



Newington Police Department
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There was a meeting of the Newington Police Commissioners on **Tuesday, December 7th, 2021** at the Newington Police Department.

PRESENT: Chairman Brenda Blonigen, Commissioner William Wright, Commissioner Jack Hoyt, Chief Michael Bilodeau, and Admin Assistant Taylor Cooney.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Blonigen **called the meeting to order at 4:10**

II

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING(S)

On a **MOTION** by Chairman Blonigen and **seconded** by, Commissioner Wright the **Commissioners voted unanimously to accept the minutes from the October 5th Meeting and November 2nd minutes**

On a **MOTION** by Chairman Blonigen and **seconded** by Commissioner Wright, the **Commissioners voted unanimously to Sign and seal the non-public minutes from October 13th**

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. Recording of meetings

- a. Commissioner Wright inquired about the status of the Town's position regarding video recording of meetings. The three commissioners would like to learn more about the legal requirements related to this change in procedure and investigate the authority the Police Commission is granted to determine their own policy regarding recordings of meetings. One concern is related to the additional cost if recordings beyond written minutes are initiated. The Storing, documenting, and recording of the meetings would be an additional duty of the admin assistant and would require additional compensation,
- b. The survey that was sent out to the town was informal and didn't reach enough of the residents. The PC believes a decision to change the recording policy based on this very low response rate should be evaluated further.
- c. Chief Bilodeau will reach out to other departments and see how they run their meetings and record them.

B. 11th Officer



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- a. The Police Department has posted a job announcement for a full-time patrol officer. The posting will be up for 30 days. The job closes January 2nd.
- b. An oral board and a police commission board will be conducted once the posting closes.
- c. The Chief has received one viable candidate application so far.

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

**VII
NEXT MEETING DATE/TIME/LOCATION**

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

**VIII
ADJOURNMENT**

On a **MOTION** by Chairman Blonigen and **seconded** by Commissioner Hoyt, **the Commissioners voted unanimously to adjourn at 4:31 p.m.**

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