

**CONWAY POLICE COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MEETING
November 17, 2009**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Conway Police Commission was brought to order at 0830 hours on Tuesday, November 17, 2009. In attendance were Chief Edward K. Wagner, Lieutenant Joseph A. Faia, Lieutenant Christopher C. Perley, Chairman Theresa L. Kennett, Commissioner Robert F. Porter, Commissioner David D. Doherty and Recording Secretary Jill K. Dicey.

Payroll and disbursements were handed out and signed.

On a motion by Commissioner Porter, and seconded by Commissioner Doherty, it was unanimously voted to approve the minutes of November 3, 2009.

The Commission signed the holiday pay, the longevity pay and the training agreement for Suzanne Scott.

Chief Wagner advised the Commission of Officer Richard Theberge's graduation from the police academy on December 4. A group will be leaving the police station at 3:30 to attend the ceremony.

Chief Wagner reminded the Commission of the meeting tonight with the Selectmen to present the 2010 police budget.

Chief Wagner briefed the Commission on his meeting with the Selectmen on November 3, 2009. The Budget Committee Chairman was present at that meeting and requested specific information on employees be provided to the Budget Committee. Chief Wagner denied that specific request advising that all information related to the budget is already being presented and the personal information of employees is not required to review the budget.

Chairman Kennett advised that a representative of the Commission should have been invited to that meeting so that the Chief did not have to answer to the budget committee about employee information, which would include him. Chief Wagner advised no one was aware this was going to be a topic for discussion. Chief Wagner showed the Commission the Town Managers response to the budget committee's request. His response was done in averages and that is how the police department will respond as well.

Chief Wagner reviewed an e-mail from Karen Umberger that was sent to Earl Sires and then forwarded to him. The letter asks that the Town consider lowering raises in response to the economic hardships. Chairman Kennett advised that she, in good conscience, could not ask people that risk their lives every day to take less money. Also, changes could not be made without negotiating with the union. The Commission asked about recent State layoffs. Chief Wagner advised that they cut personnel to decrease the 2010 budget but that did not include any law enforcement personnel. Chairman Kennett will write a response to Mrs. Umberger.

Chief Wagner reviewed the 2009 budget. The budget should be at 12% and it is currently between 11.9% and 12.4%, which is approximately \$7,000. The budget is as close as it is because of the three unanticipated buyouts, which were approximately \$30,000. Money will be saved by not filling any open positions until January 2010.

Chief Wagner reviewed the 2010 budget. The medical line was decreased since the last time it was reviewed because the new officer is a single plan and a family plan was budgeted for him. This is a decrease of \$10,000. The total budget is up 4.4% over the 2009 budget. Most increases are contractual and not subject to change.

At 0915, a motion was made by Commissioner Porter, and seconded by Commissioner Doherty to move into non-public session per RSA 91-A: 3, II (a). The Commission was polled and voted as follows: Porter, yes, Doherty, yes, Kennett, yes. With a unanimous vote, the meeting was moved into non-public session.

At 1010, the regularly scheduled meeting reconvened.

At 1010, on a motion by Commissioner Porter, and seconded by Commissioner Doherty, it was unanimously voted to adjourn the regularly scheduled commission meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Jill K. Dickey,
Recording Secretary