



**MINUTES
BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS**

May 9, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.
Zoom Meeting ID: 872 2673 5856

PRESENT: Chairman M. Gelinas, Commissioner J. Dimmock, Vice Chairman T. Sheridan,
Secretary C. Gamble, Commissioner R. Brule

ABSENT:

DEPARTMENT: Chief M. Balestracci, LT N. VanOverloop, LT T. Silva, Sgt. D. Ferland
Traffic Officer J. Nickerson, Training Officer Surdo, CSO A. Reed

LEGAL COUNCIL: Attorney E. Duggan, Attorney R. Avena

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

PUBLIC INPUT:

No public input.

CALL TO ORDER AND ESTABLISH A QUORUM:

Chairman Gelinas called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. in the General Meeting Room of the Waterford Police Department. A Quorum was established.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:

MOTION: Made by Commissioner Gelinas and seconded by Commissioner Dimmock to accept the minutes from the April meeting. Commissioner Brule abstained. The motion passed.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Correspondence was reviewed.

TRAFFIC COMMISSION REVIEW:

Traffic report received.

CHIEF'S REPORT:

- a. K9 Reports for April
April report was received.
- b. Investigative Services and Youth Reports for April
April report was received.
- c. Training Report for April
April report was received.
- d. Records Report for April
April report was received.
- e. Community Service Officer Report for April
April report was received.
- f. Patrol Report for April
April report was received.
- g. Animal Control Report for April
April report was received.
- h. Community Engagement Report for April
April report was received.

OLD BUSINESS:

- a. Special Response Team Inter-local agreement with Ledyard PD – Chief Balestracci explained that this agreement allows us to team up with Ledyard in the event of a major incident. LT VanOverloop will present agreement to the RTM in June. Discussion ensued regarding liability for providing assistance to non-member communities.

MOTION: Made by Commissioner Dimmock and seconded by Commissioner Gamble to approve the agreement with the provision that more details be provided for presentation to the RTM. Motion passed 4-1, Commissioner Sheridan voting against.

- b. Speed bumps on Beach Road have been approved by the Recreation & Parks Commission. There will be a total of three removable speed bumps. No known date set for installation at this time.
- c. Airbnb letter to Planning Commission – wording was discussed. Attorney Avena will edit letter.

MOTION: Made by Commissioner Sheridan and seconded by Commissioner Dimmock to approve wording of letter. Motion passed unanimously.

- d. Chief of Police Selection Process - Chief researched department procedures in other towns and found that there is no standardization across towns. Discussion about continuing to work on process.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Authorization for out of series transfers till July 8, 2022. Chief Balestracci requested authorization to complete out of series transfers until the end of the fiscal year.

MOTION: Made by Commissioner Sheridan and seconded by Commissioner Dimmock to grant Chief Balestracci authorization to complete out of series transfers till July 8, 2022. Motion passed unanimously.

- a. Noise Ordinance – Attorney Mark Kepple spoke on behalf of residents living near the commercial area located at 262 Boston Post Road to address complaints of loud music and asked for enforcement of the current noise ordinance. Lengthy discussion ensued about the noise concerns.
- b. Police Commission Nominations for term starting June 1, 2022 as follows:
T. Sheridan, Chairperson; C. Gamble, Vice-Chairperson; J. Dimmock, Secretary; M. Gelinas, Commissioner.

MOTION: Made by Commissioner Dimmock and seconded by Commissioner Brule to accept nominations. Motion passed unanimously.

Rob Brule left the meeting at 6:35pm.

- c. Executive Session

MOTION: Made by Commissioner Gelinis and seconded by Commissioner Sheridan to enter into executive session at 6:37 p.m. to discuss union negotiations. Motion passed unanimously.

STATEMENT: I hereby move that the members of the Board of Police Commissioners, together with Chief Marc Balestracci and Labor Counsel Eileen Duggan, go into executive session for the purpose of discussing strategy and/or negotiations with respect collective bargaining with the police bargaining unit. This action is taken without prejudice to the Board's right to discuss such matters in a private meeting pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §1-200 (2).

The Board came out of Executive Session at 6:56 p.m. There were no motions made or action taken while in Executive Session.

MOTION: Made by Commissioner Dimmock and seconded by Commissioner Sheridan to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 p.m. Passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Diane Driscoll".

Diane Driscoll
Recording Secretary