

Town of Montville Public Safety Commission  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
**May 23, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.**  
Town Council Chambers – Town Hall

**1. Call to Order.**

Commissioner Jetmore called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

**2. Pledge of Allegiance.**

All stood and pledged the flag. There was also a moment of silence to honor the police officer in Massachusetts who was recently killed in the line of duty.

**3. Roll Call.**

Commissioners present were Elizabeth Adams, Joseph DePasquale, James Moran, Karen Perkins, and David Jetmore. Also present were Lt. Leonard Bunnell (6:28 p.m.), and Resident State Trooper Mark Juhola (6:34 p.m.) and Town Council Liaison Laura Tanner. Commissioners Gary Allyn and Michael Doherty, Jr. and Mayor Ronald McDaniel were absent. A quorum was present. Commissioner Doherty had a conflict and was unable to attend the meeting and Mayor McDaniel was on vacation.

**4. Amendments to the Agenda. -- None**

**5. Communications: Copies of monthly statistics reports from Fire Departments, Fire Marshal, Police, Animal Control, and Building Official.**

Commissioner Jetmore commented that monthly reports were emailed from the departments. An April meeting was not held due to the lack of a quorum.

**6. Approval of Special Meeting Minutes of March 30, 2016.**

**Motion made by Commissioner Jetmore; seconded by Commissioner Moran to approve the Special Meeting Minutes of March 30, 2016, as written. Discussion: none. Voice vote, 5-0; all in favor. Motion carried.**

**7. Remarks from the Public (agenda items only – three-minute limit).**

Commissioner Jetmore asked three times for remarks. There were none.

**8. Remarks from Department Heads.**

Police Report

Per the electronic monthly statistics report for the police department, there were 1188 calls for service during April 2016. Lt. Bunnell reported on the following to the Commission:

- Staffing levels: There are two (2) candidates are at the Academy and another two (2) will graduate in June.
- The Murphy Mad Dash Race and the Memorial Day Parade last Saturday were well controlled. The two (2) lateral transfers helped to fill traffic posts as did the police cadets

Commissioner Perkins asked whether the PD had been notified of the Parks & Recreation carnival on July 17 and the concert and upcoming movie night at Camp Oakdale. Lt. Bunnell reported that he had been notified of the carnival and that the PD staff is prepared to meet concerning scheduling issues for the same. He also commented on the PD assistance provided to the Town of Waterford regarding a recent incident at Chucky's.

Fire Marshal Report – No report

Animal Control Report

The electronic Animal Control Activity Report for March 2016 is as follows:

Animals Impounded	28
Animals Sold as Pets	6
Animals D.O.A.	1
Animals Euthanized	1
Complaints Investigated	75
Animal Bites Investigated	2
Infractions/Summons	1
Animals Impounded to date – FY 2015-2016	48

Building Report

The Building Department Activity Report submitted electronically as of March 2016 is as follows:

Permits Issued	103
Open Permits	2418
Inspections.	113
Plan Reviews	16
CO's	4
Violations	3
Unsafe Notices	2

**9. Reports from Committee and Public Safety Liaisons.**

Commissioner Jetmore commented that Commissioner Perkins and Adams are still working with the fire chiefs on open matters of discussion.

**10. Unfinished Business.**

- a. Consideration and action of the 2016-2017 budget. (**Update**)

Town Council Liaison L. Tanner reported that a budget meeting would be held tomorrow, May 24<sup>th</sup>, and next Tuesday, May 31<sup>st</sup>. Commissioner DePasquale stated that per the Town Charter it seemed as though the budget dcircumvents the Commission and is given directly to the Mayor. He added that he has not seen any amendments to the budget and stated that the Town government is supposed to be a public government. Commissioner DePasquale questioned why the Commission had not seen the “marked-up line-outs” of the proposed budget. Town Council Liaison L. Tanner concurred that the Commission should receive amendments to the budget for its review.

