

Town of Auburn
AUBURN POLICE COMMISSION PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES
August 4, 2026

D. Dion – calls the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and leads with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: David Dion, Police Commissioner, Patrick Bergeron, Commissioner, Commissioner Joseph Rossino, Chief Chabot, Lieutenant Cashman and Lillian Deeb.

Absent: Stephen Grange

REVIEW MINUTES

P. Bergeron - motion to accept Public Minutes of June 2, 2026, as presented. **J. Rossino** – second. All in favor. **Motion passes.**

CHIEF'S REPORT

Chief – comments on the retirement of Pastor Ruth, the department's Chaplin and mentions until new pastor settles in the see if he or she is interested before beginning a search. **D. Dion** – comments she has been with department since Chief Picard. **Chief** – mentions the bridge work and mentions the start of the Dartmouth Drive project commenting on upcoming meeting with project manager discussing construction traffic and such. **J. Rossino** – asked what construction is happening on Dartmouth. **Chief** – mentions property is being purchased and developed up there. He mentions Duck Day is coming up in September and Police Association will be working the French Fry stand, mentioning with bridge construction will now be located down by daycare. **D. Dion** – mentions letting him know about the French fry oil and amount so he can donate it again. **P. Bergeron** – mentions his family again would like to donate the potatoes. **Chief** – mentions the approval from BOS for 287g funding purchases. He mentions one item discussed and approved was for a drone and department had been looking into a grant but funding parameters are ridged and explains to the commissioner the department has begun looking at the American made drones. He further mentions cost increase but explains he will be speaking to the BOS about the increase and seeks the PC opinion. **D. Dion** – asks questions about the options offered for a drone. **Lt. Cashman** – comments on specs for drones the department has been exploring options for live feeds and mentions the demo with Pembroke PD. **Chief** – comments Sgt. Huard completed his FAA drone training. **Lt. Cashman** – mentions Officer Higgins will be taking that training in September. **D. Dion** – asked if department needs to be concerned about the air path to Manchester Airport. **Lt. Cashman** – mentions on the south side of town in Londonderry Tpk. area will need permission for over 200 feet and may need to call the tower but other side of town is up to 400 feet. **D. Dion** – questions grid and target search. **Lt. Cashman** – explains some of the programming options for tracking. **D. Dion** – mentions FD being able to use department drone for spotting fires and looks for consensus from other commissioners they agree to ask BOS. **J. Rossino** – looks to confirm where the funding is coming from. **D. Dion** – confirms this is 287g funding being used and looks to verify the amounts that have been received. **Lt. Cashman** – explains the amounts received and what the additional funds on the next reimbursement will be. **Chief** – comment on the town benefiting from the 287g funds and taking the pressure of the taxpayer. **D. Dion** – comments on using

some 287g funds to update the internet at the PD. **Chief** – mentions the new cruiser is almost done with outfitting. **D. Dion** – confirms the cruiser is the one authorized to purchase with 287g funds and discuss the black low profile look and visibility of. **Chief** – mentions the side-by-side purchased with 287g funds is being outfitted and HK PowerSports posted a nice thank you on their Facebook page. He further mentions AVS has a new principal, mentions meeting her last month and will be collaborating with her on some projects.

LIEUTENANT'S REPORT

Lt. Cashman – comments having few months of stats to update commissioners on. He mentions June was quiet, but July picked up. He mentions June had 117 MS stops, 693 calls for service, 28 cases and 23 arrests. He further mentions the 4 K9 deployments between June and July. He mentions the 144 MV stops, 790 calls for service, 24 cases and 14 arrests. He reviews the stats for first half of the year, mentioning up from last year commenting up 623 calls for that 6-month period. He explains arrests and calls for service were up however MV calls decreased but mentions likely due to that time period officers were familiarizing themselves with new operating system. He mentions E-Bikes and comments following the PD's posts about e-bikes, PD has experienced a decline and mentions the increased community contact officers are having related to safety education trying to get information out there as to what is legal and not. He comments that anything over 20 mph driver needs to be over 16. **Chief** – comments neighboring communities have had some serious crashes. **Lt. Cashman** – mentions department's campaign is now educating parents on what is legal and not and seems to be working. **D. Dion** – asked if there have been any serious accidents. **Lt. Cashman** – mentions few accidents but comments nothing serious. **Chief** – comments on the fatal motorcycle accident in Auburn on Manchester Rd. **Lt. Cashman** – comments on the hiring process and mentions narrowing it down to two candidates. **D. Dion** – asked if either candidate is certified. **Lt. Cashman** – explains both candidates will have to attend the academy, and both are in the background portion of the hiring process. **D. Dion** – asks when department anticipates officer being fully trained. **Lt. Cashman** – mentions the next police academy is in January, but the officer can begin his field training and hopefully following academy and expedited FTO period

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH UPDATE

None.

OLD BUSINESS

J. Rossino – asked if there is any updates on changes to the law related to inspections. **Lt. Cashman** – mentions no change and lawsuit remain active. **Chief** – recommends still having a basic safety inspection for tires and brakes and such.

NEW BUSINESS

P. Bergeron – motions based on the satisfactory evaluation for Part-time Officer, Matt Barsaleau, award him a Step increase from Part-time Step 7 to Step 8. **J. Rossino** - second. All in Favor. **Motion passes**

P. Bergeron -motions based on the satisfactory evaluation for Melissa Gates, award her a step increase from Labor Grade 7, Step 14 to Step 15. **J. Rossino** - second. All in Favor. **Motion passes**

P. Bergeron -motions based on the satisfactory evaluation for Full-time Officer, Shane Pellerin, award him a Step increase from Full-time Step 5 to Step 6. **J. Rossino** - second. All in Favor. **Motion passes**

P. Bergeron -motions based on the satisfactory evaluation for AOC Jarlene Cornett, award her a 2% step increase of Labor 4. **J. Rossino** - second. All in Favor. **Motion passes**

D. Dion -comments on the budget at 53%. **Chief** – comments 2027 budget meeting are set to begin this month.

J. Rossino – asks the chief to follow up on the cross walk at Cottage Ave, commenting doesn't want project to fall to the wayside. **Chief** – comments on looking into where things stand. **Lt. Cashman** – comments on the new entrance at Front Park, commenting already had an accident.

D. Dion – motion to adjourn at 7:30 PM. **J. Rossino** - second. All in favor. **Motion passes.**

Meeting closed at 7:30 pm.

Minutes approved by _____ on _____.