

Easton Police Commission Regular Meeting
Easton Library Conference Room
10/14/08

The Easton Police Commission Regular Meeting was called to order at 5:32 pm 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
Mr. Frederick Lovejoy
Mr. George Ganim

I. PRELIMINARY BUSINESS

A. Correspondence

1. Letters from Attorney I.W. Bloom/
Frederick Lovejoy – FOI Matter
2. Letter from Norman Cohen re: Truck Traffic
3. Letter of Officer Vasco Lacerda-Position with the
Meriden Police Department extended to 10/31/08.
4. Employment rejection letters to Police applicants:
Glen Prentice & Donald Kinahan

II. REPORTS

- A. Approval of Police & Animal Control accounts and Alarm reports – both in order.
- B. No Comments and Questions.

III. OLD BUSINESS

A. Traffic Control Matter

1) Motion made by Commissioner Colangelo to authorize closing of Morehouse Road !;30-2:30 pm. from Samuel Staples Elementary School to the Library on 10/18/08 and seconded by Commissioner Marvin Gelfand and approved unanimously.

2) Truck Traffic on Center Road

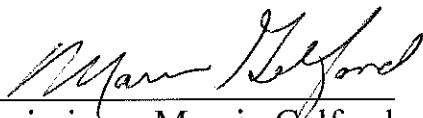
Mr. George Ganim is asking the Commission to consider restricting truck traffic. The Center Road traffic presents unsafe factor for Bikers/Walkers. A no-thru route must be presented to the State Traffic Commission. This was agreed to by Mr. Ganim. Mr. Lovejoy also participated in the truck route discussion. Commissioner Nicola stated enforcement has been increased and stated it is legal to use Center Road. He suggested to Mr. Lovejoy to contact Board of Selectman to contact Board of Finance to appropriate selective enforcements for traffic control. The Chief has, in fact, ordered officers on patrol to look for truck violators. Mr. Colangelo suggested the study be made before the Commission is contacted.

Mr. Colangelo made motion and seconded by Mr. Kowalski that Hi-Star Traffic Study be made at two locations on Center Road. Motion was approved unanimously.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

- A. The November meeting was rescheduled to 11/3/08 as a Special Meeting.
- B. Public Act 8-03 FOI requirements for posting agendas and minutes. Discussion followed as to whether Commission should comply and post agendas and minutes on their website.
- C. Motion made by Commissioner Colangelo to approve minutes of Special Meeting on 9/16/08 recorded by Commissioner Martin with Commissioner Kowalski abstaining since he was not in attendance. The motion passed 3 to 1.
- D.
 - 1. The Police Department is in the process of training a new officer.
 - 2. The Easton Police Department played major role in the quick response to a child taken seriously ill.

Commissioner Kowalski made a motion at 6:39 pm to adjourn. It was seconded by Commissioner Richard Colangelo and passed unanimously.



Commissioner Marvin Gelfand
Secretary