

***Town of Hamden Police Commission***  
***Minutes of the Meeting***  
***January 9, 2013***

**Attending:** Gerald Migliaro, Robert LaTorraca, Mitchell Strickland, Police Chief Wydra, Deputy Chief Cappiello,

**Absent:** Raeann Curtis, Michael Iezzi, Town Attorney Gruen

**CALL TO ORDER**

Vice Chairman LaTorraca called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – The minutes of December 12, 2012 and December 31, 2012 could not be approved due to two members not present here from those meetings to approve the minutes..

Executive Session(s) – none at this time.

**DEPARTMENT REPORT**

- a. Review of department activity – Chief Wydra thanked the Commission members for their support and making themselves available for the special meeting on December 31, 2012. He advised the Commission that tours for school children are now being done. The question of just what areas of the police station are they being given tours of and Chief Wydra noted he has taken every precaution not to expose the students to a few areas of the station. A brief discussion ensued regarding security at the schools in wake of the December 14, 2012 incident in Sandy Hook. Chief Wydra met with the Mayor the Superintendent and principals and at this time they will continue to have a uniformed officer at all the schools in Hamden. Discussions will continue with Chief Wydra stating that all this has to be thought out of with a long term suitable solution. The Chief will keep the Commission informed as to further discussions as they happen.
- b. Items of concern – none at this time.
- c. Correspondence – Letters of Recognition were submitted for acknowledgement of the events of Hurricane Sandy, October 29<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup>, 2012 (see list attached.) Also a letter to the Chief Information Officer for his work meeting the deadline for reporting to the National Incident-Based Reporting System.

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS** – none at this time.

**OLD BUSINESS**

- a. Budget Review – Chief Wydra submitted the budget to the Financial Director for the 2013-2014 fiscal year and will keep the Commission informed as the process goes on.

**NEW BUSINESS** – Nothing at this time.

**REVIEW OF POLICIES AND PROCEDURES** – Chief Wydra provided the Commission members with one item this evening. The Commission members were given three for review at the December 2012 meeting and they were reviewing them for discussion. As with the other items this will be reviewed and discussed at the February meeting with a full complement of Commission members present and Attorney Gruen should any questions arise.

**OPEN DISCUSSION – COMMISSIONERS/DEPARTMENT HEAD** Chairman Iezzi addressed the proper process and professionalism of the meetings. He would like all questions and comments to go through the Chairman. He will address this further with the Mayor and the Town Attorney Ms. Gruen as he has concerns at this time. Chief Wydra commented on the retirement of Officer Angel Hall and that she epitomized what an officer should be and was a great example and will be missed. Chief Wydra advised the members that the newly graduated officers of the academy are doing well and the newly hired certified officers are also doing very well.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 6:53 p.m. Mr. Strickland motioned to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Migliaro. *The motion carried unanimously.*

*The next meeting will be Wednesday, February 13, 2013, at 6:30 p.m. in the Miller Library Complex Activity Room.*

Recorded by,

Catherine E. Gempka  
Commission Clerk