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Warwick, Rhode Island 02886

BOARD OF PUBLIC SAFETY
May 9, 2023
6:00 p.m.
BOARD OF PUBLIC SAFETY ROOM
SECOND FLOOR, POLICE HEADQUARTERS

MINUTES

At 6:06 p.m. the Board of Public Safety opened its regular session for Tuesday, May 9, 2023. Present were Commander Michael Lima, Chairman Charlie Benson, Vice Chairman Mike Gilbert, Clerk Jim Paolucci, Assistant Solicitor Wyatt Brochu, and Recording Secretary Lisa Ferolito.

1. Call to Order – Board Chairperson
2. Roll Call – See above.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT
REGULAR SESSION**

1. Fire Chief Peter McMichael to recommend transfers, promotions, and retirements. Names to be presented at the meeting.

ACTION: No action was necessary, as there were none to report this evening.

At 6:07 p.m. the Board entered its closed fire session for this agenda.

At 6:15 p.m. the Board closed this session and sealed the minutes.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT
EXECUTIVE SESSION**

1. The Board of Public Safety may convene into Closed / Executive Session to discuss, take possible action, and/or vote pursuant to the relevant requirements of R.I. General Laws § 42-46-5(a) Subsection (1) matters

of personnel - job performance, character, or physical or mental health, regarding: Joseph Simas, application for disability retirement pension benefits. Discussion and/or Potential action, announcement and/or vote(s) from Executive Session and/or Open Session concerning Joseph Simas, application for disability retirement pension benefits.

ACTION: Chairman Benson made a motion to continue this agenda item to another session. Vice Chairman Gilbert seconded the motion. Chairman Benson, Vice Chairman Gilbert, and Clerk Paolucci voted in favor of the motion. Motion approved.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REGULAR SESSION AGENDA

Board Business Police Department - Review, Discussion and/or Potential Action
and/or Vote:

1. The minutes of the Board of Public Safety meeting held on Tuesday, April 25, 2023 to be submitted for approval.

ACTION: Chairman Benson made a motion to approve. Vice Chairman Gilbert seconded the motion. Chairman Benson, Vice Chairman Gilbert, and Clerk Paolucci voted in favor of the motion. Motion approved.

2. Commander Michael Lima to recommend appointments, promotions, transfers and reassignments; names to be submitted and discussed at the meeting.

ACTION: The following reassignment/transfer took place on Monday, May 9, 2023:

Officer Matthew P. Maloney reassigned from the Third Platoon, Uniform Patrol Division, Field Training Officer Program to the Third Platoon, Uniform Patrol Division.

Officer Maxwell C. Poupart from the Third Platoon, Uniform Patrol Division to the Second Platoon, Uniform Patrol Division.

ACTION: Commander Lima recommended approval. Chairman Benson made a motion to approve. Vice Chairman Gilbert seconded the motion. Chairman Benson, Vice Chairman Gilbert, and Clerk Paolucci voted in favor of the motion. Motion approved.

3. Commander Michael Lima to recommend retirements and resignations; names to be submitted and discussed at the meeting.

ACTION: No action was taken, as there were none to report this evening.

LICENSES AND PERMITS

All licenses are subject to receipt of all required paperwork, all State and Local permits, and compliance with all stipulations, rules and regulations as required by the Board of Public Safety.

1. Liquor License (Class F1)

Amy Thomas
Light on the Bay
1 Bay Avenue
May 6, 2023
1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

ACTION: Commander Lima recommended approval with a provisional license issued. Chairman Benson made a motion to approve with a provisional issued. Vice Chairman Gilbert seconded the motion. Chairman Benson, Vice Chairman Gilbert, and Clerk Paolucci voted in favor of the motion. Motion approved.

2. Holiday Sales (New)

David Kosciusko
iBuy4Resale
101 West Natick Road

ACTION: Commander Lima recommended approval pending state tax. Chairman Benson made a motion to approve pending state tax. Vice Chairman Gilbert seconded the motion. Chairman Benson, Vice Chairman Gilbert, and Clerk Paolucci voted in favor of the motion. Motion approved.

3. Second Hand Dealer (Pawn – New)

David Kosciusko
iBuy4Resale
101 West Natick Road

ACTION: Commander Lima recommended approval pending state tax. Chairman Benson made a motion to approve pending state tax. Vice Chairman Gilbert seconded the motion. Chairman Benson, Vice Chairman Gilbert, and Clerk Paolucci voted in favor of the motion. Motion approved.

4. Second Class Victualer

Rob Batista
Hoxsie Four Corp
d/b/a Dunkin
35 West Shore Road

ACTION: Commander Lima recommended approval pending building, fire, city and state tax, and Rhode Island Department of Health approval. Chairman Benson made a motion to approve pending building, fire, city and state taxes, and Rhode Island Department of Health approval. Vice Chairman Gilbert seconded the motion. Chairman Benson, Vice Chairman Gilbert, and Clerk Paolucci voted in favor of the motion. Motion approved.

