



MINUTES
BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
April 12, 2021
Zoom Meeting

PRESENT: Vice Chairman Mark Gelinas, Thomas Sheridan Secretary; Christopher Gamble and Robert Brule Commissioners

DEPARTMENT: Chief Mahoney, Lt. Silva, Lt. Balestracci, Lt VanOverloop, Administrative Sergeant Ferland, and Traffic Officer Jake Nickerson

CALL TO ORDER AND ESTABLISH QUORUM: Called to order at 5:02pm Quorum was established

PUBLIC INPUT

No public input.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES: Acceptance of the March 8, 2021 was tabled until the May 10th, 2021 meeting,

MOTION: made by Rob Brule Seconded by Commissioner Gamble to accept the meeting minutes of Chris Gamble. **The vote to table the minutes was passed**

CORRESPONDENCE:

- ♦ Quinn Kelly-Request for Patrol Checks of Beechwood Estates.
- ♦ Victor Ferry- Thank you for patrol checks of Beechwood Estates.
- ♦ Jon- thank You for Officer Rogers and Investigator Carroll while investigating a financial crime.
- ♦ A note from a Girl Scout , thanking the brave Officers for what they do.
- ♦ Thank you card from Great Neck School Carelot Clubhouse.

TRAFFIC COMMISSION REVIEW:

The review will be conducted during the Chief's report under Traffic.

CHIEF'S REPORT

- a. March Patrol report- Report was received. Lt Balestracci stated that the number of traffic stops has increased tremendously due to new officers, and with COVID restrictions being relaxed.
- b. March K9 report- Report was received. Lt Balestracci states that with the warmer weather the number of K9 uses will likely increase.
- c. March Animal Control Report- Report was received.
- d. March Records Report- Report was received. Lt VanOverloop reports that the numbers are back on track to what they were prior to COVID. She also reports that the Speedbowl Reopened so the schedule will be busy. On April 24, 2021 the PD will be participating in a drug take back program.
- e. March Training Report- Report was received, discussed the hiring of James Barlett for Police Officer. He will be taking the polygraph this week and then the other requirements will ensue after.
- f. March Investigation Report- Report was received, Lt Silva noted that the sex assault case of Samuel Moore will be a lengthy investigation and we will continue to see reports as warrants come out.
- g. March Youth Office Report- Report was received. Lt Silva reported that there will be 3 tents set up at the high school, this will allow some classes to be held outside, and will require heightened police presence when they began to utilize them.
- h. March CSO Report- Report was received. Lt Balestracci states that the number of CSOs has decreased but with East Lyme potentially not requiring our facilities in June we will not need as many CSO. Chief Mahoney states we will not be filling vacancies. Lt. Balestracci also reports that the CSO have been doing a great job in assisting in updating the 287 active warrants, they pull each and every warrant and attempt to update contact information and research the wanted person. This has helped them vacate and serve some warrants.

OLD BUSINESS

- a. Body Cameras- They are up and running, the Chief reviewed some footage today to see the quality and what to expect, he reports that having the cameras in people's houses is going to require redactions and may be a bit time consuming but it will be worked out. Thank You to LT Silva, Sgt. Ferland and IT Tom Price for working diligently to assure the deployment of the cameras went smoothly.
- b. CALEA- Chief Mahoney received a letter stating that a portion of the bill changed and they will now accept state certification which will be a lot cheaper than the original requirements. Lt VanOverloop continues to work on policies, and coordinates with subject experts when necessary

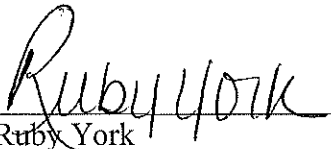
NEW BUSINESS

- a. The hiring of James Barlett for Police Officer (pending background investigation) was discussed during the Training report.
- b. The high visibility grant has started. The grant is for 9000.00 and allows 16 6 hour shifts during the daytime hours. The target is for cell phone use. Rob Brule asks if this must be advertised, Jake Nickerson replied that it does not have to be advertised, however; he has reached out to various news sources and have not seen anything or heard anything on the radio or television. Lt Balestracci has posted it on social media. The focus areas include but are not limited to Cross Roads and Route 85.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: made by Rob Brule and **SECONDED** by Chris Gamble to adjourn the meeting at 5:28 p.m. **Passed unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted by:

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ruby York". The signature is written over a horizontal line.

Ruby York
Recording Secretary