



ORANGE DEPARTMENT OF POLICE SERVICE
BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS

COMMISSIONER ROY CUZZOCREO
COMMISSIONER CHRISTOPHER CARVETH

COMMISSIONER JOHN BARTON

COMMISSIONER MARIAN HURLEY
COMMISSIONER NYJAHWAHN WALKER

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
Immediately following Traffic Authority Meeting
Monday May 10, 2021

Unapproved Minutes

Commission Chairman Barton called the meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners to order at 5:30 p.m.

Commissioners Present:

Commissioner Jack Barton
Commissioner Roy Cuzzocreo
Commissioner Christopher Carveth
Commissioner Nyjahwahn Walker

Commissioners Absent:

Commissioner Marian Hurley

Also Present:

Police Chief Robert Gagne
Assistant Chief Max Martins
Commission Secretary Kathy Gulia

Minutes

Commissioner Carveth, seconded by Commissioner Walker made the motion to approve the minutes of the April 12, 2021 Board of Police Commissioners Meeting. **The motion passed unanimously.**

Reports

Activity of the Department- Assistant Chief Martins discussed April statistics with the Commissioners. The Board was informed that there were 22 criminal arrests and 81 motor vehicle citations. There was 1 residential and 4 commercial burglaries, 5 stolen motor vehicles, and none recovered. In addition, there were 32 larcenies and 81 motor vehicle accidents. There were 3,378 calls for service that generated 443 written reports. Assistant Chief Martins provided updates on burglaries and other cases ISU is working on.

Chief Gagne reported that the Records Division took in report sales of \$536.00, fingerprinting of \$10.00, record checks of \$10.00 and \$1,8200.00 in permits for a total of \$2,376.00.

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Expenditures

Chief Gagne highlighted expenditures for April, including training for Det. Bailey and Dispatcher Szarmach, Utility Communication for equipment in the new vehicles and a new camera for High Plains and AccuCom for an invoice that may belong to the Fire Department.

Budget Balances

Chief Gagne advised that the budget is in good order. Technical Services and Building Maintenance are over budget but we will transfer, the police salary line incorrectly included supervisors, this is being corrected at Town Hall.

Old Business

COVID-19: Chief Gagne advised the Board that protocols are starting to change. Our doors are open, no temperature checks, in person meetings, etc. The vaccination clinic will be ending the last Thursday in May and medical response procedures going back to normal are pending.

21-22 Budget: Chief Gagne advised there were no further cuts, the Town Meeting is May 12, 2021 and the Referendum is scheduled for May 20, 2021.

New Business

None.

Correspondence

Email from Anastasia LeBeau – thanking Officers Amarone and Repice for their assistance with an issue on her street.
Letter from Mr. Zaleski of Wakelee Memorial Funeral Home, thanking Lt. LaPlante for coordinating the procession for Mr. and Mrs. Perakos.

Email from Chief Dumas – thanking Dispatchers Welch and J. Winchell for their assistance on a structure fire call.

Commissioner Carveth proposed that the Board write a thank you note to the Department for their efforts, hard work, adaptability, etc. during the pandemic.

Personnel

K-9: Chief Gagne advised that we currently do not have a working K-9, and there is a seat in the fall State Police training course, so Officer Withington has been appointed to the K-9 position.

Bicycle Unit: Officer Guandalini will be a part of this unit and attend training at SCSU.

SRO Training: Officer Knepper will be attending SRO training.

Personnel Issues (Executive Session)

Commissioner Carveth, seconded by Commissioner Cuzzocreo made a motion to enter Executive Session at 5:55 p.m. **The motion passed unanimously.** The Board invited Chief Gagne and Assistant Chief Martins into Executive Session.

Commissioner Carveth, seconded by Commissioner Walker made a motion to bring the Board out of Executive Session at 6:43 p.m. **The motion passed unanimously.**

Commissioner Carveth, seconded by Commissioner Cuzzocreo, made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:43 p.m. **The motion passed unanimously.**

Respectfully Submitted,
Kathy Gulia, Board Secretary



**ORANGE DEPARTMENT OF POLICE SERVICE
BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS/TRAFFIC AUTHORITY**

COMMISSIONER ROY CUZZOCREO
COMMISSIONER CHRISTOPHER CARVETH

COMMISSIONER JOHN BARTON

COMMISSIONER MARIAN HURLEY
COMMISSIONER NYJAHWAHN WALKER

**TRAFFIC AUTHORITY
Monday, May 10, 2021 – 4:30 p.m.**

Unapproved Minutes

Pledge of Allegiance

Commission Chairman Barton called the Traffic Authority Meeting to order at 4:35 p.m.

