

**WESTBROOK POLICE ADVISORY/TRAFFIC AUTHORITY BOARD**  
Special Meeting Minutes – June 27, 2016

**Members Present:** Chairman Bonnie Palermo, Mike Oryl, George Rehberg, Don Harger, Sal Adorno, Michael Polo and Tony Fastaia.

**1. Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Bonnie Palermo.

**2. Policing Issues for the Town:**

Chairman Palermo stated that the purpose for this meeting is to determine how the Board would like to move forward with our “charge” to review policing in Westbrook, which is figuring out the best way necessary to cover all the policing coverage in the Town. It was felt that the Board should take on one task at a time at each monthly meeting. If it becomes necessary, a Special Meeting can be held.

The Resident State Troopers are hired on a yearly contract. The Constable Union Contract ends 6/30/2017. The Constable used to work two shifts years ago. They were 6:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and from 2:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. There was discussions of “citizen patrols”.

One of the first steps is to get a copy of the current budget for the Department and maybe we can request Director of Finance Andrew Urban to attend a future meeting to discuss budgets. We also should get a detailed report from Troop F regarding the responsibilities of the Resident State Troopers supervising the Constables.

Upon a motion by Michael Polo, seconded by Tony Fastaia, it was:  
VOTED: Unanimously to request a detailed Report from RST Wayne Buck regarding the responsibilities of supervising the Constables.

Future areas to cover are the “function of the department”, “cost of the department”, “what are we getting for the money spent”, “possible regionalization” (Don Harger will contact the Clinton Police Department, Bonnie Palermo will contact the Old Saybrook Police Department and Mike Oryl will contact Essex and Old Lyme.

We will start with how many shifts are available for Constables and how many are filled/not filled. There was discussion of possibly having Constable shifts assigned rather than chosen by the Constables and then if a Constable is not available to work that shift, it would be their responsibility to find their own coverage.

Secretary Kelemen will obtain the following information prior to the August Regular Monthly Meeting:

- Summary of Constable schedules/shifts for the past 2 years and how many shifts available on a weekly basis.

- Copy of the current fiscal year budget for the Police Department.
- Detailed Report from Troop F (through RST Wayne Buck).
- Copy of the Constables Union Contract.

**3. Adjournment:**

Upon a motion by Michael Polo, seconded by Tony Fastaia, it was:

**VOTED:** Unanimously to adjourn at 7:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

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Kathleen H. Kelemen, Secretary