

**SUFFIELD POLICE COMMISSION
MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING
OCTOBER 2, 2015**

The special meeting of the Suffield Police Commission was held on October 2, 2015 at 911 Mountain Road, Suffield, CT.

Present: Chairman Kevin Armata, Vice Chairman Kenneth Pascoe *[arrived at 7:10 am]*
Commissioners: Matt Joyal, Jeff Davis, and Jack Quinn, and Clerk Linda Stevenson
Also Present: Chief Anthony Riello, and Recording Secretary Karen Doyon

Chairman Armata called the meeting to order at 7:00 am.

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ATTENDANCE

Chairman Armata called the special meeting to order at 7:00 am, and then asked the recording secretary to take a silent roll call.

II. PROPOSAL APPROVAL FOR CHIEF SELECTION

At the August 26, 2015 regular meeting the Commission voted enter an agreement and hire Public Safety Consultant, LLC [PSC]. Based on a faux pas that occurred while sending out the initial invitations to the three consultants [see meeting minutes dated 09/23/2015], the Commission voted to invite the consultants to resubmit their proposals. The following proceeds.

Chairman Armata asked Commissioner Quinn to provide detailed input regarding the two proposals received, 1.) Public Safety Consultants, LLC and 2.) MMA Consulting Group. Commissioner Quinn reported his findings, then made a motion to continue with the already hired contractor Public Safety Consultant, LLC. Discussion followed.

Commissioner Joyal reported that the two consultants offer the same value.

Clerk Stevenson responded that she does not see any more value going with MMA for an additional \$10,000. Stevenson stated that PSC has a good time line, along with integrating the Selection Committee [which is already in process]. They show a positive detailed time line in the "Phase" description, and PSC seem to specialize in Police Departments, where MMA specialize in Town Administration placement and Police Departments. Clerk Stevenson stated that she was good with staying with PSC.

Commissioner Davis stated that he was in agreement with Commissioner Quinn and Clerk Stevenson.

Chairman Armata asked the Commission if they are comfortable staying the course with PSC, after reviewing both proposals. The present Commission agreed that they are, and would like continue with PSC. The Chair asked for a second to the motion already on the table.

Chairman Armata, Clerk Stevenson, Commissioner Quinn, Commissioner Davis, and Commissioner Joyal voted in favor. Clerk Stevenson seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0-0 [Vice Chairman Pascoe was not present].

Discussion followed regarding how many applications have been received. Chairman Armata asked if there were any questions from the public.

Town resident Jason Trombly stated that he is not in favor of the process of a Selection Committee, and/ or the process of essay questions. He stated that the most common practice in the State of Connecticut in hiring a Police Chief is through the Chief of Police Association. Chairman Armata responded. Chief Riello also gave an explanation of the process used by a specialized consultant for hiring a Police Chief, as did Commissioner Quinn.

III. AJOURNMENT

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the October 2, 2015 special meeting at 7:19 am. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by,
Chairman Kevin Armata