Commissioners Present:

Commissioner Jack Barton
Commissioner Roy Cuzzocreo
Commissioner Chris Carveth
Commissioner Nyjahwahn Walker

Commissioners Absent:

Commissioner Marian Hurley

Also Present:

Police Chief Robert Gagne
Assistant Chief Max Martins
Commission Secretary Kathy Gulia
Michael Ott, PE Summer Hill Civil Engineering, David Sullivan, PE SLR, Marjorie Shansky, Attorney for Firelite Plaza (All joined the meeting at 4:38 pm and departed at 5:29 pm)

Minutes

Commissioner Carveth, seconded by Commissioner Cuzzocreo, made the motion to approve the minutes of the April 12, 2021 Traffic Authority Meeting. **The motion passed unanimously.**
Commissioner Walker, seconded by Commissioner Carveth made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 3, 2021 Special Meeting. **The motion passed 3-0 with Commissioner Barton abstaining.**

Old Business

Firelite Plaza: Commissioner Carveth informed the representatives of Firelite Plaza that due to Commissioner Barton's absence at the May 3, 2021 meeting he will be abstaining from voting today.
Attorney Shansky explained that they had looked closely into a sidewalk on the opposite side of Old Tavern Road but after speaking with Attorney Marino and looking at the Town Codes and Ordinances for Orange realize that there is no authority on sidewalks, and that the Town does not want responsibility for a sidewalk.
Attorney Shansky continued stating that they are very much in favor of a crosswalk with signage for pedestrians to be in walking distance to goods and services. Mr. Sullivan explained that the proposed crosswalk would go

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from the new main entrance of the Firelite Plaza to the grassy area behind CVS. The crosswalk will not have signals and will be the traditional zebra pattern that the State requires.

Commissioner Carveth asked if any change to shared parking that are in accordance with the zoning regulations are being considered. Mr. Ott said there still will be shared parking.

Commissioner Cuzzocreo indicated that in a perfect world he would want sidewalks, but feels the cross walk addresses most of his concerns.

Chief Gagne asked Attorney Shansky if in conversation with Attorney Marino if they discussed the Town allowing the sidewalk to be put in on Town property and have an agreement with Firelite that they will maintain it? Attorney Shansky explained that would require the owner of Firelite to maintain for 50 plus years she feels that goes too far and maybe the Town needs to re evaluate its stance on sidewalks.

Commissioner Walker commented that this is a very busy road and he is concerned about pedestrians crossing Old Tavern. This location is not typical in Orange and the amount of traffic would be a public safety issue for pedestrians.

Commissioner Carveth asked for a motion.

Commissioner Cuzzocreo made a motion to move for approval with the inclusion of a cross walk and the items discussed over the past weeks. There was no second.

Commissioner Carveth stated with no second the motion fails under parliamentary procedure.

Commissioner Carveth asked if there was another motion.

Commissioner Walker made a motion stating he is against this project and that he is not approving it.

Commissioner Carveth seconded the motion. **The motion passed 2-1 with Commissioner Barton abstaining.**

Conversation continued with Attorney Shansky stating that the Board is asking the applicant to do something that is the Town's responsibility. Commissioner Walker explained that it is not just the sidewalk, he is concerned about the amount of traffic. Commissioner Carveth explained that the consensus at prior meetings is that there will be a significant traffic increase due to the change of use and while shared parking is in compliance it could be an issue as well and that in general the scope of this change is just too much.

Mr. Sullivan addressed this concern referencing the traffic study.

Mr. Ott asked if the Traffic Authority has the final say, Chief Gagne advised that this Board advises but ultimately the Zoning Board has the final say.

Attorney Shansky, Mr. Ott and Mr. Sullivan left the meeting at 5:03 pm and returned at 5:08 p.m.

Attorney Shansky asked for clarification on the reasons for rejection so that they are able to address them.

Conversation continued between the Board and the representatives of Firelite Plaza referencing the traffic study, degradation of levels of service at intersections and congestion, Smith Farm, current poor walking conditions, sidewalks, vehicular and pedestrian traffic.

Commissioner Carveth explained that this change of use is just too much and an overreach for the location.

New Business

None.

Correspondence

None.

Commissioner Cuzzocreo, seconded by Commissioner Carveth made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:30 p.m. **The motion passed unanimously.**

Respectfully Submitted,
Kathy Gulia, Board Secretary