



NEWINGTON POLICE COMMISSION MEETING



There was a meeting of the Newington Police Commissioners on **Tuesday, November 2nd, 2021** at the Newington Police Department.

PRESENT: Chairman Brenda Blonigen, , Commissioner William Wright, Chief Michael Bilodeau, Captain Brandon Smart, and Admin Assistant Taylor Cooney.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Blonigen **called the meeting to order at 4:02**

II MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING(S)

On a **MOTION** by Commissioner Blonigen and **seconded** by, Commissioner Wright the **Commissioners voted unanimously to accept the minutes from the October 5th Meeting**

Sign and seal the non-public minutes from October 13th. – Will sign and seal in December when all commissioners are present.

III POLICE COMMISSION (PC) INFORMATION

A. Other Police Commission Information

1. The Commissioners reviewed expenditures to date – no issues.
2. The Commissioners reviewed and signed the purchase order file.

V NEW BUSINESS

A. Portsmouth Police Reforms

- a. Discussion regarding police reforms in Portsmouth were discussed in light of Newington PD impacts. NPD will continue to monitor police reforms in surrounding departments. The greatest cost impact on the Town would be a decision to adopt body cameras as part of the uniform.
- b. Discussion regarding opening a new Capital Reserve Fund during this budget cycle was raised by Commissioner Wright. Chief Bilodeau will explore this option with the BoS and Budget Committee but will not press to initiate the new Reserve Fund given the current budget environment. The NPD is confident current policies and procedures are sufficient to continue operations without body cameras.

B. Recording of town meetings

- a. If required, NPD meetings could be recorded if funding and necessary resources are provided to adopt this additional administrative duty.

C. New Patrol Officer Position

- a. There will be a vacant full-time officer position come 18 November 2021 (officer resignation).



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- b. Advertising for this position will be further discussed with the Captain, Chief, Sergeant and Administrative Assistant.
- c. Great Bay testing takes place mid-November, and we can advertise and create a pamphlet for that process.
- d. 2 processes will be executed for hiring, lateral and non-lateral

D. Patrol Activity

- a. In the month of October the officers have had 152 motor vehicle stops, 10 accidents, 33 incidents/calls for service, and 6 arrests.

VI (If Applicable) Non-Public Session RSA 91-A:3 II(c) Personnel Matter

VII NEXT MEETING DATE/TIME/LOCATION

The next meeting is **scheduled for December 7th, 2021 at 4:00 p.m.** at the Newington Police Department.

VIII ADJOURNMENT

On a **MOTION** by Chairman Blonigen and **seconded** by Commissioner Wright, **the Commissioners voted unanimously to adjourn at 4:40 p.m.**

For William Wright, Secretary
by Taylor Cooney, Executive Administrative Assistant