

***Rutland City Police Commission
March 11, 2019***

Present: Chairman Sean Sargeant, Commissioners Tom Calcagni and Luther Brown, Chief Brian Kilcullen

Not Present: Commissioners Michelle Fairbrother and Chris Siliski

Chairman Sean Sargeant calls the meeting to order at 6:00pm lead by the Pledge of Allegiance

Motion made by Commissioner Brown and seconded by Commissioner Calcagni to accept the minutes of February 11, 2019. Motion passed 3-0.

Introduction /Recognition of Police Department Members

Chief Kilcullen indicates that Officer Jen Czachor has submitted her resignation and her last day is Friday, March 15, 2019. He thanks her for her service and wishes her well on her move to Colchester Police Department.

Chief Kilcullen swears in Probationary Officer Ambrosia Houle to Police Officer Houle.

Public comment

City residents Henry and Kim Heck address the board with their concern of an Animal Control Board decision of a Rottweiler named Brady, owned by Seth Field and Lori Senecal, that has attacked their dog in their neighborhood, which is the second time this dog has attacked in 7 months unprovoked and they came to this board seeking out ways to see if there is anything that can be done other than paying a \$300 filing fee and appealing the decision at the Rutland Superior Court. Henry Heck indicates he is still not amenable to the order as they have questions. He indicates that they have public safety concerns as to the final decision based on the remedy of the board. The prescription was to a - have the dog wear a pinch collar, b - be muzzled and c - have an able bodied person walk the dog and Henry reports that the owners had told the board that after the first attack, they used a pinch collar, however, it broke, the muzzle didn't fit, therefore they don't use one and neither of them can keep the dog under their control if they walk the dog. The Heck's indicate that they believe the first attack was mishandled by Animal Control Officer Jones. The Heck's were directed by Animal Control Board Chairman Sargeant to address their concerns with the Board of Aldermen. Chairman Sargeant had indicated that if they can provide proof that the prescription doesn't work, the Animal Control Board will readdress the issue.

Kim Heck also addresses the board and indicates that since her dog was attacked, she is afraid to walk her dog in the neighborhood and has to always carry a weapon with her to protect her and her dog.

Follow up on resident Nowakowski's issue with the police complaint that was mediated by Commander Sheldon. Commander Sheldon had spoken to Mr. Nowokowski and had given him a form to fill out and provide to the Department, however, he has not filed the affidavit with the department as of this date. Commander Sheldon is waiting to proceed when that is filed.

Communication from the Union

Contract negotiations continue with the next meeting set for 3/25/19.

Commander's Report

Commander Lachance reports that they held the end of the year community meeting and would like to congratulate Chief Kilcullen for doing a good job. Commander Lachance is working on getting the BCI up to date on all trainings. Commander Lachance indicates that they have three candidates in the background phase of the hiring process with four spots open for the next class at the academy in June. With Officer Czachor leaving, that leaves three openings. The Corporal testing will be held soon. The JAG money will be freed up to upgrade the camera system with an ID program. There are three (Carviaggio, Rajda and Delehanty) at the academy now and all are happy. Graduation is scheduled for May 24 at 10:00am.

Mapping update

Chief Kilcullen reports the mapping update, first showing the two week period for the Year to Date average for 3Peats at 11.6% of the calls that are responded to. Next he shows a report of locations in which they are the busiest in Sectors 1 and 2. Then he shows a heat chart that shows the hour of the day with Mondays at 5-6 tend to be the busiest.

Chief Kilcullen had asked Analyst GoodHale to run a year to date comparison. The report is through March 1st with a 6 year average going back to 2013.

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	6yr average	2019
Robbery	0	8	0	0	2	2	2	0
Aggravated Assaults	1	13	11	9	6	7	8	8
Burglary Force	22	13	8	3	6	6	10	7

Burglary								
Non Force	14	14	3	3	6	2	7	2
Larceny	31	32	17	7	23	23	22	20
Larceny other	91	58	59	32	23	27	48	20

Top ticketed offenses: 25 Municipal Ordinance speed zone; 24 Operating after suspension; 14 DLS; 14 Persons required to register; 13 Inspection of registered vehicle; 6 Operating without a license; 5 Using portable electronic device; 4 Duty to stop at a stop sign; 3 Designation of one way roadway; 3 Condition of vehicle; 3 No code entered; 3 Misuse of number plates.

Top ticket locations: 8 on State St; 7 on West St; 7 on Woodstock Ave; 7 on S Main St; 6 on Forest St; 4 on Woodstock @ Temple St; 4 on Scale Ave; 4 on N Main St; 4 on Meadow St @ River St; 4 on Wales St @ Center St; 4 on Merchants Row @ West St.

Top ticket locations with offenses is then reported via a chart.

Budget Report

Eight months through the year, 4 months left 66.67% of the year down and 59.71% spent.

Chief's Report

- 2/14 - Project Vision meeting with 100 people in attendance.
- 2/19 - Rutstat
- 2/27 - Commission meeting year end report
- 2/27 - The Board of Finance opened the 3three bids that were received for the used BCI vehicle purchase and will need to put it out to bid again as all three came in higher than budgeted
- 2/28 - Megan Clark has been hired as the case worker for Human trafficking. It is a grant funded position.
- 3/5 - Rutstat
- 3/14 - Project Vision meeting scheduled
- 3/19 - Rutstat scheduled
- 3/25 - Contract negotiation meeting

Mayor Allaire reports that there was a meeting on the ongoing parking issues at the Bardwell House and City Hall. Discussions held. They are working on solutions to this issue. Chief Kilcullen indicates that the departments only involvement is parking enforcement.

Training Completed

2/26 to 28 - Cpl. Gorruso and Officer Maguire to attend an Interview and Interrogation seminar.

Records Clerk Ryan Brady to attend an Access Data Base training to get the alarms in order.

Upcoming training

3/25 to 4/5 - Officer Plackas will attend a police driving instructor school.

3/27 to 28 - Sgt Whitehead to attend an Opioid Overdose Death Investigation Training.

A motion to go into Executive Session under Title 1 VSA Section 313a4, disciplinary or dismissal of public officer or employee was made by Commissioner Brown and seconded by Commissioner Calcagni. Motion passed at 6:51pm with an invitation to Mayor Allaire and the two aldermen that are present to stay.

Executive session

The executive session began, present with police commission members, Chief Kilcullen, Commander Lachance and Sgt. Delpha to discuss matters that if disclosed publicly at this time, could place the City, the Department or an employee of the department at risk.

Submitted by:

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cc: Chief Brian Kilcullen
Mayor David Allaire
Police Commission
City Clerk Henry Heck
Board of Aldermen
Union President Melissa Sharkis