



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
NOVEMBER 30, 2021 AT 7:00 PM
471 NORTH HIGH STREET
EAST HAVEN, CT

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Chairman Paul Carbo (presiding), Commissioner Dianne Romans, Commissioner Joseph DiSilvestro, Commissioner Barbara Barbuio

ALSO PRESENT: Deputy Chief Patrick Tracy, Citizens

Chairman Carbo called the meeting to order at 7:00 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 September 28, 2021
Commissioner DiSilvestro made a motion to accept and approve the regular Monthly Meeting minutes of September 28, 2021 as received; seconded by Commissioner Romans. All in favor. No one opposed or abstained. Motion carried unanimously.
6. Consider and act upon the approval of the Monthly Reports (October and November 2021)
Commissioner DiSilvestro made a motion to accept and approve the monthly reports as received; seconded by Commissioner Romans. All in favor. No one opposed or abstained. Motion carried unanimously.
7. Consider and act upon Committee Reports & Recommendations
 - a. Traffic & Public Safety
 - i. Commissioner DiSilvestro reported that there are several outstanding parking ticket issues pertaining to late disputes.
 - ii. Dodge/French – Request for stop sign at intersection (*from the September 28, 2021 meeting*)
Deputy Chief Tracy reported back to the Board that the radar speed trailer was posted to assess traffic data which shows that the speed limit is slightly above the 85th percentile (the standard used by all municipalities when evaluating roadway speed); however, a review of the accident data over the last three (3) years indicated that there has only been one (1) accident. Further, there are already two (2) stop signs in close proximity to this intersection so installing another stop sign would interrupt the flow of traffic. In conclusion, we are not seeing the volume of accidents that would

necessitate the installation of a stop sign at this intersection but we could do some concentrated enforcement to slow traffic in this area.

Commissioner DiSilvestro requested this issue be addressed later in the meeting under “Old Business” for a determination and motion. So moved.

b. Alarms Committee

8. Public Comment

- a. Christopher Griswold (714 Laurel Street) – Reiterated his stop sign request (*from the September 28, 2021 meeting*) but changed his original proposal from repositioning the stop sign to removing the stop sign entirely to allow for continuous flow of traffic on Laurel Street in both directions; the stop sign on View Terrace would remain as is.

Clerk Maldonado reminded everyone that this had already been deferred to the Traffic & Public Safety Committee for review and consideration. Further, in a previous phone conversation, she had advised Mr. Griswold that the Committee would be addressing this issue in an upcoming meeting scheduled for early December.

Mr. Griswold inquired about Neighborhood Watch signs. Commissioner DiSilvestro believes there is a substantial process to establishing a program – it is more than just putting up signs. Chairman Carbo suggested Mr. Griswold research this on his own if it is something he is interested in pursuing.

- b. Karen Martin (15 Oak Grove Road) – Over the last couple of months, Ms. Martin has walked her neighborhood talking with residents, and there are several issues:
- i. A resident in the Holland Road/Saber Street/Piscetelli Circle area observed dumping in the woods on the righthand side going towards Piscetelli Circle - tires, trash, leaves, fallen trees/branches. Ms. Martin asked if it would be possible to get a “NO DUMPING” sign put there with a list of fines similar to one on Mansfield Grove Road indicating a \$250 fine. She further asked if anyone knew the exact fines for dumping? And, how does this actually get enforced? Chairman Carbo suggested a photo of the person and their license plate for police to follow up. Commissioner DiSilvestro provided the actual statute which is **CT General Statute Chapter 446d Solid Waste Management - Sec. 22a-250**.
 - ii. Many residents are requesting speed bumps; specifically, a resident on Henry Street is concerned with excessive speeding. Chairman Carbo commented that there are currently speed bumps at the Town Beach that are removed seasonally but that the Town cannot put speed bumps everywhere. Again, he recommended photos of the people/license plates; however, Deputy Chief Tracy suggested that the best course of action would be to contact the front desk to report any areas that need concentrated enforcement which are filtered to the Head of Patrol to be addressed.