5. Midnight to 5:00 a.m.

Rob Batista
Hoxsie Four Corp
d/b/a Dunkin
35 West Shore Road

ACTION: Commander Lima recommended approval pending building, fire, city and state tax, and Rhode Island Department of Health approval. Chairman Benson made a motion to approve pending building, fire, city and state tax, and Rhode Island Department of Health approval. Vice Chairman Gilbert seconded the motion. Chairman Benson, Vice Chairman Gilbert, and Clerk Paolucci voted in favor of the motion. Motion approved.

6. Game of Chance/Raffle

Carolyn Scire
West Greenwich Horseman's Assoc.
Being held at Goddard Park
May 6, 2023

ACTION: Commander Lima recommended approval pending Rhode Island State Police approval. Chairman Benson made a motion to approve pending Rhode Island State Police approval. Vice Chairman Gilbert seconded the motion. Chairman Benson, Vice Chairman Gilbert, and Clerk Paolucci voted in favor of the motion. Motion approved.

7. Game of Chance/Raffle

Geri Manning
Saint Elizabeth Community
Being held at Warwick Country Club
June 26, 2023

ACTION: Commander Lima recommended approval. Chairman Benson made a motion to approve. Vice Chairman Gilbert seconded the motion. Chairman Benson, Vice Chairman Gilbert, and Clerk Paolucci voted in favor of the motion. Motion approved.

8. Game of Chance/Raffle

Geri Manning
Saint Elizabeth Community
Being held at Crowne Plaza
September 8, 2023

ACTION: Commander Lima recommended approval pending Rhode Island State Police approval. Chairman Benson made a motion to approve pending Rhode Island State Police approval. Vice Chairman Gilbert seconded the motion. Chairman Benson, Vice Chairman Gilbert, and Clerk Paolucci voted in favor of the motion. Motion approved.

9. Outside Seating

Lucalino, LLC
Crow's Nest
288 Arnolds Neck Drive
May – December, 2023

ACTION: Commander Lima recommended this item be continued to the May 23, 2023 meeting. Chairman Benson made a motion continue this item to the May 23, 2023 meeting. Vice Chairman Gilbert seconded the motion. Chairman Benson, Vice Chairman Gilbert, and Clerk Paolucci voted in favor of the motion. Motion approved.

10. Live Entertainment (Outside)

Lucalino, LLC
Crow's Nest
288 Arnolds Neck Drive
May – December, 2023

ACTION: Commander Lima recommended this item be continued to the May 23, 2023 meeting. Chairman Benson made a motion continue this item to the May 23, 2023 meeting. Vice Chairman Gilbert seconded the motion. Chairman Benson, Vice Chairman Gilbert, and Clerk Paolucci voted in favor of the motion. Motion approved.

11. Outside Seating

Perfectly Fit, Inc.
5800 Post Road
June – October, 2023

ACTION: Commander Lima recommended approval pending building. Chairman Benson made a motion to approve pending building. Vice Chairman Gilbert seconded the motion. Chairman Benson, Vice Chairman Gilbert, and Clerk Paolucci voted in favor of the motion. Motion approved.

12. Live Entertainment (Inside)

Elias Farhat
Top of the Bay Restaurant
898 Oakland Beach Avenue
May – December, 2023

ACTION: Commander Lima recommended approval pending building. Chairman Benson made a motion to approve pending building. Vice Chairman Gilbert seconded the motion. Chairman Benson, Vice Chairman Gilbert, and Clerk Paolucci voted in favor of the motion. Motion approved.

13. Live Entertainment (Outside)

Ronald Manfredo
Oakland Beach Vol. Fire
645 Oakland Beach Avenue
June 2, 2023 – July 2, 2023
1:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

ACTION: Commander Lima recommended approval. Chairman Benson made a motion to approve. Vice Chairman Gilbert seconded the motion. Chairman Benson, Vice Chairman Gilbert, and Clerk Paolucci voted in favor of the motion. Motion approved.

14. Private Detective (Renewal)

James Byrne
Coventbridge Group

ACTION: Commander Lima recommended approval. Chairman Benson made a motion to approve. Vice Chairman Gilbert seconded the motion. Chairman Benson, Vice Chairman Gilbert, and Clerk Paolucci voted in favor of the motion. Motion approved.

15. Food Vendor (Gaspee Days)

Amy Brick
Joseph Brick
JMB Concessions, Inc.
Gaspee Arts & Crafts
May 27-29, 2023

ACTION: Commander Lima recommended approval. Chairman Benson made a motion to approve. Vice Chairman Gilbert seconded the motion. Chairman Benson, Vice Chairman Gilbert, and Clerk Paolucci voted in favor of the motion. Motion approved.

16. Food Peddler

Benjamin Mercer
Cluck Truck

ACTION: Commander Lima recommended approval. Chairman Benson made a motion to approve. Vice Chairman Gilbert seconded the motion. Chairman Benson, Vice Chairman Gilbert, and Clerk Paolucci voted in favor of the motion. Motion approved.

17. Food Peddler

Kristin Kretchman
K&K Refreshments

ACTION: Commander Lima recommended approval pending DBR Mobile Food Establishment permit. Chairman Benson made a motion to approve pending DBR Mobile Food Establishment permit. Vice Chairman Gilbert seconded the motion. Chairman Benson, Vice Chairman Gilbert, and Clerk Paolucci voted in favor of the motion. Motion approved.

