

**MINUTES-SPECIAL MEETING
BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2010 7:00 P.M.
TOWN HALL-NORMA DRUMMER ROOM**

Members present: Howard Simpson, Steve Chucta, Lucy McConologue, James Simpson and Frank Conroy. Also in attendance: Captain Beres, LT. Satkowski, Community Police Officer Desiderato, Officer Sprandel, First Selectman Paul Roy, Det. Sgt. Goodmaster, the public and the press.

1. **Meeting was called to order** at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Simpson
2. **Pledge of allegiance:** was led by Lucy McConologue
3. **Public Comment:** Richard Rossik, 34 Roberts Street, voiced his concerns about some issues that he has brought up in past meetings that he feels have not been addressed.
4. **Approval of minutes of regular meeting January 21, 2009**
Steve Chucta/James Simpson to approve the minutes. **Motion: 4:1** (James Simpson oppose)
5. **Commissioners' Comments:** Commissioner Simpson congratulated the midnight shift on an outstanding job regarding an incident at Shady Knoll and recommends each officer receiving a personal letter from the Chief that is framed.
6. **Old Business:**
 - 6a) Report from Patrol Division – Board accepted report has handed out. Board wanted to know the status of those officers out on workman's comp.
 - 6b. Youth Division – Board accepted report has handed out.

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- 6b. Community Policing – Board accepted report has handed out. CPO Desiderato stated the Citizens Academy is doing well, the students are enjoying the course and another grant has been applied for next year's academy.
- 6c. Det. Division –Board accepted report has handed out. Det. Sgt. Goodmaster stated there have been 12 new cases in January.
- 6d. K-9 - Board accepted report has handed out. Officer Scheithe will be the new K-9 handler. Officer Romagna and Officer Scheithe have begun searching for a suitable K-9 replacement. Still awaiting start date of next Police K-9 class.

Commissioners voiced their opinions/concerns regarding moving the meetings from the Police Department to Town Hall. Frank Conroy/James Simpson motion to permanently move the meetings to Town Hall Norma Drummer room. **Motion: 3:2** (Lucy McConologue and Steve Chucta oppose)

A discussion took place regarding adding a detective position. The Board voiced their concerns/opinions regarding the financial impact of another detective. Possibilities include the restructuring of the department, placing a patrol officer in the detective division, on a temporary basis, to help with the workload, if dictated. This issue will be revisited.

7. New Business:

Discussion took place regarding the color of the Youth Officer badge and uniform. The Board would like to look at other departments in the area as to whether the youth officer in surrounding towns wears a uniform or plain clothes. The Board would like to see guidelines set up by the Police Department before any decisions will be made. This issue will be tabled for next months meeting.

Steve Chucta/Frank Conroy motion to move executive session to the end of the agenda
Motion: 5:0

- 8. **Management Report:** Board accepted management report as handed out. Captain Beres states that the budget looks good, however, over time and repairs still an issue. Commissioner Simpson wanted to know about “dead spots” down by the river. This issue is being worked on by Tom Eighmie.

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9. **Correspondence:** Letter received from retired Officer Charles Zwick requesting he be issued his retirement credentials and badge. James Simpson/Steve Chucta motion to have Officer Zwick be issued his retirement credentials. **Motion: 5:0**

10. **Other Business:** None.

11. **Executive Session:**

Lucy McConologue/Frank Conroy motion to go into executive session at 8:30 p.m. to discuss personnel issues. In attendance: the Board. **Motion: 5:0**

Captain Beres goes into executive session at 9:05 p.m.

Lucy McConologue/Frank Conroy motion to come out of executive session at 9:15 p.m. No votes or motions taken. **Motion: 5:0**

12. **ADJOURNMENT.**

MOTION: Frank Conroy/Lucy McConologue to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 p.m.
Motion: 5:0

Respectfully submitted,

Caroline Spaulding
Recording Secretary