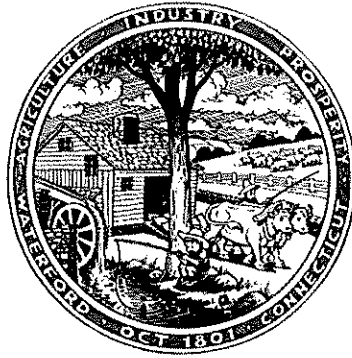




MINUTES
BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
February 14, 2022
Zoom Meeting ID: 895 6998 9286

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

ABSENT:

PUBLIC: Susan Driscoll, Mary Childs

DEPARTMENT: Interim Chief M. Balestracci, Sgt. D. Ferland, J Nickerson, LT T. Silva, P Epps,
M Devine, E Fredricks, CSO Andrew Reed, Sgt. P Flanagan, N. Surdo

LEGAL COUNCIL: Attorney E Duggan

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

CALL TO ORDER AND ESTABLISH 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.

MOTION: made by Commissioner Sheridan to move the meritorious award and Introduction of Intern Aizhane Glenn, and Comfort Dog Hodges listed under New Business to the first item on the agenda, the motion was seconded by Commissioner Brule, the motion passes.

- a. Patrick Epps was presented with the Officer of the year award.
- b. Intern Aizhane Glenn, who is a student at Mitchell College was introduced to the Commissioners.
- c. Comfort dog Hodges was Introduced by his handle Eric Fredricks.

MOTION: made by Commissioner Sheridan and seconded by Commissioner Gamble to accept the minutes from the January meeting, the motion passed.

CHIEF'S REPORT

- a. K-9 Reports
January Reports were received.
- b. Investigative Services & Youth Report
January Reports were received.
- c. Training Report
January Report was received, Training Officer Surdo stated that we have 2 or 3 Candidates that went through the Chiefs interview process and are ready to be interviewed by the Commission.
A **MOTION** was made by Commissioner Dimmock and **SECONDED** by Commissioner Sheridan to set a Special meeting for the purpose of Interviewing Candidates on Thursday February 17, 2022 at 1630 hours at the Waterford Police Department. Motion **PASSED** unanimously.
- d. Records Report
January Report was received
- e. CSO Report
January Report was received
- f. Patrol Report
January Report was received
- g. Animal Control Report
January Report was received
- h. Community Engagement Officer Report
January Report received

OLD BUSINESS:

Crash Data was sent to the Commissioners emails over the last month and they were able to review. Commissioner Sheridan was concerned with Route 85 and asked about the feasibility of turning lanes. Officer Nickerson explained the process of it being a state road and that most of the accidents on that road are at intersections where there are traffic lights and a good portion are rear-end collisions.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. State of CT Local Traffic Authority Update: Interim Chief Balestracci presented the form for the Commissioners to update their contact information.

A **MOTION** was made by Commissioner Dimmock and **SECONDED** by Commissioner Sheridan to name Interim Chief Balestracci as the Local Traffic Authority Representative. The motion was voted on and **PASSED** Unanimously.

- b. The Inter-local agreement draft with Ledyard Police Special Response team was discussed and it was agreed to forward the Document to the Town's Attorney for review.
- c. A **MOTION** was made by Commissioner Brule and **SECONDED** by Commissioner Gamble to enter into executive session, along with Attorney Eileen Duggan and, when appropriate, and separately, Officer Mark Devine, Lieutenant Timothy Silva, and Interim Chief Marc Balestracci, pursuant to 1-200 (6)(A), for the purpose of discussing the appointment process of Chief of Police, meeting with new internal candidates and meeting with the Interim Chief to discuss his job performance. The **MOTION** was voted on and **PASSED** unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Began 5:54 PM

RETURN TO PUBLIC MEETING: 7:24 pm, no motions or votes were taken during executive session.

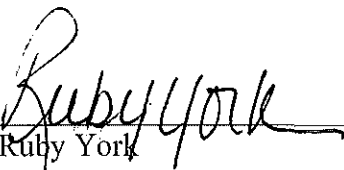
Chairman Gelinas stated:

Pursuant to the process adopted at the Board of Police Commissioners meeting held on January 10, 2022, The Board of Police Commissioners may decide to open the position to the consideration of outside candidates. For purposes of efficiency and the ability to run a full process, the decision on whether to appoint an internal candidate as the Chief of Police without further steps, or to open the position to outside candidates will be made no later than March 1, 2022.

MOTION: made by Commissioner Dimmock to hold a special Meeting on Thursday February 24, 2022 at 4 pm for the purpose of discussion on the process of the hiring for the Chief of Police, the Motion was **SECONDED** by Commissioner Sheridan. The motion was voted on and **PASSED** unanimously.

MOTION: made by Commissioner Sheridan and **SECONDED** by Commissioner Gamble to adjourn the meeting at 7:26 PM. **PASSED** unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by:


Ruby York
Recording Secretary