18. Food Peddler (MFE)

Derek LaCroix
Poppy's Waffles

ACTION: Commander Lima recommended approval. Chairman Benson made a motion to approve. Vice Chairman Gilbert seconded the motion. Chairman Benson, Vice Chairman Gilbert, and Clerk Paolucci voted in favor of the motion. Motion approved.

19. General Peddler (New)

Michael Reynolds
GND Holdings
d/b/a Mosquito Mike

Badges to:
Saif Pratt
Richard Kossler
Samuel Root

ACTION: Commander Lima recommended approval. Chairman Benson made a motion to approve. Vice Chairman Gilbert seconded the motion. Chairman Benson, Vice Chairman Gilbert, and Clerk Paolucci voted in favor of the motion. Motion approved.

20. Arts & Crafts

Loren Correia
Nurture Holistic Wellness
Women's Expo
Crowne Plaza
May 21, 2023

ACTION: Commander Lima recommended approval. Chairman Benson made a motion to approve. Vice Chairman Gilbert seconded the motion. Chairman Benson, Vice Chairman Gilbert, and Clerk Paolucci voted in favor of the motion. Motion approved.

21. Arts & Crafts

Heather Titus
Whispers to Remember
Women's Expo
Crowne Plaza
May 21, 2023

ACTION: Commander Lima recommended approval. Chairman Benson made a motion to approve. Vice Chairman Gilbert seconded the motion. Chairman Benson, Vice Chairman Gilbert, and Clerk Paolucci voted in favor of the motion. Motion approved.

22. Food Vendor (Daily)

Giovanna Ruscetta
Dolei di Giovanna
Women's Expo
Crowne Plaza
May 21, 2023

ACTION: Commander Lima recommended approval. Chairman Benson made a motion to approve. Chairman Benson made a motion to approve. Vice Chairman Gilbert seconded the motion. Chairman Benson, Vice Chairman Gilbert, and Clerk Paolucci voted in favor of the motion. Motion approved.

23. Arts & Crafts (Gaspee)

Dianan Veyera
Moby D. Designs
May 27-29, 2023

ACTION: Commander Lima recommended approval. Chairman Benson made a motion to approve. Vice Chairman Gilbert seconded the motion. Chairman Benson, Vice Chairman Gilbert, and Clerk Paolucci voted in favor of the motion. Motion approved.

24. Bazaar

Ruth Napolitano
Friends of Warwick Animal Shelter
May 13, 2023
2348 Post Road

ACTION: Commander Lima recommended approval pending building, fire, and traffic. Chairman Benson made a motion to approve pending building, fire, and traffic. Vice Chairman Gilbert seconded the motion. Chairman Benson, Vice Chairman Gilbert, and Clerk Paolucci voted in favor of the motion. Motion approved.

25. Bazaar

Scott Nerney
Cat Scratcher Guy
May 13, 2023
2348 Post Road

ACTION: Commander Lima recommended approval pending traffic. Chairman Benson made a motion to approve pending traffic. Vice Chairman Gilbert seconded the motion. Chairman Benson, Vice Chairman Gilbert, and Clerk Paolucci voted in favor of the motion. Motion approved.

26. Daily Peddler (Gaspee Days)

Dwayne Davis
Northeast Novelty
Gaspee Arts & Crafts
May 27-29, 2023

ACTION: Commander Lima recommended approval. Chairman Benson made a motion to approve. Vice Chairman Gilbert seconded the motion. Chairman Benson, Vice Chairman Gilbert, and Clerk Paolucci voted in favor of the motion. Motion approved.

27. Peddler (Gaspee Days)

Northeast Novelty
Gaspee Days Parade
June 10, 2023

Badges to:

Robin Levasseur
Maria Reis
Steven Yuppa
Jordan Fidalgo
Matthew DoSantos
Justin Pena
Neiko Ward
Rebecca Mullen
Susana Arruda-Fidalgo
Gina Cruz

ACTION: Commander Lima recommended approval. Chairman Benson made a motion to approve. Vice Chairman Gilbert seconded the motion. Chairman Benson, Vice Chairman Gilbert, and Clerk Paolucci voted in favor of the motion. Motion approved.

28. Block Party

Greater Warwick Lions Club
Oakland Beach Pavilion
Tuesday Car Shows
May 16-September 19, 2023

ACTION: Commander Lima recommended approval. Chairman Benson made a motion to approve. Vice Chairman Gilbert seconded the motion. Chairman Benson, Vice Chairman Gilbert, and Clerk Paolucci voted in favor of the motion. Motion approved.

29. Block Party

Greenwood Elementary PTO
93 Sharon Street
May 21, 2023
12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

ACTION: Commander Lima recommended approval pending traffic. Chairman Benson made a motion to approve pending traffic. Vice Chairman Gilbert seconded the motion. Chairman Benson, Vice Chairman Gilbert, and Clerk Paolucci voted in favor of the motion. Motion approved.

30. Parade

Lori Eaton
Tri City Elks Lodge #14
1915 West Shore Road
Jeep Nights – Tuesdays
May 16 – September 30, 2023

ACTION: Commander Lima recommended approval pending fire. Chairman Benson made a motion to approve pending fire. Vice Chairman Gilbert seconded the motion. Chairman Benson, Vice Chairman Gilbert, and Clerk Paolucci voted in favor of the motion. Motion approved.

