



## 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  
APRIL 27, 2021 AT 7:00 PM

VIRTUAL MEETING VIA ZOOM

**COMMISSIONER(S) PRESENT:** Chairman Paul Carbo (presiding), Vice Chairman Dominic Balletto, Commissioner Diane Romans, Commissioner Joseph DiSilvestro, Commissioner Barbara Barbuito

**ALSO PRESENT:** Chief Edward Lennon, Deputy Chief Patrick Tracy, Clerk Marsha Maldonado, Captain Joseph Murgo, Karen Martin, Lorena Venegas

Chairman Carbo called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

*To the residents and tax-payers of the Town of East Haven, and other interested parties, due to Governor Ned Lamont's March 10, 2020 declaration of a public health emergency and civil preparedness emergency and subsequently issued Executive Orders, and Mayor Joseph A. Carfora's March 16, 2020 declaration of a state of emergency in the Town of East Haven due to the spread of Coronavirus Disease 2019 in the State of Connecticut including New Haven County, in-person public access to this meeting will not be permitted.*

[The public can access this meeting from a computer, tablet, or smartphone. Tonight's regular meeting is taking place remotely via ZOOM. Videoconference links and dial-ins were provided to the public.]

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Moment of Silence – *for officers killed in the line of duty.*
3. Roll Call – Clerk Maldonado; quorum obtained
4. Announcement(s)
5. Consider and act upon the approval of the regular Monthly Meeting minutes of March 30, 2021  
Vice Chairman Balletto made a motion to accept and approve the regular Monthly Meeting minutes of March 30, 2021 as received; seconded by Commissioner DiSilvestro; Voice Vote: All in favor. No one opposed or abstained. Motion carried.
6. Consider and act upon the approval of the Monthly Reports (April 2021)  
Vice Chairman Balletto made a motion to accept the monthly reports as received; seconded by Commissioner DiSilvestro. Voice Vote: All in favor. No one opposed or abstained. Motion carried.
7. Consider and act upon Committee Reports & Recommendations  
Chairman Carbo is still seeking a volunteer for the Alarms Committee.

8. Public Comment

a. Karen Martin (15 Oak Grove Road)

- i. Golf Carts – seeking clarification whether or not golf carts are legal on the street. She recalls discussion of this issue pre-pandemic at a previous monthly meeting about a year-and-a-half ago\*. Chief Lennon explained that if the Town has a specific ordinance allowing it in beach communities up to a certain mileage away from the shoreline, then they are allowed. Commissioner DiSilvestro cited CT general statute 14-300G noting that specific criteria must be met. Ms. Martin also mentioned witnessing a quad [ATV] come speeding down Mansfield Grove Road from the D.C. Moore school area towards the beach with a toddler on the lap of the driver which she called in immediately out of concern for the child's safety.
- ii. \*EHPD Website – the links for BOPC meeting minutes from November 2020 back are inaccessible on the website.
- iii. Beach Parking – what is the plan for the upcoming season? Chairman Carbo says that plans are in the works but is not at liberty to discuss anything at this time but hopes to have more information by the next monthly meeting.

9. Correspondence Received/Sent

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

- a. Michelle Benivegna, Assistant Director Admin & Management, Mayor's Office (Email dated April 23, 2021) – Request for Town road closures. Will be addressed under “New Business” – Item 12.a., b., and c. below.

10. Department Updates (Chief Lennon)

a. Personnel Matters/Injured Employees

- i. Seven (7) recruits in various phases of training either at the Academy or field training.
- ii. Four (4) sworn personnel are on long term injury; one (1) on short term injury; and one (1) on light duty – no return status at this time.

b. Overtime

Tracking as it should be for this time of year.

c. Awards & Commendations

d. Noteworthy News

- i. Members of the SCRSWAT Team were deployed as mutual aid to Branford Police Department for an active shooter incident on April 13.

Chief Lennon could not be prouder of our officers who responded with professionalism and employed their training.

Deputy Chief Tracy echoes Chief Lennon in expressing his pride in our officers. These are the incidents that we train for, hoping we never need to utilize that training, but when called into action, they did just that. He has no doubt in his mind that their actions saved the lives of other officers and also innocent bystanders.

Vice Chairman Balletto said that he has spoken with several people from different law enforcement agencies throughout the region, and they all talked about how well East Haven

responded with their timely assistance to Branford. He extends his praise and thanks to those involved.

- ii. In a joint meeting with the Superintendent's office, School Resources Officers (SRO) have been selected. Officer Nicole Burrell will be the SRO at East Haven High School and Officer George Gerosa will be the SRO at Joseph Melillo Middle School starting in August 2021 for the start of the new school year.

## 11. Old Business

Vice Chairman Balletto asked Clerk Maldonado about any outstanding issues pending review and recommendation from the Traffic and Public Safety Committee. He would like to scheduling a committee meeting to discuss.

## 12. New Business

- a. Approval of road closure request for the East Haven Annual Fireworks – June 26, 2021 (rain date June 28, 2021)

Chief Lennon explained for new commissioners that in order to close roads for special events and also to obtain highway use permits for state roads such as Hemingway Avenue near the Town Green, Local Traffic Authority [which is the Board] approval is required.

Vice Chairman Balletto made a motion to approve the road closure request for the East Haven Annual Fireworks – June 26, 2021 (rain date June 28, 2021); seconded by Commissioner DiSilvestro. Voice Vote: All in favor. No one opposed or abstained. Motion carried unanimously.

- b. Approval of road closure request for the East Haven Proud Motorcade and Town Concert – August 21, 2021 (rain date August 22, 2021)

Vice Chairman Balletto made a motion to approve the road closure request for the East Haven Proud Motorcade and Town Concert – August 21, 2021 (rain date August 22, 2021); seconded by Commissioner DiSilvestro. Voice Vote: All in favor. No one opposed or abstained. Motion carried unanimously.

- c. Approval of road closure request for the East Haven Fall Festival/Road Race – September 10, 11 and 12, 2021

Vice Chairman Balletto made a motion to approve the road closure request for the East Haven Fall Festival/Road Race – September 10, 11 and 12, 2021; seconded by Commissioner DiSilvestro. Voice Vote: All in favor. No one opposed or abstained. Motion carried unanimously.

- d. Consideration and approval to install a crosswalk at Cosey Beach Avenue by Coe Avenue

Chief Lennon explained that while evaluating the parking needs in the area, it came to our attention that all three (3) corners of the three-way intersection needed a crosswalk. Also, the YMCA camp is at that location, and it will ensure the safety of pedestrians – especially children who, instead of crossing two road ways, would only have to cross one road way from the drop-off location in the Town Grove parking lot on to Cosey Beach Avenue to the location.

Vice Chairman Balletto made a motion to approve the installation of crosswalks at the 3-way intersection at Cosey Beach Avenue and Coe Avenue; seconded by Commissioners Romans and DiSilvestro. Voice Vote: All in favor. No one opposed or abstained. Motion carried unanimously.

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13. Adjournment

Vice Chairman Balletto made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Commissioner Romans. All in favor.  
Chairman Carbo adjourned the meeting at 7:18 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Marsha M. Maldonado

Clerk to the Honorable Board of Police Commissioners

*[Audio recording on file – duration 19:02]*