

**Town of Killingly
Public Safety Commission
REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday, May 29, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.
Meeting to be held at
Killingly Town Hall, 1st Floor, Room 102**

MINUTES

1. Call to order

Chair, Amy Shatney, called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. (19:02 hours).

2. Roll Call

Members Present: Amy Shatney, Scott Clifford, Donald Preston.
Maurice Knorr was absent with notice.

Also Present:

James Esposito, Resident Trooper
Jason Anderson, Town Council Liaison (arrived at 7:09 p.m.)
Mary T. Calorio, Town Manager (arrived at 7:04 p.m.)

3. Introduce New Regular Member of the Public Safety Commission, Donald Preston

Ms. Shatney introduced Donald Preston.

4. Adoption of Minutes Regular Meeting of April 24, 2019

Motion was made by S. Clifford to adopt the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 24, 2019, as presented. Second by D. Preston Motion carried unanimously (3-0-0).

5. Citizen Participation and Correspondence – None.

6. Public Safety Updates

a) Resident State Trooper/Killingly Police

James Esposito reported:

- Provided copies of the Calls for Service Report for the period of April 1, 2019 through May 29, 2019.
- Officer Kane is leaving next week. He will be an instructor at the Academy.

There was discussion regarding how many Constables we have. Two more Constables will be added in October and they are advertising for another which will make a total of four for the fiscal year of 2019-2020. The vision is to add two Constables each fiscal year and periodically sun-setting a Resident State Trooper. The original vision was to get up to ten Constables with one Resident State Trooper. However, ten is

understaffed for this overall population size and geographical area. Therefore, it may need to expand to meet demands.

Officer Esposito got quotes for speed monitors which he said are quite expensive. Ms. Calorio explained that this is not something that the Public Safety Commission (which is an advisory group) would purchase within its own budget. It would need to be recommended to the Town Council or the Town Manager to be included in a subsequent year's projected budget for equipment purchases (capital items). Proposals could be submitted to her in December to be priced and figured in the budget appropriately.

There was discussion regarding crosswalks with yellow flashing lights (like at Ellis Tech). Some are solar powered.

- b) **Fire Marshal – No Representation.**
- c) **Fire District – No Representation.**
- d) **Ambulance – No Representation.**

7. Old Business

a. Discussion regarding pedestrian crossing signs and house number signs.

Ms. Calorio spoke with Mat Dube about re-permitting for the pedestrian crossing signs. They are looking into getting a couple of better quality signs than the existing one which is problematic.

There was discussion regarding the house number signs. Mr. Daggett has been paid the \$90 for the signs that he had made. Ms. Calorio will put a link on the Town's website and the Town's FaceBook page to the K.B. Ambulance website (where residents can find the order form for the signs which are free though the end of June). She will also advertise it when she speaks on WINY Radio on June 10th.

There was discussion regarding the term Killingly Officer vs. Constable. Ms. Calorio explained that if we had a municipal department, we would have a Chief of Police and we would oversee our own department. Since we are under the State Trooper contract, the State oversees our department. The State manages our liability and our risk associated with the Constables.

There was discussion regarding a car seat safety clinic. Mr. Preston is interested in attending. Mr. Anderson will provide information. Ms. Shatney reminded the Commission Members that their budget for next year is \$250. Ms. Calorio explained that the budget is to cover the recording secretary and training, and that programs are funded through other avenues/other Town Department budgets.

Mr. Preston suggested having pamphlets made up (on Code Red Policy) to display at Bike Night.

Ms. Shatney reminded the Commission that they do not meet in July or August, but that a Special Meeting could be scheduled if needed.

8. New Business – None.

9. Council Member Report

Jason Anderson reported:

- Budget passed. Mill rate decreased from 27.76 to 24.96.
- Mat Dube was appointed as Director of Highway Operations.
- Mark LaPrade was appointed to the vacated seat on Town Council.
- Resolution to oppose tolls was defeated.
- \$293,000 was moved to the BoE non-lapsing account.
- Audit Reports – no major findings.
- Executive Session
- Animal Control was discussed. Looked at alternatives, but staying with NECCOG for one more year, then will look into different possibilities.
- Raised the non-lapsing from \$1 million to \$2.5 million, then was modified to \$1.75 million.

10. Other – None.

11. Adjournment

Motion was made by D. Preston to adjourn at 7:27 p.m. (19:27 p.m.). Second by Scott Clifford. Motion carried unanimously (3-0-0).

Respectfully submitted,

J.S. Perreault
Recording Secretary