31. Parade

Lori Eaton
Tri City Elks Lodge #14
Antique Car Shows – Thursdays
May 25 – September 30, 2023

ACTION: Commander Lima recommended approval pending fire. Chairman Benson made a motion to approve pending fire. Vice Chairman Gilbert seconded the motion. Chairman Benson, Vice Chairman Gilbert, and Clerk Paolucci voted in favor of the motion. Motion approved.

32. Parade

Corine Devine
Ollie's Pub
Car Show

June 11, 2023
1:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

ACTION: Commander Lima recommended approval. Chairman Benson made a motion to approve. Vice Chairman Gilbert seconded the motion. Chairman Benson, Vice Chairman Gilbert, and Clerk Paolucci voted in favor of the motion. Motion approved.

33. Pool Tables (New)

Sky High Social Club, LLC
d/b/a Sky High Social Club
1711 Warwick Avenue

ACTION: Commander Lima recommended approval pending building, fire, city and state tax. Chairman Benson made a motion to approve pending building, fire, city and state tax. Vice Chairman Gilbert seconded the motion. Chairman Benson, Vice Chairman Gilbert, and Clerk Paolucci voted in favor of the motion. Motion approved.

34. Request heard from Bryan Woodward, 1055 Narragansett Parkway, to receive an exception to City Ordinance O-11-5, Sec. 4-11, allowing him to house more than three dogs.

Chairman Benson: Um, okay, uh, do you want to start the questioning?

Vice Chairman Gilbert: Do you want to hear from the home owner?

Chairman Benson: Yeah.

Mr. Bryan Woodward: Yeah, so we've been at the home for five and a half years. We've always had dogs on the property. We apologize. We were completely unaware of the three dog rule. No one ever told us. We never even thought to look it up. We also, we got married and merged families. So, our dogs are as follows: I brought two into the relationship. One will be 13 in a few months and has some health issues that we're dealing with. She doesn't do a whole lot besides sleep and eat. The other one just turned nine yesterday. She doesn't have health issues, but she also just sleeps and eats.

Clerk Paolucci [Interposing]: What are the breeds, if I can just interrupt.

Mr. Woodward: Australian Cattle dog and a Hound mixture. My wife brought a, she had, or has a six year old Terrier mix. She is - -

Mrs. Woodward [Interposing]: She used to be a registered, uh, emotional support pet when I lived in an apartment. I never felt the need to renew it, as I moved into a house with my husband.

Mr. Woodward: She's scared of everything and just likes to hang out with her family. She also likes to play with my dogs. As my dogs have gotten older, they don't want to play anymore. So, we got the fourth dog so that Charlie would have a buddy to play with.

Chairman Benson: When did you get the fourth dog?

Mr. Woodward: Over three years ago.

Chairman Benson: How old is that dog?

Mr. Woodward: She's three.

Chairman Benson: Okay.

Mr. Woodward: So all four of them have been with us since they were puppies, with one of us or both of us in some capacity.

Mrs. Woodward: Then the fifth one was our oopsie dog.

Mr. Woodward: So, the fifth dog, we had no intention of adding any more. He, uh - -

Mrs. Woodward [Interposing]: Wasn't supposed to stay.

Mr. Woodward: He's been there about a year and a half.

Chairman Benson: How old?

Mr. Woodward: I'm sorry?

Chairman Benson: How old?

Mr. Woodward: He's about three as well. Um, he used to belong to a former coworker and friend of my wife. Long story short, he was being abused. He was being held in a crate up to 16 hours a day, and malnourished. He was being beaten. The goal with him was to - -

Mrs. Woodward [Interposing]: He was supposed to go live with my brother in Florida.

Mr. Woodward: Get him healthy and then get him a home. It took really, it just took up until recently where he's just overcoming. It was bad. I would reach out just to pet his head and he would cringe because he expected to be hit. We didn't feel like we would have trusted anybody else to help him through that. He's doing really well. He's really happy to kind of be free for the first time, because he literally was in his crate all day while his former owner was at work or out on the town. She was in an abusive relationship, and I think they were both also abusing him. She knows a little bit more about that stuff than me.

Mrs. Woodward: That's the gist.

Chairman Benson: The first three year old that you got three years ago, what kind of dog is it?

Mr. Woodward: It's like a Cane Corso mixed with something else.

Mrs. Woodward: We have no idea.

Chairman Benson: How about this last one?

Mr. Woodward: He's a Beagle mixed with a Cattle Dog. He's a paprika looking. He's a sweet boy. He likes to cuddle. He just was very mistreated. By the time he came through all that, we just didn't think it would be good for him to move again.

Mrs. Woodward: He's still in training.

Clerk Paolucci: Can you tell us a little bit about your lifestyle; working days, working nights, how the dogs are maintained?

Mr. Woodward: Yeah, so I work at home. So, I'm always there. Our dogs are, it's fairly regiment. They go out usually, we don't let them out until after 8:00 a.m. and they usually don't usually go out after 8:00 p.m. or 9:00 p.m., and if they do it's one at a time. Our house doesn't make noise after 9:00 p.m. We were laying in bed a few weeks ago, and we could hear dogs in the neighborhood barking.

