

**MINUTES
BOARD OF SELECTMEN EMERGENCY MEETING
MAY 25, 2016 at 1:30PM**

CALL TO ORDER/OPENING

Chairwoman Provencher called the meeting to order at 1:34pm. Chair Dianna Provencher, Vice Chair Douglas Belanger, 2nd Vice Chair Sandra Wilson, Selectman Harry Brooks, Selectman Thomas E. Buckley, III, Town Administrator Kevin Mizikar and Assistant to the Town Administrator Kristen Forsberg were in attendance.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

No members of the public provided comment

1. NEW BUSINESS

a. Declaration of Town Day of Mourning – Friday 5/27/2016

A motion was made by Mr. Belanger and seconded by Mr. Buckley to declare Friday, May 27th 2016 a town-wide day of mourning to remember the life, service and sacrifice of Officer Ronald Tarentino Jr. who was mortally wounded in the line of duty on Sunday, May 22nd, 2016. Officer Tarentino was a resident of the Town of Leicester and served our community both in and out of uniform. He served with the Leicester Police Department for 7 years and was a dedicated and professional police officer who strongly believed in public safety and public service. The Board of Selectmen encourages the community to continue to honor his life and remember his service. The motion carried unanimously.

b. Discussion of Services Related to Funeral of Fallen Officer Tarentino

Mr. Mizikar discussed the service schedule and road impacts for the funeral of Officer Tarentino. The wake will be held from 2-7pm on Thursday at St. Joseph's church in Charlton and is open to the public. The funeral will be held on Friday at 11am at St. Joseph's church in Charlton and is open to the public but the burial at Greenville Baptist Church is private. To facilitate the burial, Pleasant Street from Rt.56 to River Street will be closed from 12pm-4pm on Friday. Two Code Red calls will go out to residents informing them of this road closure. The school department is arranging bussing plans due to the road closures and side street detours.

Dr. Paolucci thanked all members of the School Dept. who worked hard to support students and members of the family of Officer Tarentino. On Friday, LHS students will be related at 10am and AA Transportation will provide transportation at no charge to bring students home so students, families and staff can attend the services. Staff have agreed to help cover the duties of other staff who plan to attend the services. A letter has been sent out to families. K-8 will remain in school all day to help with families who wish to attend but do not have childcare.

Ms. Provencher stated that both Leicester and Auburn lost a great officer and a great person. Both feel hurt and our thoughts and prayers are with the family.

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Belanger and seconded by Mr. Buckley at 1:42pm. The motion carried unanimously.