

**Easton Police Commission Regular Meeting
Easton Library Conference Room
January 12, 2009**

The Easton Police Commission Regular Meeting was called to order at 5:35 P.M. by Chairman Robert Nicola.

Present were:

Robert Nicola, Chairman
Raymond Martin, Vice Chairman
Marvin Gelfand, Secretary
Richard Colangelo, Commissioner
Ronald Kowalski, Commissioner

Also present:

Chief John F. Solomon
Captain James Candee
First Selectman Thomas Herrmann

I. EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. Because of time constraints a motion was made by Commissioner Colangelo and seconded by Commissioner Kowalski to go into Executive Session at 5:35 P.M. No motions were made in Executive Session – Commission returned to regular session at 6:20 P.M.
2. Motion was made by Commissioner Kowalski and seconded by Commissioner Gelfand to deny Step #2 of Employee Grievance #2008-01. Motion passed unanimously.

II. PRELIMINARY BUSINESS

A. Correspondence

1. Letter to Timothy J. O'Hanlon withdrawing Conditional Offer of Employment.
2. Letter to Chief Flaherty of P.O.S.T.C. advising him of withdrawal of O'Hanlon.
3. Letter to Fred Lovejoy from Commissioner Nicola regarding trucking companies.
4. Letter to Fred Lovejoy from Attorney Bloom re FOIA request of 12/09/08.

III. REPORTS

A. Police and Animal Control Accounts- All in good order. No further comments or questions.

B. Alarm Report-December 2008 report will be available for February 2009 meeting.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

A. Traffic Control Matters

1. Center Road Traffic Study-second test was not conducted due to weather conditions.
2. Application 8-03 - 2 Morehouse Road and Application 8-04 - Saddle Ridge (revised) were reviewed and Chief Solomon reports that the Police Department has no concerns.

V. NEW BUSINESS

- A.** Motion made by Vice Chairman Martin and seconded by Commissioner Kowalski to approve minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 8, 2008. Motion passed unanimously.

- B. Chief Solomon reported that HMQ of Massachusetts was low bidder regarding the acquisition of 2 vehicles for \$42,190. The cost does not consider trade-in or sale of 2 additional vehicles. Vice Chairman Martin made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Kowalski, to place this item on the agenda. Motion passed unanimously. Commissioner Gelfand made a motion, seconded by Vice Chairman Martin, to purchase the two vehicles. Motion passed unanimously.

- C. First Selectman Herrmann indicated less than 3% for increase of the budget should be considered by the Town including the Easton Police Department. Commissioner Kowalski made a motion, seconded by Vice Chairman Martin to place this subject on the agenda. Motion passed unanimously. The First Selectman sought to promote efficiency between the Police and Fire Departments and the EEMS for the purpose of controlling budget increases. He also reported that the state is seeking to regionalize in some areas of Public Safety. Chairman Nicola suggested we address this issue at the next regular meeting.

- D. A motion was made by Commissioner Kowalski and seconded by Chairman Nicola to include on the agenda a discussion involving concerns for Easton students at Joel Barlow High School. Motion passed unanimously. Commissioner Nicola will contact Redding officials to set up a meeting to discuss this matter.

Motion made by Commissioner Kowalski and seconded by Vice Chairman Martin to adjourn at 6:55 P.M. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Commissioner Marvin Gelfand
Secretary