



EAST HAVEN DEPARTMENT OF POLICE SERVICES

471 NORTH HIGH STREET • EAST HAVEN, CONNECTICUT 06512

Mayor Joseph A. Carfora



Honorable Board of
Police Commissioners

HONORABLE BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

MAY 31, 2022 AT 7:00 PM
471 NORTH HIGH STREET
EAST HAVEN, CT

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Chairman Dominic Balletto (presiding), Vice Chairman Joseph DiSilvestro, Commissioner Dianne Romans, Commissioner Barbara Barbuio

ALSO PRESENT: Chief Edward Lennon, Clerk Marsha Maldonado, Citizens

Chairman Balletto 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 April 26, 2022
Vice Chairman DiSilvestro made a motion to accept and approve the regular Monthly Meeting minutes of April 26, 2022 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 (May 2022)
Vice Chairman 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
8. Public Comment
 - a. Karen Martin (15 Oak Grove Road) – On behalf of the Cosey Beach Association:
 - i. Parking on Cosey Beach Road at the ball field and blocking driveways – resident called the police to check and ticket which the resident relays no tickets were issued. Ms. Martin emailed Chief Lennon about this.
 - ii. Parking Permit Program – now that it is underway for the season, will it be enforced? Ms. Martin indicates that it is really rampant down there and there are a lot of people complaining that out-of-towners/staters are parking wherever they feel like parking.

Chief Lennon commented that the police department has received similar complaints about the permit parking, however, the out-of-town/state plates are legitimately registered – they are people who have a permanent residence elsewhere but have summer homes and/or are property owners in East Haven. Of note, 20 tickets/citations were issued on Memorial Day (numbers for Saturday and Sunday were not readily available), and patrol was actively enforcing permit parking the entire holiday weekend (the symbolic beginning of the summer season).

John Wobensmith (93 Cosey Beach Avenue) commented that the illegal parking issues are basically on Bradford Avenue between Cosey Beach and Coe Avenue.

- iii. Request for the Traffic & Public Safety Committee to review speed limits on residential streets such as Palmetto Trail and Catherine Street and other streets down that end. People are speeding anyway but if we could make it 15 mph instead of 25 mph in a neighborhood that may help. Chief Lennon explained that the state statute is very specific – several conditions must be met, i.e., school zones. Ms. Martin further requested speed limit signs on the residential streets. She also noticed that from Short Beach Road along Hemingway Avenue to the Center, there is only one (1) speed limit sign. Chief Lennon explained that that section of roadway (Route 142) is a state roadway. As a courtesy, the BOPC will send a letter to the DOT requesting more speed limit signs along this route.
- iv. Request for curb painting to indicate ‘25 feet from the corner’. Chairman Balletto asked Mr. Wobensmith to put the specifics of his request in writing to the Board. Chief Lennon mentioned that there is no requirement to mark 25 feet. Further, of the tickets issued, outside of permit parking and fire lane, this is probably the number one ticket issued. In the past, we had measured out and placed tick-marks on the curb, but we ran into several problems as too much “painting” has the opposite of the intended effect (i.e., people will ignore; signage fatigue). We will have Traffic Maintenance survey the area to see what can be done. Ms. Martin also spoke with Charlie Coyle about painting and Chief Lennon commented that painting was supposed to start today but it is weather-permitting – cannot be too hot or too cold, and today it was much too hot.

9. Correspondence Received/Sent

- a. Noreen Clough, President of the East Haven Fall Festival, Inc. (dated April 14, 2022) – Will address under New Business 12.c.
- b. Mark Carlino, Division Chief of Traffic Engineering, Bureau of Engineering and Construction, State of Connecticut Department of Transportation (via email, dated May 27, 2022) – Pedestrian Control Feature Upgrades – State Project No. 0173-0521 which seeks to upgrade existing pedestrian crossing equipment to include countdown pedestrian indications, accessible pedestrian pushbuttons, and concurrent pedestrian phasing in an effort to improve accessibility and pedestrian safety and meet current DOT standards. The designated locations are Route 142 (Short Beach Road) at Mansfield Grove Road and Route 100 (North High Street) at Mill Street.

Vice Chairman DiSilvestro made a motion to add the approval of the State Project No. 0173-0521 at Routes 142 and 100 to the agenda as New Business 12.d.; seconded by Commissioner Barbuito. All in favor. No one opposed or abstained. Motion carried unanimously.

