

**WOODBRIIDGE BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING**

AMENDED MINUTES

April 5, 2006

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Commissioner Randy Kaoud, Commissioner Tina Weiner,
Michael Luther – Board of Finance Liaison

OTHERS: Chief Gene Marcucci, Deputy Chief Raymond Stuart,
Joseph Hellauer – Town Administrative Officer, Lt. Jeffery
Leiby, Administrative Assistant Janice Innocenzi

ABSENT: Edward Sheehy, Board of Selectmen Liaison

- Chairman Luciani called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

The Board voted unanimously (Weiner/Kaoud) to amend the agenda and move into the Regular Meeting of the Woodbridge Traffic Authority at 6:04 p.m.

**WOODBIDGE TRAFFIC AUTHORITY
REGULAR MEETING**

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PUBLIC COMMENTS/CORRESPONDENCE:

REQUEST FOR “NO THRU TRUCKS” SIGNS -

- Mr. Michael Rosen, of 14 Clark Road, addressed the Board. Mr. Rosen said he attended a meeting at Town Hall last week at which time he brought up the necessity to limit the trucks that were using the hydrant on Litchfield Turnpike (Rte. 69) for various reasons – danger to the traffic on Rte. 69, danger on Clark Road, and danger at the intersections, in particular. He stated that he travels that road a lot and has previously had encounters with the trailer trucks and would not want to have an encounter with one of them on a snowy, slippery day, coming out of his driveway. At the Town meeting Mr. Rosen attended, the Board of Selectmen decided they would limit the size of the trucks that could utilize the hydrant on Rte. 69.

The First Selectman suggested that Mr. Rosen address the Traffic Authority regarding the need for traffic limiting signs at the beginning (top and bottom) of Clark Road and at the beginning of Cedar Road because there is an enormous amount of thru traffic that goes over that road, not just the pool water trailer trucks, but also dump trucks with equipment on trailers behind them, and we are all aware of the accident that took place on the bottom of Clark Road not too long ago. The Board of Selectmen thought that it might not be a bad idea to explore with the State of Connecticut the ability to post those kinds of signs on those roads, particularly since there is already a sign at the top of the intersection where Clark meets Cedar that says “No Thru Trucks”. Mr. Rosen said he is hard pressed to figure out how that sign does any good there, if there are no signs at the top or the bottom of the road. Mr. Rosen said that if that sign is there already, it would seem logical to have signs put at the beginning and end of Clark Road and at the beginning of Cedar Road to limit the traffic for which the sign that is there now was intended.

Deputy Chief Stuart said that under State statute, a “No Thru Trucks” sign only limits vehicles that are doing business outside of Woodbridge or do not originate from Woodbridge, so any other trucks can go through. Mr. Rosen said he accepts that, but he feels that in spite of that, it would be an improvement in any case. Deputy Chief Stuart agreed.

The Town Ordinance, will limit the size of trucks, but as long as the truck originates in the Town of Woodbridge or is doing business in the Town of Woodbridge, they can utilize that road.

The Board voted unanimously (Falcigno/Weiner) to authorize posting of “No Thru Trucks” signs at the top and bottom of Clark Road, the beginning of Cedar Road, and at the top and bottom of Dillon Road.

MOTORCYCLE BENEFIT RIDE FOR JOHN SEBASTIANO:

- Chief Marcucci outlined a request from the organizers of a motorcycle benefit ride for Shelton resident, John Sebastiano, which plans to come through Woodbridge on June 3, 2006.

The Board voted unanimously (Kaoud/Weiner) to authorize the motorcycle benefit ride, as requested by the group’s organizers.

ADJOURNMENT:

The Board voted unanimously (Weiner/Kaoud) to adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Woodbridge Traffic Authority at 6:13 p.m. and reconvene the Regular Meeting of the Woodbridge Board of Police Commissioners.

Respectfully Submitted:

Janice Innocenzi
Administrative Assistant

(The Regular Meeting of the Woodbridge Board of Police Commissioners continued.)

TOUR OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT:

- Deputy Chief Stuart conducted a tour of the Police Department to show the recent changes made within the building (conversion of the padded cell into a room for the intoxilyzer machine and the conversion of the dark room into an office for our computer specialist). The Deputy Chief also demonstrated the new AFIS Live Scan Fingerprinting machine and the voice activated APS (Advanced Public Safety) system called Virtual Partner, which has been installed in all patrol vehicles.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- Regular Meeting of the Woodbridge Board of Police Commissioners held March 1, 2006.

The Board voted unanimously (Falcigno/Weiner) to approve the minutes from the March 1, 2006 Regular Meeting of the Woodbridge Board of Police Commissioners.

REVIEW OF REPORTS:

Financial Report -

- Chief Marcucci said that although the year-to-date budget printout indicates that the Police Overtime line is over budget, we have just received a check in the amount of \$8,261 from the State of Connecticut to reimburse us for overtime associated with the Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year DUI Holiday campaigns.

The Board voted unanimously (Weiner/Kaoud) to accept the Financial Report.

Activity Report –

- Deputy Chief Stuart reported that in February there was one DUI Arrest, and two drug arrests.
- March activity included one DUI and five drug arrests.
- ISU is still working on two residential burglaries that occurred in February and two (one residential/one commercial) that occurred in March.
- D-Runs have been increased in the flats as a result of recent problems at the auto dealership in the area.
- ISU has warrants prepared for suspects involved in the identity thefts that have taken place at the assisted living facilities.

