

Town of Montville Public Safety Commission  
**Regular Meeting Minutes – September 26, 2016 - 6:00 PM**  
Montville Town Hall – Town Council Chambers

1. Call to order.

Chairman Jetmore called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m.

2. Pledge of allegiance.

All stood and pledged the flag.

3. Roll Call.

Present at the meeting were Commissioners Elizabeth Adams, Michael Doherty, Karen Perkins, and Chairman David Jetmore. Also present Lt. Leonard Bunnell, RST Sgt. Keith Juhola, and Town Council Liaison Laura Tanner. Commissioners Gary Allyn, James Moran, and Joseph DePasquale were absent. Mayor Ronald McDaniel was absent and attending a meeting of the Gardner Lake Authority. A quorum was present.

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 asked if there were questions concerning the reports.

6. Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of August 22, 2016.

**Motion made by Commissioner Jetmore; seconded by Commissioner Adams to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of August 22, 2016, as written. Discussion: none. Voice vote, 4-0; all in favor. Motion carried.**

7. Remarks from the Public (agenda items—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 submitted by Lt. Bunnell for the police department, there were 1327 calls for service during August 2016. He also submitted the August 2016 Activity Report for Animal Control to the Commission. Lt. Bunnell then reported to the Commission on the following:

- The Radar Trailer is in different locations throughout town, specifically in areas that draw attention to speed. The trailer is 10-years old and still works great.
- The Montville Lions Club generously donated funds to the police department equipment fund that will be used for a new radar that is on order that will provide reports for problem areas.
- Protective sweep enforcement has increased with the new personnel particularly on the midnight shift when a lot of cars are stopped and drivers are warned and/or ticketed.
- October 1 -2, 2016, is Town Safety Day that will be held at the Montville Commons from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
- Last week two (2) officers, #25 and #26, graduated from the Police Academy and the two (2) recent recruits will complete their training in October. Future retiring staff will necessitate a request for additional personnel next fiscal year.

In response to a question by Chairman Jetmore, Lt. Bunnell responded that the Town of East Lyme is conducting studies about an independent police force.

Resident State Trooper Sgt. Juhola reported to the Commission on the following:

- The Department is present at community-based events such as the Town Safety Day and car seat events to assist new parents with their installation and providing an extra one, if needed.
- Under consideration is a program, “Coffee with a Cop” that was done recently by the Waterford PD and would be a way to open communication lines with the public in a nonthreatening manner.
- The Department will be present at the Parks & Recreation Halloween event as well as the upcoming holiday food drives.
- With the current staff of 26 officers, there are several serious investigations that are in progress.
- The Naloxone Program is pending the support of the State of CT Office of Emergency Medical Services (OEMS) to recognize the Town of Montville as a first responder.

Per discussion of the Naloxone Program, Sgt. Juhola reported that two (2) new officers are supplemental first responders. Town Council Liaison L. Tanner asked if officers were currently administering the opioid antagonist and stated that she wanted to have a policy in place for the same. Sgt. Juhola stated that no officers at present were administering Naloxone. He said that OEMS manages first responders statewide for a standardized level of care. Responding to a question by Commissioner Perkins, Sgt. Juhola stated that the draft Naloxone policy is written as a separate entity from the Town, not as a first responder;

but that distinction would only require a minor change in the policy. Commissioner Perkins questioned a recent article in *The Day* from the police union about Naloxone training and biohazards and Town Council Liaison L. Tanner voiced her displeasure about the article. Sgt. Juhola commented that the role of the police officer is changing and responded to L. Tanner that officers that graduate from the Academy are medical response trained (MRT). He further commented that there are only six (6) officers now on staff that require that training. L. Tanner asked what happens if the officers do not want to be trained; Sgt. Juhola commented that there are ways to deal with it. Chairman Jetmore commented that all officers are CPR trained. Sgt. Juhola responded to Commissioner Perkins that the State Police are trained in administering Naloxone and are moving forward with applying to become supplemental first responders. He stated that the goal is to have everyone at the same level statewide and documented by medical oversight. Chairman Jetmore stated he believed that administration of Naloxone by officers is currently optional but said he was happy that the Town is supporting the program as well as keeping its certifications up-to-date.

Chief K. Truex commented that town-wide training of each of the four (4) fire departments and confined space rescue to meet the requirements of the Public Safety Plan are going well. He stated that the departments are interacting and working well together. The Chief also stated that he believed the non-participating department, Mohegan, will have to comply with the State policy regarding the administration of Naloxone effect October 1. He discussed the training for the administering Naloxone which he said was not hard to comprehend. Per a question by Chairman Jetmore, Chief Truex commented that the Mohegan department relies on the Mohegan Tribal Police next door to administer the Naloxone. Per a PSA contract, all departments would be obligated to abide by the Naloxone policy.

Chief Truex also discussed a concern about car accidents with no injuries that are dispatched. He stated that there have been accidents 100-150 yards away from his firehouse but his department is not dispatched until the police arrive. He said he believes this policy must change. Discussion followed about whether a fire truck or rescue truck would need to be dispatched and at whose cost. The Commission agreed to add the item to the agenda for discussion at next month's meeting.

Fire Department Report No Report

Animal Control Report

The Animal Control Activity Report for August 2016 is as follows:

Animals Impounded	15
Animals Sold as Pets	8
Animals D.O.A.	1

Animals Euthanized	2
Complaints Investigated	122
Animal Bites Investigated	7
Infractions/Summons	3
Animals Impounded to Date – FY 2016-2017 (July 1 <sup>st</sup> – June 30 <sup>th</sup> )	23

Building Report – No Report

9. Reports from Committee and Public Safety Liaisons. -- None

10. Unfinished Business.

- a. Consideration and action upon the report and findings of the Sub-committee’s meetings with Fire Chiefs on Public Safety Plan. (*Update*).

Commissioner Perkins reported that she reached out to the fire departments regarding the proposal at last month’s meeting about holding Commission meetings at the firehouses. The departments declined but suggested that the Commission visit the departments. Commissioner Perkins agreed to set up tours for the same.

- b. Consideration and action concerning the proposed agreement with district fire houses. (*Update*). -- No Report

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

This item was discussed earlier under agenda Item 8.

11. New Business. -- None

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

Commissioner Jetmore asked three (3) times for remarks. There were none.

13. Remarks from the Mayor. – No Report

14. Remarks from Town Council Liaison.

Town Council Liaison L. Tanner remarked that she like the proposal for the coffee with constituents discussed earlier by Sgt. Juhola. She also reported that the August Town Council meeting was short with discussion concerning recycling that was proposed for every two weeks using larger bins. She also mentioned the upcoming Public Safety Day.

15. Remarks from Commissioners.

Commissioner Adams remarked that she wanted to thank Public Works for clearing the debris and cleaning the street from Palmer Academy to Roseland Hill Road. Commissioner Jetmore commented the request for the Annual Report and suggested that the commissioners email him with topics to include in the report. He also thanked everyone for their attendance at the meeting.

16. Adjournment.

Motion by Commissioner Jetmore; seconded by Commissioner Doherty to adjourn the meeting at 6:54 p.m. Discussion: none. Voice vote; 4-0; all in favor. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by:

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Recording Clerk, Town of Montville