



Committee on Public Safety

*Councilor Maureen T. Carney, Chair
Councilor Jesse M. Adams
Councilor William H. Dwight
Councilor David A. Murphy*

**September 8, 2014 Meeting Minutes
5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
City Council Chambers, 212 Main Street,
Wallace J. Puchalski Municipal Building
Northampton, MA**

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1. **Members present:** Councilor Maureen T. Carney, Chair, Jesse M. Adams, David A. Murphy, Councilor William H. Dwight
2. **Members Absent:** None
3. **Meeting Called to Order:** At 5:04 p.m., Councilor Carney called the meeting to order.
4. **Announcement of Audio/Video Recording of Meeting:** Councilor Carney announced that the meeting will be audio and video recorded.
5. **Public Comment:** None
6. **Approval of Minutes of June 2, 2014:** Councilor Dwight moved to approve the meeting minutes of July 7, 2014; Councilor Adams seconded the motion. The motion was approved on a Voice Vote of 4 Yes, 0 No.
7. **Report of Police Department:**
 - Police Chief Russ Sienkiewicz presented that the Department has completed FY14 within Budget. This makes 21 years in a row that the department has met the budget.
 - Review of Department Statistics
 - 7 graduates of 8 enrolled in the Police Academy class.; 4 or 5 in will enroll in Academy in August.
 - Chief Sienkiewicz expects that around November, the department will be fully staffed as budgeted.
 - New vehicle purchases are on schedule.
 - New regulations regarding written log maintained by the department pertaining to domestic abuse calls are being introduced.
 - Chief Sienkiewicz reports that schools are supposed to send teachers to suicide prevention training; this is an unfunded mandate.
 - New legislation allows an individual who has been committed for certain mental health reasons, for an alcohol use disorder, substance use disorder, or guardianship appointment to petition the court 5 years from the date of commitment to request that his/her ability to possess a firearms, rifle, or shotgun be restored. Ramifications of this new law have yet to be determined.

- The Chief commented that building issues continue in the new parking garage: Water leaks still exist in the new parking garage; The City Solicitor has been involved discuss a path forward.
- Captain Kasper's connection with downtown businesses has had a positive impact on the community. The community feels that they have a resource working directly for them as a result of better police presence.

8. *NEW BUSINESS* –NONE

9. *ADJOURN* – Councilor Murphy made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Councilor Dwight seconded the motion. The motion passed on a Voice Vote of 4 Yes, 0 No.

Respectfully Submitted By:
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