

TOWN OF EAST HAVEN

A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE HONORABLE BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS WAS HELD ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2008 AT 7:00 P.M. AT THE EAST HAVEN SENIOR CENTER, 91 TAYLOR AVENUE, EAST HAVEN, CONNECTICUT.

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Romano.

Roll Call: Virginia Williams, Secretary

Commissioners Present: Chairman Pasquale Romano, Vice-Chairman Frederick Brow, Commissioner Sandra Wright, Commissioner Frank Piergrossi and Commissioner Joseph Civitello (arrived at 7:06 p.m.)

Also Present: Chief Leonard L. Gallo and citizens

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Vice-Chairman Brow to approve the minutes of September 30, 2008, seconded by Commissioner Piergrossi. All in favor. Motion carried

Correspondence Received/Sent:

1. Zoning Board Minutes: Re: Applicant 08-33 John Sullo
2. Nicole Germe: Freedom of Information Act request

Vice-Chairman Brow asked the Chief if Mr. Sullo was still on the towing list. Chief Gallo explained that he was tentatively off the list until the Zoning Board clears him or not. There have been some neighbor concerns. The Chief also stated that Mr. Sullo told him he would be getting legal representation to fight this.

Vice-Chairman Brow questioned the letter from Nicole Germe. Chief Gallo stated that he was relatively sure it's been turned over to Attorney CoFrancesco. He gave the letter to Mr. Hongo.

Vice-Chairman Brow also asked if it was the hiring practice that the Chief gets involved before presentation to the Board and if a prepared letter by the candidate withdrawing was the norm.

Chief Gallo said it was a Civil Service Rule. Chairman Romano also stated that it has been a practice for years that if a candidate cannot go forward that the Board asks for a letter.

Vice-Chairman Brow asked about the crosswalk that Saint Clare's Parish requested. Chief Gallo commented that we would be receiving a quote from Safety Marking today. He also commented that Safety Marking would be doing the lines on South End Road and Coe to South End Road and Short Beach at the same time.

Mention was also made regarding Route 100 (Main Street) at Park Place

The Chief commented that a letter was sent to the State Traffic Commission, which they in turn will send it to the Division of Traffic Engineering for review. We will be contacted by them during their review.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Vice-Chairman Brow mentioned the two policies that would be coming up under New Business.

Vice-Chairman Brow also mentioned a meeting he had with Inspector Nappi and Detective Ranfone, Secretary Local 1662, regarding a policy that addresses personnel files.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Discussion/action regarding adding a Police Officer to the department.

There was confusion as to who asked to have this item put on the agenda. Chairman Romano stated that he was asked by Vice-Chairman Brow to have this item put on the agenda. Vice-Chairman Brow stated he could have but didn't recall.

Commissioner Piergrossi stated that he would love to see the magic number of 53 officers broken, that times are changing and it's something we must think of. He did comment that it would depend on the finances available.

Chief Gallo stated that there is a slot for number 54 which it not filled and he commented that he thought the Administration would like to see it filled. This slot at the present time is unfunded.

Commissioner Wright commented that she believed that this slot would have to go through the proper channels to get funded.

The Chief recommended that we send a letter to Civil Service requesting a list and once the list is received he could talk to the Administration.

A motion was made by Vice-Chairman Brow that a letter be sent to the Civil Service Commission requesting a Certified and Non-Certified List for the position of Grade C Police Officer at the East Haven Police Department, seconded by Commissioner Wright. All in favor. Motion carried.

Discussion followed regarding certified list and non certified list and the testing procedure for both. Commissioner Civitello commented that he felt no one should by-pass the Civil Service Test and Chairman Romano agreed. Chief Gallo reminded them that a candidate would still have to pass a psychological, physical and polygraph.

2. Discussion/action regarding Bank Plan Policy and Procedure

Vice-Chairman Brow addressed the Board and stated that the policy was tweaked and fine-tuned.

A motion was made by Vice-Chairman Brow to adopt the Bank Plan Policy, seconded by Commissioner Piergrossi. All in favor. Motion carried.

3. Discussion/action regarding Death Notification Policy

Vice-Chairman Brow commented that this was a mandated State Statute that became effective on July 1, 2008.

Chief Gallo recommended the policy and commented that there were a few typo errors which would be corrected.

A motion was made by Vice-Chairman Brow to accept the Death Notification Policy with corrections, seconded by Commissioner Piergrossi. All in favor.

A motion was made by Commissioner Wright to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Piergrossi.
All in favor. Motion carried

Chairman Romano adjourned meeting at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Virginia Williams, Secretary