- b. Consideration and action concerning the report and findings of the Sub-committee meetings with Fire Chiefs on Public Safety Plan (**Update**)

Commissioner Jetmore commented that this item was covered under Agenda Item 9.

- c. Consideration and action concerning the proposed agreement with the district firehouses.

Per discussion, Commissioner DePasquale commented that according to the Public Safety Report implementation of the proposed agreement with the district firehouses was a key issue that should be addressed. He also questioned why the draft agreement was still in the hands of the Town Attorney. Commissioners Perkins and Adams also questioned why review of agreement was taking so long. Commissioner Moran added that the firehouses are corporations and should be under contract. Commissioner DePasquale stated that no one wants to take on the challenge for a fair and equitable agreement for the Town and the taxpayer to which Commissioner Adams responded that nothing could be done until the Commission actually sees the agreement that has been refined by the Town Attorney. Commissioner DePasquale questioned whether the Commission would actually see the amended agreement given that contracts are negotiated in executive session. Commissioner Jetmore stated that contracts with money values are discussed in executive session and that the final draft of the agreement should come back before the Commission for approval. Town Council L. Tanner agreed to check into the progress of the same.

- d. Administration of Nasal and/or Injectable Naloxone. (**Update**)

Commissioner Jetmore commented that the email he got today from the Police Union regarding an opiate drug reversal policy was to be worked on to show corrections which is not what he received. Commissioner DePasquale commented that the email in question had a copy of the CIRMA (risk management for the Town) policy and the Union recommendations concerning issues of officer safety; not the amended PD policy, which is what the Commission needs. Commissioner Moran asked what guide should be used for the policy to which Commission DePasquale responded that whatever the State mandates the PD must follow. He also commented that most officers are voluntarily selected and added that Groton Long Point PD has and is using the opiate overdose treatment.

Per continued discussion of the Police Union email, Town Councilor L. Tanner asked whether the email with its attachments were sent to Sgt. Juhola and Lt. Bunnell. Upon review of the email,

Commissioner DePasquale said that it was not. Commissioner Adams asked if the police officers are concerned about carrying the Naloxone. Commissioner DePasquale responded “yes” and then referenced them having to deal with a labor issue policy for the same. He also conveyed that the police officers are being asked to administer the treatment as first responders and that per the draft policy the treatment must be in all police vehicles and used for its purpose. Commissioner DePasquale also stated that there is no consistency in the Town fire departments or town-wide as not all of them are carrying the treatment. Commissioner Adams asked whether the Commission could recommend that all firehouses carry Naloxone to which Commissioner Jetmore stated that the Commission recommended the same a year ago. Per Commissioner DePasquale, there is a misnomer that only trained personnel such as EMTs can use the treatment. Commissioner Adams then questioned whether the Fire Marshal could mandate the use of the treatment since there are Town paid personnel working in the firehouses. Commissioner DePasquale responded “no” and gave a scenario of how the use of Naloxone would work if used by all first responders.

Lt. Bunnell then reported to the Commission that clarifications regarding the Naloxone policy were on hold. Since Lt. Bunnell or Sgt. Juhola were not present at the onset of the discussion concerning the proposed policy, they were given an update by the Commission and questioned regarding the Union email and the timeline for completion of the policy revision. Sgt. Juhola commented on the proposed Union revisions to the policy such as the use of the word “Naloxone” versus “Narcan” which he said is a brand specific name. He also clarified that the physician who will sign off on the treatment use has asked that the Town be a supplemental first responder as well have the staffing to administer the treatment. Sgt. Juhola also apologized to the Commission for the email from the Police Union representative stating that “communication is important as it provides information to make informed decisions.” As to further Union proposed revisions, Sgt. Juhola spoke about climate control for the integrity of treatment as it is less potent if left in a hot car. He stated that the policy was worded to deal with both scenarios. Commissioner Jetmore asked whether the treatment would be injectable or a nasal spray. Sgt. Juhola responded that if he could save money for the treatment he would do so referring to a possible donation of the injection form of the treatment that is more cost effective form as well as application for a grant for either form of the treatment. He stated that specific training guidelines apply for injectable and nasal spray application of Naloxone and confirmed Commissioner Adams’ question that L & M Hospital was providing the treatment to overdose patients.

