



MINUTES
BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
July 13, 2026 at 5:00 p.m.

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

DEPARTMENT: Chief D. Ferland, LT N. VanOverloop, LT P. Flanagan, LT A. Farrior, Traffic Officer M. Devine, Training Officer M. Bellos

CALL TO ORDER AND ESTABLISH A QUORUM:

Commissioner Sheridan called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. in the Town Hall Auditorium. A Quorum was established.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC INPUT:

Bob Lane submitted a letter disputing the findings of the speed study conducted by the WPD Traffic Division on Oswegatchie Road near Josan Drive. The speed study was conducted as a result of a complaint made by Mr. Lane and his wife in May of this year.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:

MOTION: Made by Commissioner Gamble and seconded by Commissioner Dimmock to accept the June 8, 2026 Regular Meeting minutes. Motion passed.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Correspondence was reviewed.

TRAFFIC COMMISSION REVIEW:

Traffic Report was received.

Officer Devine presented two requests for the installation of traffic warning signs to the Commission. The first request was for the installation of "Blind Child" warning signs on Laurel Crest Drive. The second request was for the installation of "Blind Person" warning signs in the vicinity of 73 Spithead Road.

MOTION: Made by Commissioner Dimmock and seconded by Commissioner Gelinas to approve the installation of "Blind Child" warning signs on Laurel Crest Drive. Motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Made by Commissioner Dimmock and seconded by Commissioner Gelinas to approve the installation of "Blind Person" warning signs in the vicinity of 73 Spithead Road. Motion passed unanimously.

CHIEF'S REPORT:

- a. K9 Reports for June
June report was received.
- b. Youth Reports for June
June report was received.
- c. Investigative Services for June
June report was received.
- d. Training Report for June
June report was received.
- e. Support Services Report for June
June report was received.
- f. Patrol Report for June
June report was received.
- g. Animal Control Report for June
June report was received.
- h. Community Engagement Report for June
June report was received.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Letter from BOPC to RTM Moderator regarding any ICE access to individuals in police custody during the prior six month period was discussed and signed.
- b. Executive Session for police officer candidate interviews.

MOTION: Made by Commissioner Dimmock and seconded by Commissioner Gelinas to enter into Executive Session, including Chief Ferland at 5:26 p.m.

The Board came out of Executive Session at 6:20 p.m. No votes or actions were taken while in Executive Session.

MOTION: Motion made by Commissioner Dimmock and seconded by Commissioner Gamble to extend an offer for the current vacancy, contingent on the candidate successfully completing the hiring process and background investigation, to Alexander Wojcik. Motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Made by Commissioner Dimmock and seconded by Commissioner Gelinas to adjourn the meeting at 6:21 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by:



Diane E. Driscoll
Recording Secretary

Speed Study: Upper Oswegatchie Road

Good evening Commissioners:

My name is Bob Lane and my wife and I live at 23 Oswegatchie Road in Waterford. At last May's meeting before you, my wife made a statement for the record regarding the excessive speeding on our section of upper Oswegatchie Road, near Josan Drive.

The reason for my being here today is to contest the conclusion that the Waterford Police Traffic Department arrived at after analyzing data from the speed study they conducted in response to our complaint from last May. I will be providing my statement for the record. This statement has been signed by thirty-five of my neighbors and it includes a letter to you from another neighbor that describes the excessive vehicle speeds we are forced to live with on a daily basis. I have also included in my statement the Waterford PD's Speed Study data which clearly supports our argument that further action is required to address this potentially life threatening situation.

As we stated during your meeting in May, our section of upper Oswegatchie Road has no sidewalks so pedestrians and dogwalkers are forced to walk in narrow 24 inch wide "lanes" on either side of the road. The posted speed limit along this stretch of road is either 30mph or 25mph. But, it has been, and still is, our assertion that these speed limits are being routinely ignored.

In response to our May complaint, Officer Devine with the Waterford Police Traffic Department conducted a Speed Study of the North bound and South bound traffic on our portion of upper Oswegatchie Road using speed feedback RADAR signs to collect data. In his study, 30mph speed limit signs were posted on both the northbound and the southbound sides of Oswegatchie. And, electronic feedback signs which recorded the actual speed of the vehicles going in both directions were also installed next to these speed limit signs.

When in an INACTIVE mode, the feedback RADAR signs recorded actual vehicle speeds but these actual readings were NOT displayed so drivers could see them. However, when in an ACTIVE mode, these feedback RADAR signs displayed the

actual speeds for the drivers to see. These feedback signs were then run in both ACTIVE and INACTIVE modes for the same period of time.

