



# POLICE COMMISSION

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MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
BETHEL POLICE COMMISSION  
WEDNESDAY, APR 15, 2015  
MUNICIPAL CENTER, 1 SCHOOL ST MEETING ROOM "B"

ATTENDING:

CHAIRMAN MIKE DUFF  
COMMISSIONER ANTHONY RUBIN  
COMMISSIONER RICHARD KOLWICZ  
COMMISSIONER CHRIS MCCOLLAM -  
COMMISSIONER RICHARD BARTON  
CHIEF JEFFREY FINCH

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Chairman Duff opened the meeting at 6:15 p.m. The Commission pledged allegiance to the flag.

1. Public Comment

First Selectman Matt Knickerbocker displayed the new bicycle sign to be posted signifying a three foot minimum separation between vehicles and bicyclists. Lt Dickinson, in attendance, stated that because several obsolete signs have been removed, even with the new signs there will be no net increase in posted signs throughout the town.

Mr Knickerbocker also reported on the proposed bill HB6970 before the legislature which if passed, will mandate regional dispatch within the State. The Commission discussed the ramification of this bill.

2. Review of Past Minutes

Comm McCollam noted that in the 4/15/15 minutes, section 5b should read "---with a cc to the Board of Selectmen ---" rather than Board of Directors.

Motion by Comm Barton to accept the amended minutes of 4/15/15; seconded by Comm McCollam – unanimous.

Chairman Duff noted that the 4/9/15 minutes should be titled "Minutes of Public Information Meeting" rather than "Minutes of Town Meeting".

Comm Kolwicz noted in the minutes 4/9/15 than on page 5 "Frank Kissim 5" should be "Frank Hislop 5 Evergreen Dr"

Motion by Comm Kolwicz to accept the amended minutes of 4/9/15; seconded by Comm Rubino – motion passed with Comms Barton and McCollam abstaining due to absence at said meeting.

3. Budget Report
  - a) Comptroller's Report  
Because no information was available, Motion by Chairman Duff to table Comptroller's report until the next meeting; seconded by Comm Rubino - unanimous.
  - b) Overtime Reports  
Because no information was available, Motion by Chairman Duff to table Overtime report until the next meeting; seconded by Comm Rubino - unanimous.
4. Old Business
  - a) Monthly Reports – *copies enclosed*
  - b) Overtime Reports  
The Commission considered the reports. Nothing significant was noted.
5. New Business
  - a) Policy – General Orders Revisions  
4-2 "Warrants, Arrests & Search"  
Two policies combined into one  
6-4 "Criminal Investigations"  
Old policy revised detailing follow-up investigation responsibilities  
Motion by Comm McCollam that the following General Orders with revisions dated 4/15/15 be accepted; 4-2 "Warrants, Arrests & Search" and 6-4 "Criminal Investigations"; seconded by Comm Barton – unanimous.
6. Correspondence  
None
7. Police Building  
A discussion of the proposed police building ensued.
8. Chief's Report  
Chief Finch presented Comm McCollam with a recognition document for his 15 years as a police commissioner.  
Two new police hires are at the academy.
9. Commissioner Comments  
Comm McCollam thanked the Chief for the recognition received. The commissioner credited this as being the best of all he has ever worked with.  
Comms Barton, Kolwicz and Rubino asked Lt Dickinson about several pending traffic issues.  
The Commission discussed school bus pickup and drop off protocols in response to Comm Barton's observations in and around Bethel

At 7:47 motion by Comm Kolwicz to adjourn; seconded by Comm McCollam – unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "F. Miller Jr.", written in a cursive style.

Ferdinand Miller Jr  
Secretary