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**THOMASTON POLICE COMMISSION**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**TUESDAY, JULY 5, 2011**  
**6:15 P.M.**

**Roll Call:**

The meeting was called to order at 6:18 p.m. by First Selectman Mone. Chief Torrence, Selectman Barrett, Sr. and Selectman Scheppard were in attendance. Deborah Bournival, Administrative Assistant to the First Selectman, was available to take the minutes of the meeting.

**Approval of Minutes:**

Chief Torrence made one correction to last month's minutes. Under "Monthly Reports" in the third paragraph, the sentence in parenthesis should read, "which included family violence incidents".

A motion was made by Selectman Scheppard to approve the minutes of the June 7, 2011 regular meeting as amended. Motion was seconded by Selectman Barrett, Sr. With all in favor, motion carries.

**Monthly Reports:**

Chief Torrence indicated that overtime hours were at 248, due to an officer who sustained an injury recently. As compared to last year (200 hours) and 2009 (240 hours), we are just a bit over.

The 16 hours under Training were for those officers who needed to finish their recertification.

The radar trailer is still in Plymouth's possession due to the fact that we currently don't have a vehicle to pull it. The Durango's are both in need of repair.

Out of 14 larcenies, there were a total of 5 arrests. In addition, there were 3 burglaries and an increase in vandalism this month.

There were 51 alarm calls for the month, which is rather high and might have been caused by the recent storm activity we had. Alarm bills were finally sent out totaling \$1,950.00. Most of that amount was received (\$1,550.00), with a balance due of \$400.00.

Medical emergency calls were also up last month, possibly due to people increasing outside activities, especially with the hot weather.

#### **Old Business/Parking Meter Update:**

Chief Torrence indicated that the DOT requested that letters be sent to all business and/or property owners in the downtown area informing them that the parking meters will be removed. Chief Torrence forwarded the letter to the First Selectman's Office for mailing. The letters went out about two weeks ago. There have been no comments to date. By the end of this week, Chief Torrence will contact the DOT so they can add it to their agenda for approval.

#### **Old Business/Nystrom's Park Closing Time Update:**

First Selectman Mone has been in contact with Marty Egan to get a timeframe as to when he will be able to modify the closing times on the signage at Nystrom's Pond. Once done, a notice will be sent to the local newspaper.

#### **New Business:**

First Selectman Mone and Chief Torrence recently had discussions about hiring four new part-time police officers. Officers will only be able to work 4 hour shifts under the current union contract. Contract changes which will allow for a full shift are anticipated soon. There will be no need to purchase additional guns, as the Chief has some in stock.

A motion was made by Selectman Scheppard authoring Chief Torrence to advertise for and begin the process of hiring four new part-time police officers. Motion was seconded by Selectman Barrett, Sr. With all in favor, motion carries.

#### **Public Comment:**

**None**

#### **Adjournment:**

**A motion was made by Selectman Scheppard to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 p.m. Motion was seconded by Selectman Barrett, Sr.. With all in favor, motion carries.**