



**Town Of New Paltz  
Police Commission  
P.O. Box 550  
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New Paltz, NY 12561**

Susan Zimet  
Jeff Logan  
Kevin Barry  
Daniel Torres

**March 19, 2015  
6:45 p.m.**

**Present:** Commissioner Jeff Logan, Commissioner Dan Torres, Commissioner Kevin Barry, Police Chief Joe Snyder. **Absent:** Commissioner Susan Zimet.

At 6:49 p.m. a motion was made by Commissioner Torres to open the meeting with the pledge. Seconded by Commissioner Barry, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

**Public Comment:**

Ira Margolis commented that a SUNY Student Police Commission is a great idea.

At 6:51 p.m. Commissioner Susan Zimet arrived.

**Announcements:**

The Chief announced that the Police Department will be receiving two awards this year at the Ulster County Chief's Association Awards Banquet. One for the Easter Morning Homicide for joint/teamwork investigation and one to Officer Sisco for his participation in an investigation involving an employee at Verizon.

**Monthly Report-February 2015:**

Defensive Action Reports- (1)

1. Disorderly Conduct arrest.

Commendations- (2)

1. A letter was received from a gentleman thanking the agency and Officers Sisco and Stroh who responded to a call from his brother with a mental health crisis.
2. A letter was received from St. Joseph's Church thanking Sgt. Koch for helping unlock a car.

**Request for Support of SUNY Student Police Commission:**

Tabled.



### **Crossing Guard:**

Commissioner Zimet explained that she was contacted by School Supt. Maria Rice who would like to discuss setting policies and procedures relative to the Crossing Guard.

Chief Snyder explained that the Crossing Guard was dismissed of her duties due to issues that were presented. Based on a conversation with someone from the School District, he was led to believe that it was a School Board decision, which turns out, was not the case. It was also his understanding since 2012 that it was his responsibility to oversee the program including training, and the hiring and firing. He indicated that this was not the first time that he has dismissed someone of his duties as crossing guard due to several complaints. He apologized that in both cases, he made the Town Board aware of the situation after the fact, which was part of his understanding of the procedures. He believes that it is important to discuss what the policies and procedures of the program should be.

Commissioner Zimet indicated that the Chief received a fax from the Middle School of a screen shot from the Crossing Guard's social media page, which was followed by a phone call. Commissioner Zimet entered into the record, a copy of the screenshot from social media.

### **Replacement of Cars:**

Chief Snyder indicated that he is looking to replace 1 Detective car, a 2001 Ford, with a 2005 Chevy, as the Detective vehicle. He suggests auctioning off the 2008 Charger, marked car, with the '01 Ford to put those funds toward the new vehicle. If additional funds are needed, they would be taken out of the Seized Assets account because the vehicle is for Detective/Administrative use.

A motion was made by Commissioner Barry to authorize the Chief and Highway Supt. Chris Marx to work together to get the best deal and come back with a recommendation. Seconded by Commissioner Logan, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

### **Set the Record Straight about Campus Police and Town Police Staffing:**

Supervisor Zimet indicated that misinformation is being posted on social media relative to how the Town Police and Campus Police are staffed. She clarified that we do *not* have 50 officers between the two agencies, and campus police are *not* allowed to patrol the downtown area unless in emergency situations to backup the Town police.

### **Acceptance of Minutes:**

A motion was made by Commissioner Torres to accept the Police Commission minutes of **December 18, 2014**. Seconded by Commissioner Logan, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

### **Executive Session:**

At 7:23 p.m. a motion was made by Commissioner Logan to go into Executive Session for the purposes of discussing personnel. Seconded by Commissioner Torres, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

At 7:44 p.m. a motion was made by Commissioner Logan to come out of Executive Session with no action taken. Seconded by Commissioner Torres, all aye votes cast, motion carried. It was announced that there is coverage for a crossing guard at the Middle School and the School District has advertised for the position. The Chief will work with the District and Commissioner Zimet on policies and procedures going forward, and will keep the Board updated.

**Acceptance of Minutes:**

A motion was made by Commissioner Logan to accept the Police Commission minutes of ***February 19, 2015***. Seconded by Commissioner Torres, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

At 7:45 p.m. a motion was made by Commissioner Torres to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Logan, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rosanna Mazzaccari  
Town Clerk