**Old Saybrook Police Commission**

Regular Meeting

September 27, 2021

MINUTES

A regular meeting of the Old Saybrook Police Commission was held on Monday, September 27, 2021 via ZOOM. The meeting was recorded and can be viewed in its entirety at <https://youtu.be/F6C-Qze68eY>

**Present:**  Chairman Keeney, Secretary Maselli, Commissioners Von Dassel, Quish, Shippee and Wilcox. Chief Spera and Captain DePerry was present from the Department of Police Services.

1. **Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance**

Chairman Keeney called the meeting to order at 6:59 PM and led those in attendance with the Pledge of Allegiance.

He advised the Commission that Vice Chairman Reid was in the hospital again and to keep him in their prayers.

**Secretary Maselli made a motion to add a third item, a collective bargaining matter, to be discussed in Executive Session. Commissioner Von Dassel seconded the motion. The motion to add a third item to be discussed in Executive Session passed with a vote of 6 in favor, 0 against, and 0 abstaining.**

1. **Comments from the Public**

There were no comments from the public.

1. **Discussion and Action Concerning Meeting Minutes for the Regular August 23, 2021 Meeting.**

**Commissioner Quish made a motion to accept the August 23, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes. Commissioner Wilcox seconded the motion. The motion to accept the August 23, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes passed with a vote of 6 in favor, 0 against and 0 abstaining.**

1. **Executive Reports**
   1. **Financial**
      1. **FY 22 Status**

The Commission reviewed the FY 22 current budget.

* 1. **Administrative & Operational**
     1. **Executive Report**
        1. **Executive Goals**

Chief Spera updated the Commission on his progress on his Executive Goals.

* + - 1. **Fleet Replacement Program**

Meeting Wednesday with possible new supplier for interior components to hopefully speed up time line on cars.

* + - 1. **Uniform Committee Update**

Chief Spera and members of the Police Department presented the new proposed uniform.

**Commissioner Quish made a motion to endorse the decision regarding new uniforms that the Chief and the patrol staff brought before the Commission today. Secretary Maselli seconded the motion. The motion to endorse the decision passed with a vote of 6 in favor, 0 against and 0 abstaining.**

* + - 1. **Personnel Matters**

Trainee Mora and Cruz will hopefully be on their own by the end of the week.

Patrolman Moreau (from Groton) is on his own filling in the open midnight shifts.

Patrolman White relocated from California and will be starting training soon.

1. **Comments from the Chair Regarding Recent Correspondence.**

Chiarman Keeney read the Police Commission by laws to the Commission.

The Commission discussed correspondence received by Commission members that some members have not returned to the Police Department.

1. **Discussion and Possible Action to Enter into Executive Session for the Purpose of Discussing a Personnel Matter(s).**

**Secretary Maselli made a motion to enter into Executive Session for the Purpose of Discussion Personnel matter, interview candidates and to discuss a collective bargaining matter inviting Chief Spera and Captain DePerry to join. Commissioner Quish seconded the motion. The motion to enter into Executive Session passed with a vote of 6 in favor, 0 against and 0 abstaining.**

**The Commission entered Executive Session at 8:26 PM.**

**LT. Scott Aresco entered Executive Session at 8:31 PM.**

**LT. Scott Aresco exited Executive Session at 8:42 PM.**

**Sabine Nyenhuis entered Executive Session at 8:48 PM.**

**Sabine Nyenhuis exited Executive Session at 9:01 PM.**

**James Simpson entered Executive Session at 9:05 PM.**

**James Simpson exited Executive Session at 9:15 PM.**

**The Commission exited Executive Session at 9:36 PM and resumed Public Session.**

1. **Discussion and Possible Action to Enter into Executive Session for the Purpose of Interviewing Candidates for the Position of Patrolman Trainee.**
2. **Discussion and Possible Action Concerning the Appointment(s) of a Patrolman Trainee.**

**Secretary Maselli made a motion to authorize the Department to hire Sabine Nyenhuis at a time to be determined by the Chief of Police assuming all remaining hiring requirements are met. Commissioner Von Dassel seconded the motion. The motion to hire Sabine Nyenhuis passed with a vote of 6 in favor, 0 against and 0 abstaining.**

**Secretary Maselli made a motion to authorize the Department to hire James Simpson at a time to be determined by the Chief of Police assuming all remaining hiring requirements are met. Commissioner Wilcox seconded the motion. The motion to hire James Simpson passed with a vote of 6 in favor, 0 against and 0 abstaining.**

1. **Comments from the Chief of Police**

Chief had no comments.

1. **Comments from Commissioners**

Commissioner Shippee commented

Commissioner Wilcox commented.

Commissioner Von Dassel commented.

Secretary Maselli commented.

Commissioner Quish commented.

Chairman Keeney commented.

1. **Adjournment**

**Secretary Maselli made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Quish seconded the motion. The motion to adjourn passed with a vote of 5 in favor and 0 opposed, 0 abstaining.**

The meeting adjourned at 9:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted by:

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