



# 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  
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES  
NOVEMBER 30, 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 (via teleconference), Deputy Chief Patrick Tracy, Clerk Marsha Maldonado

Chairman Balletto 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 October 25, 2022  
Vice Chairman DiSilvestro made a motion to accept and approve the regular Monthly Meeting minutes of October 25, 2022, as received; seconded by Commissioner Barbuio. All in favor. No one opposed or abstained. Motion carried unanimously.
6. Consider and act upon the approval of the Monthly Reports (November 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
9. Correspondence Received/Sent
  - a. Elizabeth Bermudez-Pinto (115 William Street), received via U.S. mail dated November 13, 2022 – Expressed her growing concern that people are not stopping at the stop sign located on William Street and Coe Avenue. Requesting a flashing device be added to both signs across the street from each other. Deferred to the Traffic & Public Safety Committee for review.

- b. Roderick Joslin, Connecticut DOT (received via email dated November 9, 2022) – Response to our letter dated June 28, 2022, regarding the need for additional speed limit signs on Route 142 (Hemingway Avenue) between U.S. Route 1 (Saltonstall Parkway) and Short Beach Road (Route 142).

*Route 142 (Hemingway Avenue) is approved for a 30 MPH speed limit from U.S. Route 1 (Saltonstall Parkway) to Route 100 (Main Street), and for a 35 MPH speed limit from Route 100 (Main Street) to Silver Sands Road.*

*A review of the speed limit signing was conducted for Route 142 (Hemingway Avenue) from U.S. Route 1 (Saltonstall Parkway) to approximately 300 feet east of the intersection of Route 142 and Route 337 (Coe Avenue) and revealed that two (2) 35 MPH speed limit signs need to be replaced.*

*A work order to the CTDOT's District Maintenance Office to perform the aforementioned work has been issued. The work will be completed as the schedule and weather permits.*

*The signing revisions noted will result in the speed limit signing for Route 142 being in conformance with the OSTA approved speed limit zones, the CTDOT's latest signing standards, and the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD).*

[See Public Comment, 8.a.iii. from the May 31, 2022 BOPC meeting for details of the evaluation request.]

- c. Connecticut DOT State Project 0173-0533 (Wrong-way Driving Countermeasures) (received via email dated November 22) – New Business, 12.b.
- d. Mayor Carfora (sent via email dated November 7, 2022) – Letter sent seeking his assistance with getting Public Works (PW) to do some tree remediation at the intersection of Dodge and Deerfield pursuant to a letter the BOPC sent to PW on July 12, 2022 (as first discussed at the June 28, 2022 BOPC meeting) requesting such. Also sent a follow-up email to PW requesting a status update with no response to date.

#### 10. Department Updates (DC Tracy)

##### a. Personnel Matters/Injured Employees

- i. One (1) police officer vacancy. Backgrounds in progress. Anticipate having candidate(s) for interview at the December 2022 BOPC meeting. We have secured one (1) seat for the Police Academy at the end of December.
- ii. Two (2) recruits in the Academy; one (1) will graduate on December 15, 2022.

##### b. Overtime

Trending lower than this time last fiscal year.

##### c. Awards & Commendations

The Awards & Oath of Office Ceremony will be held on December 14, 2022, at 6:00 PM. The location has changed from the middle school (JMMS) to the East Haven High School.

##### d. Noteworthy News

- i. Recently rolled out several components of our new Axon 10-year contract. Fleet 3 camera systems have been installed in most of our vehicles which provide our officers with some enhanced features and is already proving helpful in solving some crimes. Also, rolled out our Taser 7 which replaces our TASER X26P which is also safer and more effective.

- ii. Chairman Balletto asked about the status of the Prisoner Transport Van. DC Tracy advised that the seatbelts and camera system have been installed and tested. Expect to have the van in service soon.
- iii. Chairman Balletto asked the Commissioners to make the Awards Ceremony on December 14 a priority as it is very important that the Board represent and support.

## II. Old Business

DC Tracy gave an update on 46 Sanford Street (Gargiulo – Public Comment, 8.a. from the October 25, 2022 BOPC meeting):

- i. Traffic Maintenance replaced some faded signage and did not find any tree obstruction needing remediation.
- ii. Traffic Unit spoke with Ms. Gargiulo and did some enforcement in the area noting that there was very little speeding (one car in an hour's period that was 1 mile over the speed limit). Determined that speeding was not the issue as much as motorists missing the left-hand turn onto Frontage Road which the new signage should help.
- iii. Public Works is going to evaluate the area and contact United Illuminating (UI) about the installation of a pole light.

Ms. Gargiulo has expressed her appreciation to the Chief's office for the quick response and attention this matter has been given.

## 12. New Business

- a. Request a certified Police Officer – Grade C list from the Civil Service Commission

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

- b. Discussion and approval of the DOT State Project No. 0173-0533 (Wrong-Way Driving Countermeasures)

The Connecticut Department of Transportation (CTDOT) is planning to install pavement marking on secondary roadways at intersections with limited access off-ramps in the State to discourage wrong way movements. The project is scheduled to be constructed in the spring of 2023. As the Local Traffic Authority (LTA), if in agreement, sign and submit documentation of approval.

Vice Chairman DiSilvestro made a motion to approve DOT State Project No. 0173-0533; seconded by Commissioner Romans. All in favor. No one opposed or abstained. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Balletto will sign the approval and Clerk Maldonado will submit to the CTDOT.

- c. Consider and act upon the approval of the Annual Schedule of Meetings for 2023

Vice Chairman DiSilvestro made a motion to approve the Annual Schedule of Meetings for 2023; seconded by Commissioner Barbuito. All in favor. No one opposed or abstained. Motion carried unanimously.

Clerk Maldonado noted that two (2) meetings were adjusted to accommodate holidays – October (Halloween) and December (Christmas).

13. Adjournment

Commissioner Romans made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Vice Chairman DiSilvestro. All in favor.  
Chairman Balletto adjourned the meeting at 7:16 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Marsha M. Maldonado

Clerk to the Honorable Board of Police Commissioners