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## THOMASTON POLICE COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2015

### Roll Call:

Meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m.

Commissioner Mone, Commissioner Barrett, Sr. Commissioner Perreault and Chief Campbell were present. Deborah Bournival, Administrative Assistant to the First Selectman, was available to take the minutes.

Pledge of Allegiance: the pledge was recited by all.

### Approval of Minutes:

A motion was made by Commissioner Barrett, Sr. to approve the minutes of the October 20, 2015 regular meeting as presented. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Mone. Commissioner Perreault abstains. Motion carries.

New Business – none.

Old Business – none.

### Monthly Report:

As of today's date, total calls for service were 33,000 for the year. There has been a big increase in first responder medical calls – no rhyme or reason however. Commissioner Perreault asked about active foot patrol and in what areas of town it took place. Chief Campbell indicated mostly in the downtown area where it is most needed. Chief Campbell explained to Commissioner Perreault what “supplemental investigations” were as he is new to the Board.

Total incident numbers for the month of October are under from this time last year. They are as follows:

General Functions/Average (includes everything that they cannot put a label to – this category will always have the highest number) - AVERAGE;  
Crimes Against Person - DECREASE;

Crimes Against Property	-	DECREASE;
Crimes Against Society	-	DECREASE as we are proactive in this area;
Quality of Life Crimes	-	INCREASE, significant with no rhyme or reason
Investigations	-	On Track;
Motor Vehicles	-	On Track;
Animal Control	-	On Track;
Juveniles	-	On Track;

Commissioner Perreault asked when does an active investigation end. Chief indicated when there are no more leads to follow – we suspend it.

Police personnel as of October 31, 2015: Ten (10) patrol officers; one (1) detective sergeant; two (2) part-time patrol officers. Full-time staff is currently operating with one (1) vacant position.

Recruit Goodman began the 351<sup>st</sup> training class of the CT. Police Academy starting October 2, 2015. All reports of performance from the academy have been satisfactory.

Communications personnel as of October 31, 2015 are as follows: Three (3) full-time dispatchers and nine (9) part-time dispatchers. Full-time staffers are working at that level with no absences. The communications division received a total of 156 emergency 911 calls for the month of October. The average length of time to answer these calls was 3.93 seconds. The communications division received a total of 1,516 emergency 911 calls from 1/1/15 to 10/31/15. The average length of time to answer these calls was 4.21 seconds.

Two new 2016 police Interceptor utilities were picked up on October 12, 2015 and have been put in the rotation replacing two 2013 police Interceptor sedans. The utilities have been received very well with patrol officers because of the increased space and storage of equipment, which was a significant negative with the sedans that were in operation. These new vehicles were again paid mostly through the vehicle account that has been created through the extra duty program.

With the two 2013 sedans removed from the front line rotation, they have been placed in the back row rotation replacing two 2010 police Crown Vic’s. One of the 2010 Crown Vic’s was transferred to the Selectman’s Office for town usage. The other 2010 Crown Vic has been assigned to traffic authority personnel to be used for extra duty. The assignment of this vehicle again is to create revenue from extra duty to fund the department’s vehicle account that has been extremely successful in replacing cruisers.

All departmental budgets are in good shape at this time, as they are under the 38.36% expended.

**Communications** – none.

**Public Comment:**

Christine Yoos noticed cones in front of Cumberland Farms, why? Chief indicated that there was an accident with vehicle/pedestrian.

Commissioner Barrett, Sr. asked about status of parking meters. Chief has been giving a lot of thought to what to do with them. There are not a lot of grants out there for such things. Not cheap.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Perreault to adjourn the meeting at 7:03 p.m. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Barrett, Sr. With all in favor, motion carries.**