

**POLICE COMMISSION MEETING
SUBJECT TO APPROVAL
MARCH 11, 2019**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Police Commission was called to order by Chairman Cosgrove, at 7:04 pm in the Police Department Training Room of the Simsbury Town Offices. Present were Commissioner Michael Long, Commissioner Terry Fogarty, Chief Nicholas Boulter, and Lt. Thomas Sheehan.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. CORRESPONDENCE

Commissioner Long read the summary of letters received since the last meeting of the Commission on February 11, 2019.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

After a motion was made by Commissioner Fogarty and seconded by Commissioner Long, it was unanimously:

VOTED: To approve the minutes of the February 11, 2019 Special Meeting.

5. PUBLIC AUDIENCE

None

6. OLD BUSINESS

Commissioner Long commented that he has not heard back from the town regarding the motion for the change in command staff for the department or the private duty rate change for the Simsbury Performing Art Center. He noted that the Police Commission was not mentioned in the Town Annual Report.

Chairman Cosgrove and Commissioner Long discussed the potential danger of solar panels and hurricane force winds in relation to the Deepwater Wind Solar farm.

7. REPORTS

a. Chairman's Report

None

b. Chief's Report

- Overtime is about 1% higher than this time last year. Three officers are out on extended leave. One from a work related injury and two from non-work related injuries.
- Both Chief Boulter and Animal Control Officer Rudewicz presented in front of State Legislature committees. The Chief spoke regarding a bill about where and when Police Commissions in the state are allowed to meet and ACO Rudewicz spoke about bear control and non-lethal best practices.
- PFC JP Lessard was been selected as the new Community Service Officer.
- The Board of Selectman has approved the grants for distracted driving and child car safety.
- The Local Traffic Authority inter-departmental meeting this month discussed:
 - Greenway "way-finding" signs
 - Eli Lane becoming one way to allow for a path to the greenway
 - Drake Hill Rd and Flower Bridge park construction and traffic
 - DOT is reviewing a proposal to have horse drawn carriages on Hopmeadow St
 - DOT is reviewing several requests made by the Chief regarding stop light timing and locations and no turn on red signs.

c. Consolidated Monthly Report for January, 2019

No significant issues were noted.

8. NEW BUSINESS

The Chief introduced Connor Arnold as the candidate for probationary police officer with a brief summary of his history and the interview process he has completed.

The candidate answered questions from the Commissioners.

After a motion was made by Commissioner Long and seconded by Commissioner Fogarty, it was unanimously:

VOTED: To approve Connor Arnold as the candidate for probationary police officer.

The Board of Selectman agreed to ratify the IBPO contract tonight.

The annual budget is currently being discussed at tonight's Board of Selectman meeting. The current changes to the budget include decreased overtime funding and do not include funding for a Deputy Chief. It has been proposed to use the special revenue account that receives funds from private duty jobs for the new interview room recorders, MDT(in car computers) and the server for the building security cameras instead of the capital non-reoccurring requests previously submitted. Body cameras have been pushed out until next fiscal year.

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Commissioner Long voiced his opposition to the removal of the Deputy Chief position and the delay in funding for body cameras in the budget.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Long made motion to adjourn at 7:54 pm, seconded by Commissioner Fogarty. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Edward Cosgrove, Chairman

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