Mrs. Woodward: Unless our doorbell goes off.

Mr. Woodward: Yeah, no one rings our doorbell at that time. Our dogs are, they go to sleep and it's quiet all night.

Mrs. Woodward: They have a routine. They have a set - -

Mr. Woodward [Interposing]: Our yard is fenced. They're not roaming the streets.

Chairman Benson: The entire yard?

Mrs. Woodward: It's a six foot - -

Mr. Woodward [Interposing]: The entire back yard. It's a six foot high fence. There's no access to the outside road.

Chairman Benson: Stockade fence?

Mr. Woodward: It's white, you see them at Lowe's.

Mrs. Woodward: Yeah. We took our grass out. We noticed last summer or the summer before that it started to smell like pee. It's hard to hose the pee out, so we took our grass out and put gravel in, which I think has helped immensely. We did that mostly for the benefit of our neighbor, knowing that the door he comes in and out of is over by where our fence is. We could smell the pee and we didn't want anyone else to smell the pee, so we took that out, did that, highly recommend. We try really hard to keep them

situated. It's just, it's when they play they bark. When they bark, I guess recently it has become a problem.

Chairman Benson: You are one of the neighbors?

Gentleman in Audience: Yes, I live on 91 Danforth. It's a stones throw right directly where the white fence is. My driveway is right there, where we pull in. My house abuts their property.

Chairman Benson: Could you just state your name for the record?

Mr. David Narcavage: My name is David Narcavage. Just to give you a little history of myself. I work for the Warwick School Department. I help Russ Brown with the Warwick PAL boxing program. I coach Warwick Warriors basketball. I'm currently coaching little league. My son is nine years old. I live at the house with my wife and my nine year old son. As far as this instance, it wasn't brought to my attention; I'm the kind of guy who says we have a nice neighborhood, everyone gets along, we have dogs, you know, no problem. We have two dogs; my next door neighbor has two dogs. They bark ten to fifteen minutes at a time. No problem. I'm an animal lover. I love dogs. I love animals. It was brought to my attention maybe a year ago that they had five dogs living there. Not my problem. It doesn't concern me. You want to do whatever you want in your house, that's fine. As I was taking the Christmas lights off the house in February, I was up on the ladder and, you know, its not like they're vicious, vicious dog that were barking. Again, I know animals. Looking at me, I'm looking down and I thought look at this. One of them is a Pitbull, he's got some Pitbull in him, I can see it. So, I'm kind of amazed by it because, you know, five dogs. Then I'm looking around the yard, and I counted 30 feces droppings. You know, I mean, and again, you want to do what you want to do at your house, that's fine. But again, other neighbors were saying he's got five dogs and you hear the barking. I've had neighbors approach me. David, are those your dogs barking? No, no they're not my dogs. So, again, there's a lot of concern in the neighborhood with this. When people go in to Narragansett Parkway area; a friendly neighborhood. I go to my garbage cans. My son is even saying, "Daddy, are they going to jump over the fence?" He loves being in the yard, and now I have him saying that to me. We've got other kids in the neighborhood, other couples walking their dogs, what's going on over here. Again, I don't care what you do on your property. That's your right. But, when there's poop smell, urine smell, and vicious dogs. I go up to, I'm hardly ever home. I'm either working with the kids after school or working with the kids in school. Nobody should be subjected to that. It's not like we're living in Coventry on acres and acres. It's not like they're little dogs barking. It's vicious. You can hear them coming when you're walking, and again, my son doesn't want to walk near the fence or go throw the garbage out because ruh, ruh, ruh, ruh. It's not little dogs like I have next door, which is fine with me. I have a dog across the street. It's fine. But again, it's constant, throughout the day. I come home from work. One after another, one after another. If it's not one, it's two, it's five. Again, if the ordinance says your disturbing the peace, that's what it is. Again, I'm pretty laid back, but this has been going on since February. Again, everybody in the neighborhood knows. What's going on with those dogs? So, again, I'm sorry I got a little testy, but its getting out of control and I believe, and again, I counted 30 feces in the backyard. I went a week later; still there, and I believe the gravel is like a septic system. They don't want to pick it up so it's like a leach field. That's it. So that's my case, and I'm surprised there's not more people here. I know you've got a few letters. I'm just speaking my peace. Again, it's a peaceful neighborhood. Everybody gets along, and that's all I want to say.

Chairman Benson: Okay. Um, you didn't mention any of these dogs were part Pitbull. Are any of them part Pitbull?

