

***Town of Hamden Police Commission***  
***Minutes of the Meeting***  
***January 11, 2012***

**Attending:** Raeann Curtis, Michael Iezzi, Robert LaTrocca, Gerald Migliaro,  
Police Chief Wydra, Deputy Chief Cappiello, Town Attorney Sue Gruen

Ms. Curtis motioned for Mr. Michael Iezzi to be the interim Chairman of the Commission, seconded by Mr. LaTorraca. ***The motion carried unanimously.***

Mr. Iezzi entertained a motion to add the election of officers to the agenda. Mr. Migliaro motioned to add this item to the agenda, seconded by Mr. LaTorraca. ***The motion carried unanimously.***

Ms. Curtis would like to nominate a member of the Commission, a man who is a pillar of the community, has integrity and works continuously to help the residents of Hamden, Michael Iezzi, seconded by Mr. LaTorraca. Are there any other nominations, any other nominations, any other nominations? Mr. Migliaro motioned to close the nominations, seconded by Mr. LaTorraca. ***The motions carried unanimously.***

Ms. Curtis motioned to add election of Vic Chair and Secretary to the agenda, seconded by Mr. Migliaro. ***The motion carried unanimously.***

Mr. Iezzi called for nominations for Vic Chair of the Commission. Mr. Migliaro nominated Mr. LaTorraca as Vice Chair, seconded by Ms. Curtis. Mr. Iezzi called for any other nominations, any other nominations, any other nominations? Mr. Migliaro motioned to close the nominations, seconded by Ms. Curtis. ***The motions carried unanimously.***

Mr. Iezzi called for nominations for Secretary of the Commission. Mr. Migliaro nominated Ms. Curtis as secretary, seconded by Mr. LaTorraca. Mr. Iezzi called for any other nominations, any other nominations, any other nominations? Mr. Migliaro motioned to close the nominations, seconded by Mr. LaTorraca. ***The motions carried unanimously.***

**CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL**

Chairman Iezzi called the meeting to order at 7:19 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Chairman Iezzi entertained a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting of November 9, 2011. Mr. LaTorraca motioned to approve the minutes, seconded by Ms. Curtis. ***The motion carried unanimously.***

**DEPARTMENT REPORT**

- a. Review of department activity – Mr. Migliaro noted he was amazed at the job by the patrolman after reviewing the reports of October, November and December and he commends them.
- b. Items of concern – Chief Wydra advised the Commission that two vehicles that were involved in accidents are a total loss and that he is not able to replace at least one of them at this time. Mr. LaTorraca noted in the budget that there was funding but the Chief advised him there are no funds at this time. Chairman Iezzi

asked if there was insurance money and the Chief advised him yes and that is what he is looking at now with the Risk Manager to see if the funds from both can at least replace one vehicle.

- c. Correspondence – Chief Wydra wish to note the letter dated December 23, 2011 from the Police Commissioners Association of Connecticut who will be honoring Officer Jay Bunnell on January 25, 2012 at Zandi’s Stillwood Inn in Wallingford CT.

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS** – Nothing at this time.

**OLD BUSINESS**

- a. Budget Review – Chief Wydra commented that he may not get the budgeted amount requested. The budget is over due to concessions now in place. The new building will require some additional funding and he can’t state enough how important it is. He has budgeted \$80,000 for new vehicles but he may not get that. Ms. Curtis inquired as to when a vehicle is considered old and the Chief stated after 75,000 miles. The type of use doesn’t allow more than the 75,000. He noted that they have already replaced four transmissions in the last month. The question of extra duty was raised. Chief Wydra advised the Commission this money comes from the administration as the requestor pays the Town for the services not the department.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Letter of complaint from John Melillo – this item was covered in Executive Session.
- b. Set date for Disciplinary hearing – this item was covered in Executive Session and the hearing will take place at the Police Commission meeting, Wednesday, March 14, 2012.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION(S) – (AS NEEDED)** – at 7:30 p.m. Ms. Curtis motioned to adjourn to Executive Session for the purpose of discussing personnel matters, seconded by Mr. LaTorraca with the Commission members, Chief Wydra, Deputy Chief Cappiello, and Attorney Gruen present. *The motion carried unanimously.*

At 7:50 p.m. Ms. Curtis motioned to reconvene from Executive Session, seconded by Mr. LaTorraca. *The motion carried unanimously.*

**OPEN DISCUSSION – COMMISSIONERS/DEPARTMENT HEAD**

Chief Wydra advised the Commission of progress of the new building. A solution to the Sally Port has been offered and is acceptable. A number of issues are being address with the Town Attorney Sue Gruen involved and some of the issues are complicated. Ms. Curtis was very surprised at the behavior of the construction company and the manner in which they left a number of items.

Chief Wydra advised the Commission that Detective John Marks will be presented with an award from the Elks Club on January 28, 2012.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 8:08 p.m. Ms. Curtis motioned to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Migliaro. *The motion carried unanimously.*

*The next meeting will be Wednesday, February 8, 2012, at 6:30 p.m. in the Miller Library Complex Activity Room.*

Recorded by,

Catherine E. Gempka  
Commission Clerk