

## OLD SAYBROOK POLICE COMMISSION

July 25, 2017

### SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

A special meeting of the Old Saybrook Police Commission was held on Tuesday, July 25, 2017 at the Old Saybrook Town Hall.

**Present:** Chairman Stuart, Vice Chairman Van Dassel, Secretary Moran, Commissioners Burnham and Cooper. Commissioner Maselli phoned in via conference call. Chief Spera was present from the Department of Police Services.

This meeting was videotaped by the Town of Old Saybrook.

#### I. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Stuart called the meeting to order at 10:01 AM and led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### II. Possible Executive Session to Interview a Candidate for the Position of Per Diem Patrolman to be primarily assigned as a School Resource Officer.

Commissioner Burnham made a motion to enter into Executive Session inviting Chief Spera to participate. Vice Chairman Von Dassel seconded the motion. The motion to enter into Executive Session passed with a vote of 6 in favor and 0 against.

The Police Commission entered into Executive Session at 10:02 AM.

The Police Commission exited Executive Session at 11:00 AM.

#### III. Possible Action on the Appointment of a Per Diem Patrolman.

**Vice Chairman Von Dassel made a motion for to hire Karen Gabianelli for the position of Per Diem Patrolman at the time Chief Spera chooses. Commissioner Burnham seconded the motion. The motion to hire Karen Gabianelli passed with a vote of 6 in favor and 0 against.**

#### IV. Personnel Update

Chief Spera handed out Patrolman Michael Small's exit interview. He stated that as the Commissioners can see Officer Small was not happy with the retirement benefits and the working benefits which is a big reason why he left and went to Middletown Police Department. Chief Spera stated that Lieutenant Roche has officially retired and is currently working in Old Lyme. He passed along Lieutenant Roche's exit letter. Master Sergeant Rankin declined to take an exit interview.

Chief Spera advised that a Lieutenant process has been started along with a Sergeant process.

He stated that between Lieutenant Roche and Master Sergeant Rankin retiring, it has left a big gap and both will be sorely missed within the Department. He stated that retirement parties will be planned and that the Commission will be kept abreast of the dates.

V. **Adjournment**

Commissioner Burnham made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Maselli seconded the motion. The motion to adjourn passed with a vote of 6 in favor and 0 against.

*The next regular Police Commission meeting is scheduled for August 28, 2017 at 7:00 PM in the first floor conference room at the Old Saybrook Town Hall.*

Respectfully submitted by:

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