



EAST HAVEN DEPARTMENT OF POLICE SERVICES

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Mayor Joseph A. Carfora



Honorable Board of
Police Commissioners

HONORABLE BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

JUNE 29, 2021 AT 7:00 PM
471 NORTH HIGH STREET
EAST HAVEN, CT

COMMISSIONER(S) PRESENT: Chairman Paul Carbo (presiding), Vice Chairman Dominic Balletto, Commissioner Diane Romans, Commissioner Joseph DiSilvestro [*joined the meeting at 7:07 PM*], Commissioner Barbara Barbuito

ALSO PRESENT: Chief Edward Lennon, Deputy Chief Patrick Tracy, Captain Joseph Murgio, Citizen(s)

Chairman Carbo called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM.

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Moment of Silence
3. Roll Call – Clerk Maldonado; quorum obtained
4. Announcement(s)
5. Consider and act upon the approval of the regular Monthly Meeting minutes of May 25, 2021
Vice Chairman Balletto made a motion to accept and approve the regular Monthly Meeting minutes of May 25, 2021 as received; seconded by Commissioner Romans. All in favor. No one opposed or abstained. Motion carried.
6. Consider and act upon the approval of the Monthly Reports (June 2021)
Vice Chairman Balletto made a motion to accept the monthly reports as received; seconded by Commissioner Romans. All in favor. No one opposed or abstained. Motion carried.
7. Consider and act upon Committee Reports & Recommendations
Commissioner Romans will join the Alarms Committee.
8. Public Comment
 - a. Karen Martin (15 Oak Grove Road)
 - i. Golf Carts – Seeks any updated information on the golf cart issue from last meeting. She spoke with an attorney who agreed with her that the state authorizes municipalities to permit – so in reality, that really means that the state is authorizing the municipality to form an ordinance which we do not have. Chief Lennon believes that the statute allows the local traffic authority to approve or

disapprove. Vice Chairman Balletto mentioned that this issue is under review with the Traffic & Public Safety Committee.

Ms. Martin states that she can show pictures and video of children driving golf carts all over Cosey Beach Avenue, up and down the hills, [inaudible], Second Avenue. There was a motion that led her to think that the child driving was drinking a beer by the way he acted but she did not see the can. Again, the state statute clearly states that a legal drivers license is required to drive a golf cart on Town roads. Also, home owner's insurance does not cover golf carts once off property. Who is liable for damage done to someone else's property? Any kind of regulation would be helpful.

9. Correspondence Received/Sent

All correspondence is distributed to the Board in advance of the meeting for review.

- a. Linda Abbott (53 Laurel Street), Hand-delivered June 16, 2021 – Speeding and reckless driving on Laurel Street is increasing. She seeks immediate rectification and traffic enforcement.
- b. Robert Carlo (7 Cambridge Court), dated June 14, 2021 – Deputy Chief Tracy advised that several items in the letter have already been addressed. Specifically, the parking enforcement program is under the purview of the Board. Mr. Carlo was concerned that permit parking signs would be erected along this very narrow street. Because a portion of the road is considered a fire lane, DC Tracy along with Assistant Chief Licata, visited the site and it was determined that the [permit parking] signage is not necessary in this area which is already enforceable by a marked fire lane. However, the [fire lane] signs are faded and will be replaced by Traffic Maintenance.
- c. Elizabeth Streeto (200 Tyler Street) – Request for traffic enforcement and speed bumps at the intersection of Bradley, Tyler, and French Avenues. Seniors have no signage or caution “seniors walking” and no cross walks marked on the street.
- d. Retirement Notification Letter – will be addressed under Item 12.a.

Item ‘c’ will be deferred to the Traffic & Public Safety Committee for review/consideration.

Regarding Laurel Street, Chief Lennon ran the statistics on Laurel Street today which actually indicated traffic enforcement should be deployed in other areas.

[An unidentified gentleman – later recognized as John Sullo – entered the meeting and was given the opportunity to address the Board. After a lengthy explanation and subsequent discussion, it was determined that his issue did not fall under the purview of the Board of Police Commissioners. Mr. Sullo blames former Police Chiefs for causing his business to close and informed the Board that he was not going to let this go – he was going ‘full throttle’ and continued to plead his case.]

Vice Chairman Balletto clarified that there was nothing the Board could do in this matter and made a motion to move on with the agenda; seconded by Commissioner DiSilvestro.

10. Department Updates (Chief Lennon)

a. Personnel Matters/Injured Employees

Currently, one (1) sworn personnel on long-term injury; three (3) sworn personnel have been cleared to return to light duty in the coming days.

b. Overtime

In the process of closing fiscal year 2020-2021 and transitioning to the next fiscal year. Will have a better update for the next meeting.

c. Awards & Commendations

Fifty-eight (58) awards were recently conferred as follows: Eighteen (18) Letters of Recognition; five (5) Commendations, thirty-three (33) Unit Citations and two (2) Medals of Merit. This brings awards current through the first quarter of 2021.

Vice Chairman Balletto requested that the Board be invited the next time awards are conferred so they may express their thanks and appreciation.

Chief Lennon noted that we would like to have a formal award ceremony some time in the future.

d. Noteworthy News

11. Old Business

12. New Business

a. Consider and act upon the retirement of Officer Jonathan Andino

Clerk Maldonado read the Retirement Notification from Officer Jonathan Andino dated and effective June 24, 2021.

Vice Chairman Balletto made a motion to accept the retirement of Officer Andino; seconded by Commissioner DiSilvestro. Roll Call: All in favor. No one opposed or abstained. Motion carried.

b. Request a certified Police Officer – Grade C Lateral Transfer list from the Civil Service Commission

Vice Chairman Balletto made a motion to request a certified Police Officer – Grade C Lateral Transfer list from the Civil Service Commission; seconded by Commissioner DiSilvestro. All in favor. No one opposed or abstained. Motion carried.

c. Discussion and approval of new policies 217.1 (Behavioral Health Assessment) and 218.1 (Controlled Substance Screening)

Vice Chairman Balletto made a motion to approve new policies 217.1 (Behavioral Health Assessment) and 218.1 (Controlled Substance Screening) with an effective date of July 15, 2021; seconded by Commissioner DiSilvestro. All in favor. No one opposed or abstained. Motion carried.

Discussion about the new marijuana law effective July 1, 2021 ensued. Chief Lennon spoke about the immediate and longer-term impacts of the law as well as the in-service training that would be required. It will be challenging for the next several months.

d. Brothers' Harley-Davidson Dream Ride – August 22, 2021

Clerk Maldonado advised the Board that the Dream Ride Event Coordinator submitted a request seeking approval from the Local Traffic Authority (LTA) along with the Certificate of Liability naming the Town as an additional insured. An authorization letter was sent to the Event Coordinator. The 2021 Dream Ride will be the weekend of August 20 - 22, 2021 and will come through East Haven on Sunday, August 22, 2021 en route to the Farmington Polo Club in Farmington, CT. The motorcycle ride anticipates 30 riders from Brothers' Harley-Davidson in Branford, CT. Dream Ride supports the Special Olympics.

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13. Adjournment

Vice Chairman Balletto made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Commissioners Romans and DiSilvestro.
Chairman Carbo adjourned the meeting at 7:29 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Marsha M. Maldonado

Clerk to the Honorable Board of Police Commissioners

[Audio recording on file – duration 27:37]