

TOWN OF NORTHWOOD  
POLICE COMMISSION  
1/18/2022

Chair Nicole Rodler calls the meeting to order at 5:00 pm at the town hall.

PRESENT: Chairman Nicole Rodler, Commissioner John Schlang, Commissioner Scott Bryer, Chief Glen Drolet, Police Commission Administrator Linda Smith.

Public: Justin Miller

**Minutes:**

**Motion is made by Commissioner Bryer, second by Commissioner Schlang to approve the minutes of 11/16/2021 as printed. Vote: 3/0.**

**Public Input:**

Mr. Miller states he is present to observe only.

**CHIEF'S REPORT:**

Chief Drolet reports the following statistics from his annual report for year 2021:

Calls for Service	Arrests	Motor Vehicle Accidents	Motor Vehicle Summons
4172	181	103	1488

Budget: Chief Drolet states the department is returning approximately \$43,000 back to the general fund. He adds there is \$9600 left in the ACO budget. He notes that number may change due to final bills for 2021 still coming in.

Purchase Orders:

Chief Drolet distributes purchase order for review and signature:

1. Neptune Uniforms: \$1488 for 2 ballistic vests plus shipping for the two new officers.

2022 Budget: Chief Drolet notes that the budget committee met recently and sent the budget back to the selectmen for consideration with a number of recommended reductions including \$80,000 out of the police budget, \$40,000 out of fire department and \$30,000 out of highway department. The selectmen met and made some minor adjustments. The budget committee ultimately did vote to recommend the reductions. They did not specify lines but recommended \$80,000 reduction out of the department budget. The deliberative session is scheduled for Saturday, February 5 at the Northwood School gym at 9 am. Discussion is held on the budget process. Chief Drolet notes there are petition warrant articles that could affect the department/commission: 1. To remove the police commission 2. To not hire any new full time positions except by town meeting vote 3. No purchasing or leasing of new vehicles except by town meeting vote. Discussion is held on the proposed petition articles and the difficulties it may present to run the department if the articles are adopted. The town attorney will provide legal opinion on the petition articles.

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Cruisers: Chief Drolet reports that the Ford F-150 pickup has come in and is lettered. It is at 2 Way Communications this week getting set up and should be on the road in the next week or two. Also, the 2022 SUV came in last week and will go to 2 Way once the truck is done. Chief Drolet states that Car 3 had the fuel pump go and it had to be replaced so it could be driven to be stripped and put out for sale. He adds that the transmission went in his cruiser last week.

Personnel:

1. Chief Drolet reports that Officers Rondeau and Furbush passed their PT test. He stated that the last class at the academy they added too many in an effort to increase needed personnel for departments and it did not work out well with Covid. Based on that they decided to split the next group into two classes. Our officers will be in the February class and it will be days at the academy and nights at home.

**NON PUBLIC SESSION: Motion is made by Chairman Rodler, second by Commissioner Bryer to go into a non-public session at 5:19 pm under RSA 91-A:3, II (a) & (c). Roll call vote: Bryer: Yes; Rodler: Yes, Schlang: Yes.**

**Motion is made by Commissioner Bryer, second by Commissioner Schlang, to come out of the non-public session at 5:34 pm. Roll call vote: Schlang: Yes; Bryer: Yes; Rodler: Yes.**

**Motion is made by Commissioner Bryer, second by Commissioner Schlang, to seal the minutes. Vote: 3/0.**

Motion to adjourn is accepted at 5:35 pm

Respectfully submitted,



Linda Smith, Police Commission Administrator