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A special meeting of the Stamford Police Commission was held on Tuesday, December 4, 2012 at 5:00pm at Stamford Police Headquarters.

Present at the meeting were Commissioner Mark Larobina, Commissioner Milton Thomas, II, Commissioner Frank Mercede. Also present were Chief Jonathan Fontneau, Lt. Eugene Dohmann, and Emmet Hibson.

The meeting was called to order at 5:00pm by Commissioner Larobina.

Each candidate will have the option of having an open session or a closed session.

1) The first candidate was Emily Hirshowitz. The Commission asked her to explain the following questions that came up in her background investigation: not truthful on a MVA, credit card usage, past failed tests. Ms. Hirshowitz opted for an open session and answered the questions as follows: she made a false claim regarding a MVA she had. When she got home she informed her parents of the accident and went to the police department to rectify her statement. She was in an unhealthy relationship and her boyfriend at the time convinced her to take her friends credit card information and rack up \$900.00 worth of charges. Ms. Hirshowitz claims full restitution was made. Lastly she pulled a muscle in her leg just before the agility test for White Plains Police Department and opted not to take the test and to rest her leg.

Commissioner Thomas made a MOTION to go into Executive Session, seconded by Commissioner Mercede at 5:14pm. Commissioner Larobina made a MOTION to come out of Executive Session at 5:15pm all in favor.

2) Next candidate was Frank Grillo. The Commission asked him to answer the following questions: Domestic Violence arrest in 2001 and marijuana arrest in 2007. Mr. Grillo opted for an open session and answered the questions as follows: 2001 had a verbal argument with his brother the day before Thanksgiving and it got out of hand. His mother called the police and he was

arrested for Disorderly Conduct. He smoked marijuana 4-5 times in High School. In 2007 his brother borrowed his car. Mr. Grillo was driving on Cove Road when a patrol car was behind him. He pulled into a parking lot and police approached him. Police requested a search of the car and found a bag of weed which was left in the car by his brother. Has been employed since 2006 by First County Bank and has a second job at a restaurant since January 2007.

Commissioner Thomas made a MOTION to go into Executive Session and seconded by Commissioner Mercede at 5:25pm. Commissioner Larobina made a MOTION to come out of Executive Session at 5:26pm seconded by Commissioner Thomas all in favor.

3) Next candidate was Charles Letezeio. Mr. Letezeio requested a closed session. Commissioner Larobina made a MOTION to go into Executive Session seconded by Commissioner Thomas at 5:30pm. Commissioner Larobina made a MOTION to come out of Executive Session and seconded by Commissioner Thomas at 5:43pm

4) Next candidate was James Johnson. Mr. Johnson requested a closed session. Commissioner Mercede made a MOTION to go into Executive Session seconded by Commissioner Thomas at 5:51pm. Commissioner Larobina made a MOTION to come out of Executive Session seconded by Commissioner Thomas at 6:05pm.

5) Next candidate was John Truhart. Mr. Truhart opted for an open session. Commission asked the following questions: MVA and # of failed Polygraphs. Mr. Truhart answered as follows: In 2008 in Branford, CT he slid on snow and hit a car and left the scene. He returned to the Police Department and received a summons for failure to show license and registration. On the polygraph he stated he hit a guardrail. Was very nervous taking the first polygraph and felt he had no proper way to answer questions. He feels he is now better prepared to take a polygraph.

Commissioner Thomas made a MOTION to go into Executive Session and seconded by Commissioner Mercede at 6:14pm. Commissioner Larobina made a MOTION to have Truhart continue with the testing process and was seconded by Commissioner Mercede. All were in favor. Commissioner Thomas made a MOTION to come out of Executive Session seconded by Commissioner Mercede at 6:17pm.

6) Next candidate was Stephen DinNapoli. Mr. DinNapoli requested a closed session. Commissioner Larobina made a MOTION to go into Executive Session and seconded by Commissioner Thomas at 6:21pm. Commissioner Larobina made a MOTION to come out of Executive Session seconded by Commissioner Thomas at 6:26pm

7) Next candidate was Michael Rosero. Mr. Rosero opted for a closed session. Commissioner Larobina made a MOTION to go into Executive Session and seconded by Commissioner Thomas at 6:34pm. Commissioner Larobina made a MOTION to come out of seconded by Commissioner Thomas at 6:41pm

8) Next candidate was Matthew Grech. Mr. Grech was asked the following questions: Number of employments, discharge from the Army. Mr. Grech answered the questions as follows: Has worked for his current employer for 3.5 years and a part time job for 4 years. He stated that he changed jobs frequently due to his career in IT to get better pay and better promotions. Not a lot of work now for IT fields had a hard time finding a job. He was in the military for less than 6 months he found out his girlfriend was pregnant, his father was diagnosed with dementia and hospitalized. He requested an entry level separation which he was granted.

Commissioner Larobina made a MOTION to go into Executive Session and seconded by Commissioner Thomas at 6:55pm. Commissioner Larobina made a MOTION and seconded by Commissioner Thomas to have Mr. Grech continue with the testing process. All were in favor.

Commissioner Larobina made a MOTION to come out of Executive Session and seconded by Commissioner Thomas at 7:00pm.

Chief J. Fontneau made a requested that we do not go through an appeals process again and from this point forward Internal Affairs will bring to the Commission candidates whom they feel should not go forward with the process and the Commission can review them and put on their letterhead. Commissioner Larobina stated that anyone the Commission would like to see can have them in for an interview.

Commissioner Larobina made a MOTION to remove the following names from the candidates list. All decisions are final:

Matthew Barringer  
Frank DeAngelo  
Stephen DinNapoli  
Alberto Escoffery  
Frank Grillo  
Emily Hirshowitz  
Salvatore Iodice  
James Johnson  
Bryan Moore  
Charles Letezeio  
Michael Rosero  
Brian Wakeman

All were in favor of this MOTION.

Commissioner Larobina made a MOTION to adjourn the meeting seconded by Commissioner Mercede. All were in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:03pm

Respectfully submitted,



Mark Larobina  
Chairman