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THOMASTON POLICE COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2010
6:00 P.M.

Roll Call:

Meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m. by First Selectman Mone. Present were Selectman Scheppard, Chief Torrence and Captain Nelson. Selectman Barrett, Sr. was not in attendance for this meeting as he was detained. Also in attendance was Deborah Bournival, Administrative Assistant to the First Selectman, to take minutes.

Approval of Minutes:

It was noted that on the first page under "Monthly Reports", the last sentence, the words "**received**" and "**responded**" both appeared together. It was suggested to strike "**received**" and use "**responded**" instead.

A motion was made by Selectman Scheppard to approve the minutes of the January 5, 2010 regular meeting of the Police Commission as amended. Motion was seconded by First Selectman Mone. With all in favor, motion carries.

Monthly Reports:

In attendance were Chief Torrence and Captain Nelson.

It was a low month for accidents, much lower than the summer months. Other than that, nothing glaring during the month.

The 2000 Impala needs a catalytic converter (approx. \$400-\$500) and an air conditioning unit (approx. \$1,000). We may be able to switch with Car #3 which had the transmission replaced. Chief Torrence and Captain Nelson will research to see what would be the most cost effective.

Old Business:

Chief Torrence responded to a request from Victory Baptist Church last month for two additional handicapped parking spots. Chief Torrence told them about another church that had a similar request in which portable handicapped parking signs were purchased, making it

easy for the church to put them out and take them in when needed. Victory Baptist Church has not responded back to date.

New Business:

Chief Torrence responded to an FOI letter from Chief Berry, Sr. of the Northfield Volunteer Fire Company in relation to the dispatching procedures for a car accident that occurred on Rt. 8 southbound on January 1. According to the letter, the Northfield fire chief feels there is a repeating pattern of Thomaston dispatchers failing to notify the proper agencies of incidents and feels that if the location of an incident is questionable, such as near a town line, they dispatch the required agencies from both towns. According to Chief Torrence's response, he details the events after the 911 call was received and the discussions between Troop L and the Thomaston dispatcher.

Chief Torrence told the Commission that the Thomaston dispatcher was addressed regarding his acceptance of the Troop L dispatcher's decision not to call out Northfield and that if the location is in question, both Thomaston and Northfield should be dispatched. Chief Torrence and Captain Nelson spoke to all dispatchers re: proper protocol.

A motion was made by Selectman Scheppard to go into executive session at 6:15 p.m. to discuss this matter. Motion was seconded by First Selectman Mone. With all in favor, motion carries.

The Commission came out of executive session at 6:26 p.m.

Sgt. Campbell has begun a preliminary investigation due to a complaint that was filed by a resident as a result of the audit of the Opera House.

Chief Torrence briefly discussed a letter that was sent to First Selectman Mone from a resident about the benefits of having a local police department as opposed to a resident trooper program. This letter will be posted on the Police bulletin board for the whole department to view. Other letters that were received were also discussed.

A motion was made by Selectman Scheppard to put all letters of appreciation from citizens in the officer's respective personnel files. Motion was seconded by First Selectman Mone. With all in favor, motion carries.

Public Comment:

None at this time.

A motion was made by Selectman Scheppard to adjourn the meeting at 6:31 p. Motion was seconded by First Selectman Mone. With all in favor, motion carries.