Mrs. Woodward: They're, the DNA tests we've done, they're Terrier mix. The one that I had as a service dog is a Terrier mix. Um, the other one is a Cane Corso mix. Um, in terms of the feces, if I may respond. My husband goes out to clean up the poop from our dogs every day, if not every other day. It's in our routine. It's a thing that we're doing. We never leave it out there. It's never out there for more than one or two days. Ever. If you saw feces, it's new. Our routine has been obviously interrupted, he's one. We've been getting back into; our dogs have never once escaped the yard. We've never once had neighbors come to us to let us know that they've gotten too rowdy. We're more than willing to work with people. We both used to live in apartment, he had a condo, I had an apartment. We understand wanting to feel comfortable in your home. So, having someone come to us and say hey during this time of the day is when I have, I work from home, whatever, whatever. We have plenty of space. We have different areas where we put our dogs. When we need it to be quiet, my husband works from home. He takes phone calls from home. I recently went back to school so I need quiet for studying. We are able to do that; we've just never once been approached by our neighbors. I know the second time that we've had someone come over from, and mind you, in these five years that we've been living here, we've never had any animal control come to our house. So, the second lady that came. I don't remember her name. I actually gave her my number. We're not scary people. Knock on the door and say hey we need this; we'll work with people. We have no problem with that. If the neighborhood is friendly, we haven't seen evidence of that; so, we haven't in any way shown aggression towards anybody. I mean, I'm definitely noticing the dirty looks now that everybody has gotten together and chit chatted, but that's fine. We're moving. We're in the process of building a house. We won't be in Warwick much longer, hopefully. In terms of getting this house on the ground; it's in process. We're about to go to bid for it. We have the land and everything. We take really good care of our animals. If our dogs are barking, it's because they're playing. Dogs bark when they play. Dogs sound vicious when they play. They're not vicious. My dogs have never hurt anybody. They've never even got outside of the fence. We barely take them out for walks, because at this point if you're getting dirty looks you don't want to do that. Yes, that's really what I have to say on that.

Chairman Benson: I just want to say; we did get some emails from neighbors, three of them. I just want to read them into the record. First one, these are addressed to Heather Kelly of the Police Department. Heather, I am writing to remonstrate against the variance proposed by Bryan Woodward of 1055 Narragansett Parkway to have more than three dogs. As an abutting neighbor within 200 feet, I feel the noise and nuisance level from the dogs in the neighborhood is already past its peak. I would like to remain anonymous in this opposition. Thank you, a concerned neighbor. The second one was addressed to Warwick Licensing, I would imagine the Board of Public Safety. We received a certified letter regarding the request of the occupants of 1055 Narragansett Parkway to possess more than three dogs on their property. We will not be able to attend the scheduled meeting in person, but would appreciate if our concerns and opposition be filed in response to this letter. We have a young child, with another baby due this November, and are very concerned about this number of dogs in this proximity to our home. Not only is the property size quite small for this many animals, but we would want to ensure that "bully" breeds are not among them, particularly in these numbers. If these animals were to escape their fence, they would be very difficult to control. While I do not know the breeds of these dogs, the barking that we hear during the day would suggest that they are quite large, and could pos a serious danger if they

were to escape their yard. As such, we strongly oppose this request being granted. The final one was sent to Licensing. This email is to remonstrate Bryan Woodward of 1055 Narragansett Parkway's request to keep more than three dogs on his premise. Concerns are the following: 1. Excessive barking: For several months, the dogs are left outside barking for long periods of time starting from 7:30 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. daily. Sometimes the barking has undertones that resemble an attacking or aggressive nature. Dogs will aggressively bark and follow along the fence property line as members of our household are outside. 2. Dog feces: Feces' strong smell permeates our yard. Dog feces attract rats, which have been an ongoing issue in our city. 3. Yard size: the lot size is around 5000 square feet, and the fenced in portion is roughly half of that. Having a small yard with over three dogs increases the barking volume and dog feces making it sound and smell like a dog kennel. 4. Safety: The dogs are a breed or Pit or mixed with Pit. With many young children in the area, this poses an increased safety issue if the dogs were to get out. It would be difficult to restrain or subdue more than three dogs whose barking has aggressive undertones. We ask the board to please consider these factors when reviewing the request to license additional dogs. Do you have any comments or questions?

Clerk Paolucci: Do you have specific plans to move and when?

Mrs. Woodward: We haven't gone to bid yet. We're in the process of getting that situated to do that. So, we don't have like a specific timeline just yet. We're hoping in the next couple of weeks that we'll have an idea for that. Um, I thought, I was told that Heather was going to be here. She told me to also mention that my dogs are in ongoing training. I have the two dogs that are the most excitable. They're doing e-collar training. I'm not sure if anybody's familiar with that. It's a method of training in which in emergencies you have like a shock button. It's not a shock, it's like a muscle twitch. Um, it redirects the dogs direction to you if they're too far away from you. I've never had to use that because they've never been far away from me, but they are all in ongoing training. We've worked with a woman. I forgot her name. She actually works pretty consistently with bully breeds. She's amazing. Highly recommend. But, our Cane Corso mix has already gone through training with her. We're going to put our Georgie, our oopsie dog, in training with her real soon, now that my semester has ended. There's no specific dates in moving just yet, but we're hopeful to get a timeline really soon.

Vice Chairman Gilbert: Do you have any documentation from this woman that you're working with regarding the ongoing training?

Mrs. Woodward: I don't. I just finished my semester, I got a root canal. I can get it for you, but I just don't. I have her information.

Vice Chairman Gilbert: What's her information. What's her name?

Mr. Woodward: Sue Parker.

Vice Chairman Gilbert: Does she own a - -

Mr. Woodward [Interposing]: Dynamic Dog Training.