10. Department Updates (Chief Lennon)

- a. Personnel Matters/Injured Employees
 - i. Three (3) vacancies: testing for patrol officer and detective is in progress, and we have an active list for lieutenant. By the time all the testing is complete, Chief Lennon anticipates that the Board can

act on the vacancies some time in late August/early September. The next police academy start date is tentatively scheduled for late September and we are awaiting confirmation of seats.

b. Overtime

Tracking better than this same time last fiscal year, however, transfers will be necessary to cover our expected year-end deficit. Typically, we can transfer from ‘unused salaries’ to offset overtime deficits.

c. Awards & Commendations

d. Noteworthy News

Officer Anthony Fiorillo is our nomination for this year’s Joseph Buonome Memorial Public Safety Award to be presented at the East Haven Rotary Club’s Annual Installation of Officers Dinner on Wednesday, June 22, 2022, at The Woodwinds in Branford. All are welcome and encouraged to attend. Please see Marsha Maldonado for tickets.

II. Old Business

Chairman Balletto announced that there will be some training for the Board to better understand Department operations. To meet Town Charter guidelines, it will be posted as a Special Meeting later in the summer.

12. New Business

a. Discussion and approval of revised policies 302.9 (Weapons and Weapons Storage), 404.8 (Use of Force), 407.7 (Force Investigations and Review), 414.6 (Motorized Pursuits)

Chief Lennon gave an overview of the revisions per state statute pursuant to the Police Accountability Act and expert recommendation from our recent off-year CALEA accreditation audit. Policy 302.9 was updated to reflect the replacement of Department firearms and the list of authorized firearms/equipment. We have already converted and have a temporary general order in place until the Board approves the policy. There were no questions.

Vice Chairman DiSilvestro made a motion to approve revised policy 302.9 (Weapons and Weapons Storage) effective June 1, 2022; seconded by Commissioner Dianne Romans. All in favor. No one opposed or abstained. Motion carried unanimously.

Vice Chairman DiSilvestro made a motion to approve revised policy 404.8 (Use of Force) effective July 1, 2022; seconded by Commissioner Dianne Romans. All in favor. No one opposed or abstained. Motion carried unanimously.

Vice Chairman DiSilvestro made a motion to approve revised policy 407.7 (Force Investigations and Review) effective July 1, 2022; seconded by Commissioner Dianne Romans. All in favor. No one opposed or abstained. Motion carried unanimously.

Vice Chairman DiSilvestro made a motion to approve revised policy 414.6 (Motorized Pursuits) effective July 1, 2022; seconded by Commissioner Dianne Romans. All in favor. No one opposed or abstained. Motion carried unanimously.

b. Action regarding appointment of Commission member(s) to serve as Hearing Contestment Officer(s) pursuant to Town ordinance 11-18

Vice Chairman DiSilvestro made a motion to appoint Commission members to serve as Hearing Contestment Officers pursuant to Town ordinance 11-18. Chairman Balletto appointed Vice Chairman DiSilvestro as the Chairman and Commissioner Barbuio as the deputy with himself and Commissioner

Romans as alternates ‘as needed’ to process hearings, accordingly; seconded by Commissioner Romans. No one opposed or abstained. Motion carried unanimously.

c. Fall Festival Road Closure Request

Noreen Clough, President of the East Haven Fall Festival, requests the Board’s approval for the closure of Hemingway Avenue between Main Street and Edward Street on Friday, September 9, Saturday, September 10, and Sunday, September 11, 2022, and to make an application to the State to approve the closure on these dates and for the times deemed necessary by the Chief and the planning committee.

Vice Chairman DiSilvestro made a motion to approve the Fall Festival road closure request; seconded by Commissioner Romans. All in favor. No one opposed or abstained. Motion carried unanimously.

d. Approval of the DOT Pedestrian Control Feature Upgrades – State Project No. 0173-0521 at Routes 142 and 100

Vice Chairman DiSilvestro made a motion to approve State Project No. 0173-0521; seconded by Commissioner Romans. All in favor. No one opposed or abstained. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Balletto, as the Local Traffic Authority (LTA), will sign on behalf of the Municipality that neither a public informational meeting nor a public hearing is needed for the upgrade of the traffic control signal pedestrian equipment under State Project No. 0173-0521.

13. Adjournment

Vice Chairman DiSilvestro made a motion to adjourn. All in favor. Chairman Balletto adjourned the meeting at 7:28 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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

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