffic lights. DOT handles the traffic lights.

Another resident suggested a 'No Left Turn' sign put up on the corner of Maple Shade Road. Traffic Sign Officer Caswell suggested the resident put up a mirror.

A resident on North Street would like a crosswalk sign to Tony's Corner Deli at the intersection of North Salem Road. This would be a DOT issue. They also suggested speed bumps on North Street.

A resident would like signage on Bennetts Farm Road on the north side lowering the speed limit to 15mph.

A resident on Olmstead Lane suggested signage for no thru trucks.

A resident on Farrar Lane suggested signage for a hidden driveway. Major Brown said he will have Traffic Sign Officer Caswell check into it.

AGENDA ITEM #4 See New Business

AGENDA ITEM #5a New Business

Major Brown stated the 29RI will be fixed by October. The bids for cruisers have been returned and are being reviewed.

AGENDA ITEM #5b No update from the UDC at this time.

AGENDA ITEM #5c

Commissioner Savino voiced his concern about the Winter Club. This is a commercial enterprise with a golf simulator. He stated Old South Salem Road would see a lot of traffic, speeding and narrow roads. Major Brown stated the club would be for members only. Three officers were at East Ridge Middle School for the meeting. Commissioner Kain asked how many people are in the club. As of now there are 325. Commissioner Coffin reported the traffic reports are detailed. Commissioner Knoche stated the safety issue would be the concern. He stated he would abstain from the vote as he signed a petition.

AGENDA #6a

Fountain Traffic light. No update at this time

AGENDA #6b

No Turn on Red (Prospect St/Main St, Danbury Rd/Grove St) no update at this time

AGENDA #6c

St Mary crossing no update at this time

AGENDA #6d

For Beaver Brook Road Traffic Sign Officer Caswell suggested putting up 2 signs to direct traffic to Danbury and New York.

Commissioner Kain motioned to adjourn the Public Session; seconded by Commissioner Savino.

PUBLIC SESSION ADJOURNED AT 6:34 p.m.

Vote: In Favor – All

The Executive Session commenced at 6:34 p.m.

Executive Session adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted



George Kain,
Secretary

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL POLICE COMMISSION MEETING
of
September 28, 2018 at 1:00 pm.

Commissioners Present: Charles Knoche, Chariman
George Kain, Secretary
Marianne Coffin
Joseph Savino

Present By Phone: Stephen Saloom

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Knoche at 1:06 pm

A motion was made to go into Executive Session at 1:06 pm (Savino, Coffin). Unanimous.

The Commission returned to public session at 2:08 pm.

A motion was made by Joe Savino and seconded by Marcy Coffin to establish an Executive Search Committee for the purpose of selecting a Chief of Police. The committee shall consist of all members of the Ridgefield Police Commission.

The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Joe Savino and seconded by Marcie Coffin that the Ridgefield Police Commission establish the process for selection of Chief of Police by first requesting all candidates to provide to Chairman Knoche: 1) a resume not longer than 3 pages (12 point font) and 2) a written response of no longer than 750 words (12 point font) to the question: "What is your vision of the Ridgefield Police Department in 5-10 years?" Those items shall be emailed to Chairman Knoche no later than October 15, 2018 at 5:00 pm. Personal interviews shall be scheduled for Monday, October 22, 2018 in the following, randomly selected, order:

Capt. Bryan Terzian 8:00 am
Major Steven Brown 10:00 am
Capt. Jeff Kreitz 12:00 pm.

The motion passed unanimously.

The next meeting of the Executive Search Committee will be held on October 19, 2018 at 1:00 pm at the Ridgefield Police Department.

The meeting adjourned at 2:15 pm. (Savino/Coffin). Unanimous.

George F. Kain, Secretary
Recorder