Vice Chairman Gilbert: How long have you been working with her?

Mrs. Woodward: She worked with Harbor when we first got her, and, again, she hasn't worked with George yet. My semester just ended. Now that it's ended, I finished my last exam yesterday.

Vice Chairman Gilbert: So, what is the basis for you requesting an exemption to the three dog requirement, other than the not being aware that it was in place?

Mrs. Woodward: Well we didn't know that it was in place. We also merged families. But, these are our fur children. We didn't realize that it was becoming such an upstir in the neighborhood. Again, we would love to work with our neighbors to kind of fix this situation. I didn't realize that it was so disruptive. Again, we are not the only people with dogs in the neighborhood. Our dogs have never been outside for longer than 15, 20 minutes; and, in most cases, I'm sitting in the doorway, and they're playing. Um.

Vice Chairman Gilbert: What would be your plan if you had to rehouse any of these dogs? You mentioned dog number five. I think you called him your oopsie dog. What would be your plans to rehouse either the oopsie dog or potentially one other.

Mrs. Woodward: They would need to go and stay somewhere until we moved.

Vice Chairman Gilbert: It that something that, if this Board finds a violation of the ordinance and orders that you downsize your population, that you would be able to do? Or, would it create a hardship?

Mrs. Woodward: It would create a hardship. I'm not sure who; all my family is in Florida. Our support systems up here, I don't really, um. I, I, maybe boarding. That would be really expensive. I don't know, but, those are our children, in fur form. So, we would have to find something.

Vice Chairman Gilbert: Mr. Narcavage, you mentioned some of the barking issues that have been going on. First of all, have you ever made any reports to the Police Department, to Animal Control yourself?

Mr. Narcavage: Yes, I did.

Vice Children Gilbert: Okay. How many times would you estimate you're called?

Mr. Narcavage: Once.

Vice Chairman Gilbert: One time?

Mr. Narcavage: Yes.

Vice Chairman Gilbert: Okay. Was the barking just due to the constant barking or time of day?

Mr. Narcavage: Again, it was brought to my attention when I was taking the Christmas lights down. Five. Just staring at me just barking. And then my son is out in the yard playing, "Oh Daddy, are they going to get out, are they going to get out?" He doesn't even like going to that side when we leave the house. He's

like, “I’ve got to stay away.” Again, he’s nine years old. For me to hear that, that’s really sad. That’s really sad for a father.

Vice Chairman Gilbert: So any of the instances, when you called, was is just constant barking or was it time of day or night?

Mr. Narcavage: It’s constant barking. It was probably about 2:00 p.m.

Vice Chairman Gilbert: Are you aware of any instances of complaints after hours?

Mr. Narcavage: Yeah, there’s been around between 9:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m., probably around 9:30 p.m.

Vice Chairman Gilbert: Do you know of any instances where these animals have gotten out of the yard?

Mr. Narcavage: No.

Vice Chairman Gilbert: Ever bitten anyone or attacked anyone?

Mr. Narcavage: No.

Vice Chairman Gilbert: Got out of their enclosure in any way, shape, or form?

Mr. Narcavage: No.

Vice Chairman Gilbert: No. okay.

Chairman Benson: I’m concerned about. You own the land.

Mrs. Woodward: Yes.

Chairman Benson: I know a couple of people right now that are building, and their estimated time frame, and they’ve already closed on all of the stuff and have the builders in place, is almost two years. A year and a half to two years.

Mrs. Woodward: I hate that.

Chairman Benson: So, it’s not going to be an easy road, so I don’t think you’re going to be out of Warwick anytime soon, to be honest with you. So, we’ve been by the house. We know where the house is. It is a very small yard. Um, you know, we have it on the map right here. It’s a very confined area. It’s something that uh, the problem is there’s an ordinance with three dogs. That’s the law, obviously, I understand. I’m a dog over myself. But, the ordinance is there for a reason. Anybody have anything else?

Clerk Paolucci: I don’t. I’d say to possibly give them a short time frame for them to possibly comply with the ordinance. They might have to reduce the dogs in that time frame.

Chairman Benson: Suggestions, Mike?

Vice Chairman Gilbert: Maybe we don't render a decision tonight and maybe give the homeowners a reasonable amount of time for them to come up with a plan. They're in violation of the ordinance as I see it now. We understand, obviously, as a Board the personal side of this. We understand the neighbors personal side of it, just like you have your personal side of it. But, the fact of the matter is, nothing that you've told us here tonight creates a valid legal reason for us to look at exempting you guys from. You mentioned about possibly trying to rehouse one of the dogs initially, which would bring you from five to four. So, I don't know if providing you a reasonable amount of time to come up with a plan so that you could come in to compliance. If that's something you'd want to entertain rather than us rendering a finding of anything prior.

Chairman Benson: We could make a finding and give them like 60 days, like Jim mentioned, to do whatever you need to do to come into compliance.