During the discussion, Commissioner Perkins asked Sgt. Juhola if he was in any way offended by the Commission’s questions emphasizing that the Commission was on his side. Commissioner DePasquale also confirmed that the Commission would act on the actual policy presented to them and not on the recommendations of CIRMA. Sgt. Juhola mentioned a medical assessment that must be done prior to application of Naloxone and other wording changes. Town Councilor Tanner commended Sgt. Juhola on his effort to save the Town money and asked him if he would be addressing the Union that all Commission members in addition to Lt. Bunnell, herself, and the sergeant should have received copies of the Union email. Further, she commented that she did not take Sgt. Juhola’s commentary as being defensive but more so as passionate. Sgt. Juhola praised

the Town for being “very proactive” and added that a prescription must be obtained for medical control of the treatment. He also said that he would get answers for the Commission, if needed.

Commissioner Jetmore then asked why some firehouses were not carrying the treatment, specifically the Mohegan Fire Department. Lt. Bunnell responded that it was his understanding that the treatment is available through the tribal medics so there was no alleged need for it to be carried by that department. Commissioner Jetmore stated that since that department has paid Town personnel that there should be one uniform policy to which Commissioner DePasquale concurred. Town Councilor Tanner stated that she would address the issue with the Town Administration Rules and Procedures Committee.

In further discussion, Sgt. Juhola apologized for his attire stating that there was a test run of the police boat that day and that the boat would be on duty for the Memorial Day weekend. He said that officer are stepping up for duty on the boat and that there would be training for operating the boat. Sgt. Juhola added that two (2) officers, an operator and an observer, would be stationed on the boat while in operation and noted that everyone on the lake that is a great asset for the Town wore life jackets.

**11. New Business.**

**a. Consider and act on the proposal by V. Lenda for State Police use of the Public Safety Building.**

Lt. Bunnell reported that the proposal was considered and per conversations regarding it he does not believe that it will go forward.

**12. Remarks from the Public (non-agenda items—three-minute limit).**

Commissioner Jetmore asked three times for remarks. There were none.

**13. Remarks from the Mayor. - None**

**14. Remarks from Town Council Liaison.**

Town Councilor L. Tanner thanked the PD for its efforts yesterday as well as the Fire Department at the Memorial Day Parade. She also stated that the budget is being finalized and that she would get answers for the Commission.

**15. Remarks from Commissioners.**

Commissioner DePasquale commented that with the exception of the presence of RST Juhola and Lt. Bunnell, who show up with reports, the Commission is acting on reports presented to it. He stated that he would like to see faces at the Commission meeting particularly when action is being requested by the Commission. Commissioner DePasquale also alluded to a comment made by a Department Head who relayed that the Commission is useless. Given that, Commissioner DePasquale asked why should the Commission act on matters. Commissioner Adams asked

whether the reports were verbally presented or by email. Commissioner Jetmore commented that the Fire Marshal used to be present at meetings and gave and presented detailed reports that included photos of accidents for which he gave the first responders kudos. He also told Sgt. Juhola and Lt. Bunnell that the Commission had a moment of silence at the beginning of the meeting for the fallen officer in Massachusetts, a sentiment that is given to every public safety person wherever they might be.

**16. Adjournment.**

**Motion made by Commissioner Jetmore; seconded by Commissioner Moran to adjourn the meeting at 6:57 p.m. Discussion, none. Voice vote, 5-0; all in favor, -- Motion carried.**

Respectfully submitted by,

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Recording Secretary, Town of Montville