

**SUFFIELD POLICE COMMISSION  
MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING  
DECEMBER 09, 2015**

The special meeting of the Suffield Police Commission was held on December 09, 2015 at 911 Mountain Road, Suffield, CT.

**Present:** Chairman Kevin Armata, Vice Chairman Jack Quinn

**Commissioners:** Rick Stromoski, Jeff Davis, Linda Stevenson, and Clerk Ken Pascoe

**Also Present:** Recording Secretary Karen Doyon

**I. CALL TO ORDER AND ATTENDANCE**

Chairman Armata called the special meeting to order at 7:00 pm, and then asked if there are any changes to be made to the agenda that is imperative.

Clerk Pascoe stated that he was under the impression that the Commission was going to go into executive session for a short period of time. He then asked to change the agenda to add executive session with a motion, seconded by Commissioner Davis. Motion carried unanimously.

**II. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Clerk Pascoe made the motion at 7:01pm to go into executive session to discuss previous executive session topic [personnel matters], seconded by Commissioner Davis. Motion carried unanimously.

Clerk Pascoe made the motion at 7:12pm to come out of executive session with no votes, seconded by Commissioner Stevenson. Motion carried unanimously.

**III. STRUCTURAL CHANGE**

Chairman Armata stated that the Commission held an executive session last week to discuss the direction the department is heading, and in light of everything that has taken place; the Commission has agreed to suspend the search for the new Chief position. After numerous meetings everyone is in agreement that things are moving in the right direction.

Since the executive session, the Commission asked Chief Riello if he would want to stay on for a year and continue the transition. Chief Riello had responded that he would if Rick Brown was his Captain to help him in his transition.

Chairman Armata stated that the meeting this evening is to decide if this is the direction the Commission wishes to take, and if so, vote on it.

Vice Chairman Quinn made the motion to formalize the process to continue Chief Riello's service as Chief for a year, and elevate Rick Brown to the Captains position, seconded by Commissioner Stevenson. Motion carried 5-1-0.

Clerk Pascoe asked if the Chairman would agree to have the public comment at this time. Chairman Armata agreed.

Gordon Stagg asked if he could have a reason for rational on the decision. Chairman Armata stated that because the current transition is moving in the right direction to make a change now would jeopardize the department's direction, which involves Chief Riello and Rick Brown. Mr. Stagg thanked the Commission for allowing him to speak.

#### **IV. ADJOURNMENT**

With nothing further, Vice Chairman Quinn made the motion to adjourn the December 9, 2015 special meeting at 7:21pm, seconded by Commissioner Stromoski. Motion carried unanimously.

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Chairman, Kevin Armata