No update on 3D crosswalks at this time.
 - iii. Crosswalks - Ms. Martin asked about the status of the following:
 1. Painting. Deputy Chief Tracy replied that several crosswalks have been completed; however, this time of the year is not conducive for painting so it will resume when warmer weather permits.
 2. Coe/Wilkenda request (*from September 28, 2021 meeting*) – Clerk Maldonado advised that the Traffic & Public Safety Committee will be reviewing this issue as part of the Shoreline Greenway Trail presentation at the upcoming meeting in early December. Ms. Martin believes that the proposed crosswalk will be at Austin Street which is two blocks north of Wilkenda so she still feels it would be reasonable to have another crosswalk near the store where children frequent.

9. Correspondence Received/Sent

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

- a. Marjorie Mansi, 77 Hobson Street (Undated; Received October 28, 2021) – Request to relocate a “NO PARKING” sign post.

Deputy Chief Tracy explained that the sign in question is part of the previously approved parking program so this does not require any action from the Board. Traffic Maintenance will evaluate the area and make any changes, if necessary.

10. Department Updates (Deputy Chief Tracy)

- a. Personnel Matters/Injured Employees

- i. Sworn Personnel: one (1) has returned from injury; one (1) remains on long term injury; one (1) remains on light duty.
- ii. Four (4) recruit officers are in various stages of Field Training (FTO)
- iii. One (1) recruit officer is in the Academy

- b. Overtime

- i. Tracking lower than this same time period in FY2021.
- ii. Of note, approximately \$10K of overtime costs over the last several pay periods are covered by a COVID-19 grant, thereby there is no impact to the Town.

- c. Awards & Commendations

- i. Connecticut Police Chiefs Association (CPCA), December 16, 2021 Lunch Meeting – Officer Brandon DePalma will be receiving the Luciano Award for highest scholastic achievement in his POST Academy Class 368.

- d. Noteworthy News

11. Old Business

- a. Dodge/French – Request for stop sign at intersection

Pursuant to traffic data previously provided by Deputy Chief Tracy, Commissioner DiSilvestro made a motion that no action be taken by the Board; seconded by Commissioner Romans. All in favor. No one opposed or abstained. Motion carried unanimously.

12. New Business

- a. Discussion and approval of revised policies 404.7 (Use of Force) and 407.7 (Force Investigations and Review)

Deputy Chief Tracy explained that these revisions are largely amendments based off of the Police Accountability Bill. CT POST came out with a model policy to guide departments in how to amend their policies to be in compliance with the upcoming change in law. There are several different aspects that will change how use of force is reviewed and the good news is that our training already addresses these changes.

Commissioner DiSilvestro made a motion to approve revised policy 404.7 (Use of Force) effective January 1, 2022 to coincide with State law; seconded by Commissioner Barbuio. All in favor. No one opposed or abstained. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner DiSilvestro made a motion to approve revised policy 407.7 (Force Investigations and Review) effective January 1, 2022 to coincide with the State law; seconded by Commissioner Romans. All in favor. No one opposed or abstained. Motion carried unanimously.

b. Consider and act upon the approval of the Annual Schedule of Meetings for 2022

Deputy Chief Tracy proposed moving the December regular monthly meeting to December 20, 2022 to avoid having a meeting between the Christmas and New Year's holidays.

Commissioner DiSilvestro made a motion to amend the Annual Schedule of Meetings for 2022 changing the December meeting from December 27 to December 20, 2022; seconded by Commissioner Barbuito. All in favor. No one opposed or abstained. Motion carried unanimously.

13. Adjournment

Commissioner DiSilvestro made a motion to adjourn; All in favor. Chairman Carbo adjourned the meeting at 7:28 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Marsha M. Maldonado
Clerk to the Honorable Board of Police Commissioners

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