Vice Chairman Gilbert: The ordinance doesn't allow for any personal feelings, or they're nice dogs verses mean dogs. That's not really at issue here today. We're not really talking about your dogs biting people. This is not a vicious dog hearing, we're simply hearing the facts of the ordinance being three dogs is what the allowable ordinance is, and you've got five. Unfortunately, there's really no variance there, and there's been no testimony or evidence provided that would - -

Chairman Benson [Interposing]: And we do understand because we have the report of when the dog officer came out there. We know that you take good care of those dogs. We know they're up to date with all their shots. We've had other situations like this that were completely opposite of you. So, you're obviously very good dog owners. So, like Mike said, unfortunately there is the ordinance. There's really nothing here that we're able to do around it, as sad as that may be. We do want to give you time. We're not going to say you need to get rid of those dogs by next week. Do you want to make a motion?

Clerk Paolucci: I guess we could give them x amount of time. Dog control has been out there. We have a written report on the property. Document that. We talked to the neighbors. If we give that window, something has to change.

Chairman Benson: I'm thinking if we. Obviously, I think we're all convinced that we have to apply the ordinance to this situation. But, because you people are good dog owners, any now you know the concerns of it, if we give you a period of time to actually take care of the situation, and maybe during this time you could work better with the neighbors to try to mitigate some of the things. If you're not able to do it, let's say in 60 days, if we find out you are going to try to cooperate. We're not going to, if we decided to, you know the ordinance is the ordinance, and that's all there is. We're not changing that, but we may give you an extra couple of weeks. We can't let it go on forever, especially with the summer coming up. People enjoying their yards and doing this stuff.

ACTION: Chairman Benson made a motion to enforce the ordinance with three dogs. The homeowners are given a 60 day period for them to come up with a solution to the problem. Vice Chairman Gilbert seconded the motion. Chairman Benson, Vice Chairman Gilbert, and Clerk Paolucci voted in favor of the motion. Motion approved.

Mr. Woodward: Which dogs would you like us to get rid of? The 13 year old that's probably going to die soon? The 9 year old that spends 95 percent of her day in the house?

Mrs. Woodward: Bryan.

Mr. Woodward: What? No one ever came to check with us. No one knocked on our door. We've been there five and a half years. No one said, "Hey, the barking is a little loud."

Mrs. Woodward: Bryan, stop.

Mr. Woodward: Stop what? Are you happy? That's our family.

Chairman Benson: So you have the 60 days. I think the Board, by granting you the 60 days. I know it's a difficult thing. We can't make a decision and I understand where you're coming from, but you have to be in compliance with the ordinance. The ordinance is there for a reason.

Mrs. Woodward: Yeah, 60 days is generous. Thank you.

At 7:29 p.m. the regular police session was closed.

At 7:30 p.m. the Board opened its executive session.

POLICE DEPARTMENT EXECUTIVE SESSION AGENDA

1. Board Business - Review, Discussion and/or Potential Action and/or Vote; Possible Motion(s) to convene into Closed/Executive Session; The Board of Public Safety may convene into Closed / Executive Session to discuss, take possible action, and/or vote pursuant to the relevant requirements of R.I. General Laws § 42-46-5(a) Subsection (3) regarding matters of security – Applications pursuant to R.I. General Laws § 11-47-11 and City of Warwick Ordinance Article IV, Division 1, Sec. 6-72: Concealed Carry Weapon Permit. Discussion and/or Potential Action and/or Vote from Executive Session concerning the following Applications:

- a. Applicant 1 – Request for Weapons Carry Permit (RENEWAL - EXECUTIVE)

ACTION: Chairman Benson made a motion to approve. Vice Chairman Gilbert seconded the motion. Chairman Benson, Vice Chairman Gilbert, and Clerk Paolucci voted in favor of the motion. Motion approved.

- b. Applicant 2 – Request for Weapons Carry Permit (NEW - EXECUTIVE)

ACTION: Chairman Benson made a motion to approve. Vice Chairman Gilbert seconded the motion. Chairman Benson, Vice Chairman Gilbert, and Clerk Paolucci voted in favor of the motion. Motion approved.

At 7:44 p.m. the Board closed the executive session and sealed the minutes.

At 7:45 p.m. the Board read the votes into the record and adjourned.

At 7:46 p.m. the Board reentered executive session.

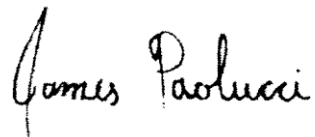
At 8:25 p.m. the Board closed the executive session and sealed the minutes.

At 8:26 p.m. the vote was read into the record and the meeting was adjourned.

FIRE DEPARTMENT EXECUTIVE SPECIAL SESSION

1. The Board of Public Safety may convene into Closed / Executive Session to discuss, take possible action, and/or vote pursuant to the relevant requirements of R.I. General Laws § 42-46-5(a) Subsection (1) matters of personnel - job performance, character, or physical or mental health, regarding: Philip Doar, application for disability retirement pension benefits. Discussion and/or Potential action, announcement and/or vote(s) from Executive Session and/or Open Session concerning Philip Doar, application for disability retirement pension benefits.

ACTION: Chairman Benson made a motion to approve the disability pension of Mr. Philip Doar, effective June 1, 2022. Vice Chairman Gilbert seconded the motion. Chairman Benson, Vice Chairman Gilbert, and Clerk Paolucci voted in favor of the motion. Motion approved.



Jim Paolucci, Clerk