



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
OCTOBER 25, 2022 AT 7:00 PM
471 NORTH HIGH STREET
EAST HAVEN, CT

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

ALSO PRESENT: Chief Edward Lennon, Deputy Chief Patrick Tracy, Clerk Marsha Maldonado, Citizens

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

1. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Moment of Silence

Chairman Balletto asked for a moment of silence in honor of the injured and fallen Bristol Police Department personnel, and that God watch over and protect our men and women of the East Haven Police Department.

3. Roll Call – Clerk Maldonado; quorum obtained

4. Announcement(s)

5. Consider and act upon the approval of the regular Special Meeting minutes of September 15, 2022

Vice Chairman DiSilvestro made a motion to accept and approve the Special Meeting minutes of September 15, 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 (September and October 2022)

Vice Chairman DiSilvestro made a motion to accept and approve the monthly reports as received; seconded by Commissioners Romans and Barbuito. All in favor. No one opposed or abstained. Motion carried unanimously.

7. Consider and act upon Committee Reports & Recommendations

8. Public Comment

a. Alyssa Gargiulo (46 Sanford Street)

Ms. Gargiulo lives in one of three houses past the dead-end (the cut-through to Frontage Road) and is concerned with traffic speed especially with her children playing outside. She mentioned that there is a DEAD END sign posted but it is covered by a tree – she contacted Zoning and was told she had to come

to a Police Commission meeting to ask something be done – either a bigger sign, speed bumps or anything else to slow down cars that constantly drive up onto the grass or fly directly out onto Frontage Road without stopping. Her husband’s vehicle has also sustained damage and needed repair. She has video too. Ms. Gargiulo also mentioned that the telephone pole in front of her home does not have a light on it – she has contacted Public Works twice to request a light (there is also a fire hydrant that should probably be lit).

Chairman Balletto made a motion to draft a letter to Public Works to review the area for lighting, however, Commissioner Carbo believes it is a United Illuminating issue (Ms. Gargiulo says that U.I. told her it was a Public Works issue) – we will find out.

Vice Chairman DiSilvestro made a motion to draft a letter to Public Works with regard to possible removal or remediation of the trees blocking the DEAD END sign on Sanford Street as well as inquire about them contacting U.I. or if it is under their purview to put a light on the telephone pole (Ms. Gargiulo will email the pole number to Clerk Maldonado); seconded by Commissioner Carbo. All in favor. No one opposed or abstained. Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Lennon will also have our Traffic Unit maintain a presence in the area to deter speeding and have our Traffic Maintenance check the condition of the signs to see if they need to be replaced.

Ms. Gargiulo requested speed humps. Chairman Balletto deferred the matter to the Traffic & Public Safety Committee for review.

9. Correspondence Received/Sent

- a. Pamela Orifice (39 Deerfield Street) via voice message – Request for residential handicap signage. Vice Chairman DiSilvestro made a motion to add this under New Business, a.l.; seconded by Commissioners Romans and Barbuito. All in favor. No one opposed or abstained. Motion carried unanimously.
- b. State Representative Joseph Zullo on behalf of Linda Church at 526 Thompson Avenue via email – Despite the parking prohibition, people still park along Thompson – to increase awareness, requesting temporary special event NO PARKING signs posted on poles/stakes for Halloween night to ensure the safety of child who tend to criss-cross the street while trick-or-treating. Will be addressed under New Business.
- c. Route 100 Center Line Rumble Strip – email sent to the Department of Transportation for their consideration.

10. Department Updates (Chief Lennon)

- a. Personnel Matters/Injured Employees
 - i. One (1) patrol vacancy due to Detective promotion; Oral Board interviews (phase 3 of the hiring process) have been scheduled. Those who pass will then be subject to background, polygraph, and psychological evaluations. Plan to have candidates to interview in December in anticipation of a January 2023 Police Academy.
- b. Overtime
Tracking well below this same pay period last fiscal year.

c. Awards & Commendations

A joint Award and Promotional/Oath of Office ceremony has been scheduled for December 14, 2022 at the Joseph Melillo Middle School with a tentative start time of 6:00 PM.

d. Noteworthy News

Chief Lennon is extremely proud of the approximate 35 sworn personnel who attended the funeral service of Lieutenant Dustin Demonte and Sergeant Alex Hamzy of the Bristol Police Department to pay their respects to these fallen heroes.

II. Old Business

a. Chairman Balletto updated the Board that the training workshop originally planned for the summer would likely happen in January 2023.

b. Chairman Balletto made a motion to send a letter to Mayor Carfora requesting immediate attention to the trees obstructing a stop sign on Dodge and Prosect which is a safety hazard. Correspondence to Public Works has gone unanswered and the request has been ignored. The Board had addressed this at their June 2022 meeting and an email was sent to the Director of Public Works in July 2022; seconded by Vice Chairman DiSilvestro. All in favor. No one opposed or abstained. Motion carried unanimously.

12. New Business

a. Discussion and approval of the request for temporary NO PARKING signs on Thompson Avenue on October 31, 2022, for Halloween.

Subcommittee Chairman DiSilvestro made a motion to approve the request; seconded by Commissioners Romans and Barbutto. All in favor. No one opposed or abstained. Motion carried unanimously.

a.1. Subcommittee Chairman DiSilvestro made a motion that the Board take no action as Ms. Orifice's voice messages indicate that she has designated off-street parking therefore the request for Handicap Parking seems duplicitous; seconded by Commissioner Romans. All in favor. No one opposed or abstained. Motion carried unanimously.

b. Discussion and approval of revised policies 401.8 (AVL and Officer Video Camera Use) and 433.3 (Death and Injury Notifications).

Deputy Chief Tracy explained the necessity for the policy revisions pursuant to CTPOST model policy compliance and retention requirements to mirror Public Acts. Chief Lennon noted that our policies are updated as soon as we are given guidance by CTPOST or the Chief State's Attorneys Office.

Vice Chairman DiSilvestro made a motion to approve revised policy 401.8 (AVL and Officer Video Camera Use) to include the typographical correction noted by Commissioner Romans effective November 4, 2022; seconded by Commissioner Romans. All in favor. No one opposed or abstained. Motion carried unanimously.

Vice Chairman DiSilvestro made a motion to approve revised policy 433.3 (Death and Injury Notifications) effective November 4, 2022; seconded by Commissioner Barbutto. All in favor. No one opposed or abstained. Motion carried unanimously.

13. Adjournment

Vice Chairman DiSilvestro made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Commissioner Romans. All in favor.
Chairman Balletto adjourned the meeting at 7:27 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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

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