

## **Old Saybrook Police Commission**

Regular Meeting

January 25, 2021

### **MINUTES**

A REGULAR meeting of the Old Saybrook Police Commission was held on Monday, January 25, 2021 via ZOOM. The meeting was recorded and can be viewed in its entirety at <https://youtu.be/CNAX7J-Gj18>

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

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

Chairman Keeney called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and led those in attendance with the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### **II. Discussion and Possible Action Concerning Meeting Minutes**

##### **a. Regular Meeting – November 23, 2020**

Commissioner Von Dassel made a motion to accept the November 23, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes. Vice Chairman Reid seconded the motion. The motion to accept the November 23, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes passed with a vote of 7 in favor, 0 against and 0 abstaining.

##### **b. Special Meeting – December 14, 2020**

Vice Chairman Reid made a motion to accept the December 14, 2020 Special Meeting Minutes. Commissioner Quish seconded the motion. The motion to accept the December 14, 2020 Special Meeting Minutes passed with a vote of 7 in favor, 0 against and 0 abstaining.

##### **c. Special Meeting – January 4, 2021**

Vice Chairman Reid made a motion to accept the January 4, 2021 Special Meeting Minutes. Commissioner Von Dassel seconded the motion. The motion to accept the January 4, 2021 Special Meeting Minutes passed with a vote of 7 in favor, 0 against and 0 abstaining.

##### **d. Special Meeting – January 11, 2021**

Vice Chairman Reid made a motion to accept the January 11, 2021 Special Meeting Minutes. Commissioner Quish seconded the motion. The motion to accept the January 11 Special Meeting Minutes passed with a vote of 7 in favor, 0 against and 0 abstaining.

#### **III. Comments from the Public**

Keith Margotta commented.

Bruce Carlson commented.

**IV. Executive Reports**

**a. Financial**

**i. FY 21 Status**

Chief Spera advised the Commission that the legal line item is in the red.

**ii. FY 22 Process**

He stated budget books have all been delivered. Also they have been put online on the town website for public viewing.

**b. Administrative**

**i. Police Operations Briefing**

Chief Spera reported that an Officer will be out for about a month for a non-work related injury. He stated that he will be reporting discipline to the Commission at the next meeting regarding an incident.

Detective Perrotti has officially retired and is SRO over at the Goodwin School. The Chief spoke about his career and thanked him for his service.

**1. Fleet Replacement Program**

**2. COVID-19**

COVID testing at Saybrook Point attendance is down. Vaccine clinic at the Middle School is up and running smooth.

**ii. Executive Report**

**1. Police Accountability Legislation - Update**

**iii. Correspondence**

**V. Receipt, Discussion, and Possible Action Concerning a Communication from the Board of Selectman**

Chairman Keeney made a motion for the Police Commission will undertake an examination of the issue of past turnover of sworn personnel during Chief Michael A. Spera's tenure. Such an examination as its outset should request that Chief Spera create a document containing, at minimum, the following:

Sworn personnel that have been hired by the Department who no longer serve.

Length of time each person served with the Department.

The stated reason(s) why these Officers have left the Department.

Supporting documentation, including exit interviews and other public information pertinent to this inquiry, should be supplied. The report that is produced will be a public document and will be presented to the Police Commission at its regular meeting on March 22, 2021 or sooner if ready. The Police Commission will then discuss and determine what, if any, further action need be taken as a result of this report. Secretary Maselli seconded the motion.

The Commission discussed the motion.

**The motion to undertake an examination passed with a vote of in favor (Keeney, Maselli, Von Dassel, Quish, Shippee and Wilcox) and 1 against (Reid) and 0 abstaining.**

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

Chief Spera commented.

**VII. Comments from Commissioners**

Commissioner Wilcox commented.

Commissioner Quish commented.

Commissioner Von Dassel commented.

Commissioner Shippee commented.

Vice Chairman Reid commented.

Secretary Maselli commented.

Chairman Keeney commented.

**VIII. Adjournment**

**Vice Chairman Reid made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Wilcox seconded the motion. The motion to adjourn passed with a vote of 7 in favor and 0 opposed, 0 abstaining.**

The meeting adjourned at 8:11 PM.

Respectfully submitted by:

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