

# SEYMOUR POLICE DEPARTMENT

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## MINUTES-REGULAR MEETING BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS WEDNESDAY, JULY 19, 2017 7:00 P.M. 11 FRANKLIN STREET SEYMOUR POLICE DEPARTMENT

**Members present:** Robert Koskelowski, William Paecht, Lucy McConologue, and Dave Bitso (Frank Conroy absent). Also in attendance: Chief Metzler, Deputy Chief Satkowski, Inspector DeNigris, Officer Adames, Sgt. Fappiano, candidates, the public and the press.

1. **Meeting was called to order** at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Koskelowski
2. **Pledge of allegiance:** was led by Commissioner Bitso
3. **Public Comment:** None.
4. **Approval of minutes of regular meeting on June 21, 2017**  
William Paecht/David Bitso motion to accept the minutes. **Motion: 4:0**
5. **Commissioner's Comments:**

**Commissioner Paecht** would like more patrols for the Community Center and Gary Park as people are there after sundown.

**Chairman Koskelowski** wanted to know if there is a noise limit on vehicles especially motorcycles.

### 6. **Old Business:**

#### **Patton Avenue Speed Study:**

Inspector DeNigris gave an update on the speed study done on Patton Avenue over a 5 day period. The results showed that nearly 100 percent of the cars were going under the speed limit during the study.

**Bailey Cook**, 40 Patton Avenue, is asking for a stop sign to be placed south bound because the speed study was not done on a weekend when there is more traffic present.

**Ray Diugokenski**, 46 Patton Avenue, states that people knew the time mark was there and therefore slowed down and some people have commented that GPS shows Patton Avenue as a cut through to Colony Road.

Chairman Koskelowski states the Chief will have to make the decision if a stop sign is warranted and report at the next meeting.

**Take action possible hire new patrol officers**

William Paecht/Lucy McConologue motion to place on the agenda executive session for personnel issues concerning hiring patrol officer. **Motion: 4:0**

Lucy McConologue/William Paecht motion to go into executive session at 7:24 p.m.  
Included: Board. Chief Metzler and Deputy Chief Satkowski to give testimony only and then each of the candidates will also be interviewed in executive session.  
**Motion: 4:0**

William Paecht/Lucy McConologue motion to come out of executive session and go back to public comment at 7:26 pm. No votes or motions taken. **Motion: 4:0**

David Bitso/William Paecht motion to move public comment item # 12 to item # 6a.  
**Motion: 4:0**

**6a. Public Comment**

**Patricia Tretiak**, 16 Bank Street, states there are many parking issues downtown, including cars parking over night on Columbus Street, cars blocking the handicapped cutouts during the day and that no one is checking on 2-hr parking.

**Peter Duke**, 16 Bank Street, would like to see the lines on the road repainted as they are all faded.

**Chief Metzler** will ask DPW to temporarily paint the lines as they were waiting for the road to settle and will recommend a medical drop off spot that will be limited to 15 minutes.  
**Inspector DeNigris** states that tickets have been issued to those vehicles that are parking downtown overnight and that he will speak to the officer that handles the downtown area.

William Paecht/David Bitso motion to go into executive session at 7:45 Included: The Board and Chief Metzler. **Motion: 4:0**

Chief Metzler comes out of executive session at 7:47 p.m.

Deputy Chief Satkowski goes into executive session at 7:47 p.m. and comes out of at 8:00 p.m.

David Gallo goes into executive session at 8:00 p.m. and comes out at 8:03 p.m.

Patrick Dempsey goes into executive session at 8:03 p.m. and comes out at 8:05 p.m.

William Paecht/Lucy McConologue motion to come out of executive session at 8:08 p.m. No votes or motions taken. **Motion: 4:0**

William Paecht/David Bitso motion to offer David Gallo a position to start August 4, 2017.  
**Motion: 4:0** David Gallo accepts.

William Paecht/David Bitso motion to offer Patrick Dempsey a position to start August 5, 2017. **Motion: 4:0** Patrick Dempsey accepts.

**6b) Patrol reports:** Board accepts the reports.

**6c) Detective report:** Board accepts the report.

**6d) SRO report & Community Police:** Board accepts the SRO and CP report.

Lucy McConolgoue wanted to know if the Seymour Housing Board could become a little more proactive in problems that arise and keeping their tenants safe.

**6e) K-9 reports:** Board accepts the reports. K-9 officers assisted a neighboring town.

**6f) Car Report:** Board accepts the report.

**7. New Business:** Commissioner Bitso would like to move Commissioners Comments to the end of the agenda after other business.

**8. Management Report:** Chief reports the seizure and community fund are doing well and the test date for Detective is September 6, 2017.

**9. Correspondence:** Thank you letter from Great Hill Fire for a donation and thank you letter from Citizen Fire for contribution for co-worker Kurt Weldon.

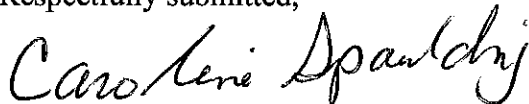
Commissioner Paecht would like to put a lot more pressure on First Selectman's office to update the radio communication problems. We can't keep putting our officers in jeopardy.

**10. Other Business:** None

**11. Union Business:** The Union golf tournament will be held Friday, September 8, 2017.

**12. ADJOURNMENT** David Bitso/Lucy McConolgoue motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m. **Motion: 4:0**

Respectfully submitted,



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Recording Secretary