The Board voted unanimously (Weiner/Falcigno) to accept the Activity Report.

PUBLIC COMMENT/CORRESPONDENCE:

- There were no Public Comments or Correspondence.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

The Board voted unanimously (Weiner/Kaoud) to move into Executive Session at 6:50 p.m. to discuss Workers' Compensation case updates. (All were invited to stay.)

- The Board moved out of Executive Session at 6:53 p.m.
- No motions made; no votes taken.

REPORT OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE:

- School Resource Officer – Chief Marcucci reminded the Board that the School Resource Officer position at Amity High School will be discussed at the next meeting of the Board of Selectmen on April 11, 2006 at 6:30 p.m. The position of SRO has been cut from the upcoming school budget.
- Letters of Commendation for Officers: Officers Bruce Lovallo, Antonio DiMatteo, and Michael Blume are to be commended for a job well done on a motor vehicle stop involving a pursuit and weapons stolen during a burglary in New Haven. The Board expressed their thanks to these officers.
- Transfer of Funds – Request Delayed: Deputy Chief Stuart explained that the Department is officially down one officer as a result of the retirement of one officer last year and at that time, the Board voted to replace that officer. The Department publicly advertised a job opening for a Certified Police Officer and after several months of unsuccessful attempts to hire a qualified candidate, the Board then approved our participation in the new recruit testing process through South Central Criminal Justice Administration. After receiving authorization from the Board, we processed a Purchase Order for \$3,000 to participate in the hiring process, drawing on funds from the Police Officer Salary line. The Purchase Order was approved and returned to the Department; we later were informed that the funds should have been transferred into the Regional Services line with approval from the Board of Selectmen and Board of Finance. The Finance Director did not think the transfer would be disapproved, but it was held up pending resolution of the status of our School Resource Officer. Deputy Chief Stuart stressed that we are already in the process and need the funds. Our Department has already been included in the recruitment advertisement placed in local newspapers by SCCJA, the agility test and written test have already been administered, and during the week of April 10-14 our Department is hosting the Oral Board interviews, which is all part of the \$3,000 charge. Deputy Chief Stuart said we are obligated to pay the \$3,000.
- Pandemic Exercise – We will be participating in a pandemic exercise that will be held in Milford on April 19, 2006.
- UASI Purchases (Update): Deputy Chief Stuart reported that we are about to deplete our Town UASI funds (The \$102,000 from which the Fire Department purchased a generator, scuba tanks, de-con trailer, Expedition, laptop computer.) Keeping in mind that these purchases are based on a need to prepare for Weapons of Mass Destruction (chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear, and/or explosive) scenarios, we would like to purchase a laptop for interoperability use by Police Department Command Staff. The computers being installed in all Fire Department vehicles will include DMIS software so that we can communicate during a major incident if the radio system fails and Deputy Chief Stuart would like to purchase a similar computer for Police use. Portable spotlights are also being purchased for Public Works which will be mounted on all their trucks. The First Selectman would like us to also purchase a trailer, cots, blankets, pillows, unisex kits for the evacuation center.

The Board voted unanimously (Falcigno/Weiner) to authorize the purchase of a laptop computer for the Police Department.

- TRS Software: Lt Leiby explained this computer software program, which is designed for Training Officers to maintain all Department Training Records. Deputy Chief Stuart has requested this expenditure through next year's budget, but we would like to purchase it in the current fiscal year.
- Chief's Challenge: Chief Marcucci said this is the first year that our Department is participating in the Chief's Challenge, which highlights our statistics in the area of DUI, seatbelt enforcement and other motor vehicle violations. The presentation includes Policy & Guidelines, Incentives and Recognition, and graphs. The prize is a fully-equipped 2006 Harley Davidson motorcycle to be used for a period of one year by the winning department. Chief Marcucci said that Officer Thomas DeMatteo did an outstanding job preparing our presentation.

- IACP Annual Conference: Chief Marcucci asked for the Board's consideration for him to attend the Annual IACP Conference in Boston.

The Board voted unanimously (Falcigno/Weiner) to approve Chief Marcucci's attendance at the Annual IACP Conference in Boston, MA.

The Board voted unanimously (Weiner/Falcigno) to accept the Report of the Chief of Police.

PERSONNEL MATTERS:

- There were no Personnel Matters to discuss.

BUDGET:

- There were no Budget items to discuss.

OLD BUSINESS:

- There were no Old Business items to discuss.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Joseph Hellauer stated there is a traffic problem when Amity High School dismisses classes for the day, Newton Road and Meetinghouse Lane become a racetrack. Chief Marcucci said he will put an officer there between 2:00 and 2:30 each day.

ADJOURNMENT:

The Board voted unanimously (Falcigno/Weiner) to adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Woodbridge Board of Police Commissioners at 7:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

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- There were no Personnel Matters to discuss; no votes taken.

BUDGET:

- There were no Budget matters to discuss; no votes taken.

OLD BUSINESS:

- There were no Old Business items to discuss; no votes taken.

NEW BUSINESS:

- There were no motions made; no votes taken, during the discussion of New Business.

ADJOURNMENT:

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