After running the speed study, the Waterford Police Department reported that quote *"The data indicate that without speed feedback, average vehicle speeds were 28.8 mph northbound and 26.2 mph southbound. And, that "When speed feedback signs were deployed, average speeds decreased to 27.2 mph northbound and 25.5 mph southbound"*.

Based on these average speed numbers, the Waterford Police Department then concluded that quote *"The data indicate that average traffic speeds are generally at or below the posted 30 mph speed limit and that speed feedback signs further reduce operating speeds"*.

The report goes on to say that *"Based on speed data alone, there is limited engineering justification for reducing the speed limit to 25 mph"*.

With all due respect, the table used by the Waterford PD to reach its conclusions was incorrectly interpreted. Average speed simply is NOT a true indicator if speeding actually occurred. A substantial number of vehicles on Oswegatchie Road travel at or below the posted speed limit. So, averaging these low speeds in with the speeds of vehicles exceeding the speed limits makes the average speed artificially low. You have to look at the percentage of vehicles that actually do exceed the speed limit to determine if speeding is a serious problem.

Using the Waterford PD data table in their report and a posted speed limit of 30 mph for upper Oswegatchie, the data shows that 43% of the vehicles travelling Northbound (or approximately 4 in every 10 vehicles) are travelling above the posted speed limit, and 26% of the vehicles travelling Southbound (or approximately 3 in every 10 vehicles) are travelling above the posted speed limit. We have trust that these speeding percentages would be unacceptable to the Waterford PD.

With speed feedback RADAR signs that display actual driver speeds, speeding is reduced to 11% for vehicles travelling Northbound (or approximately 1 in every 10 vehicles) and for vehicles travelling Southbound, speeding is reduced to 5% (or less than 1 in every 10 vehicles).

So clearly, the data shows that speed feedback RADAR signs go a long way toward solving the speeding problems on upper Oswegatchie Road. And, at a minimum, these speed feedback signs should be seriously considered as a permanent solution, along with other methods, to reduce the speeding issues we are experiencing.

Thank you for the opportunity to speak before you and thank you for your service to our community.

Respectfully Submitted,

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cc: Robert J. Brule, First Selectman

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To: Waterford Police Department

Subject: Request for Targeted Traffic Enforcement on Oswegatchie Road

Dear Chief and Members of the Waterford Police Department,

I am writing as a resident concerned about excessive speeding on Oswegatchie Road. Many drivers appear to be traveling well above the posted speed limit, creating safety concerns for residents, pedestrians, cyclists, and motorists using the roadway.

The speeding is particularly noticeable during [morning commute hours / afternoon school hours / evening commute hours / weekends], although it occurs at other times as well. Residents have observed vehicles traveling at speeds that make it difficult and potentially dangerous for pedestrians to cross the road, access driveways, or safely use the area.

I respectfully request that the Waterford Police Department consider targeted traffic enforcement on Oswegatchie Road. Increased patrol presence, periodic speed enforcement details, and/or the temporary placement of a radar speed display sign could help reduce speeding and improve safety for everyone who uses the roadway.

If available, I would also appreciate any traffic-speed data the department may have regarding this section of Oswegatchie Road and information about any process for requesting a formal traffic study or additional safety measures.

Thank you for your continued service to our community and for your consideration of this request. I would be grateful for any actions the department can take to address this concern.

Sincerely,

Charles Petchark
4 Jossan Dr
Waterford



The Waterford Police Department

Traffic Officer Report

May 2026

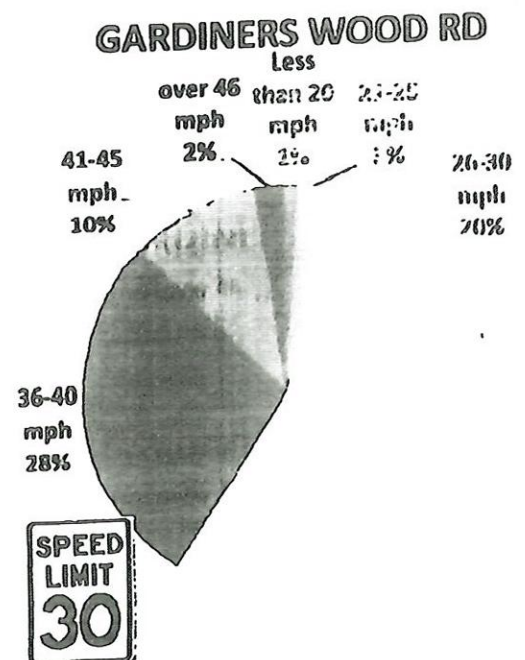
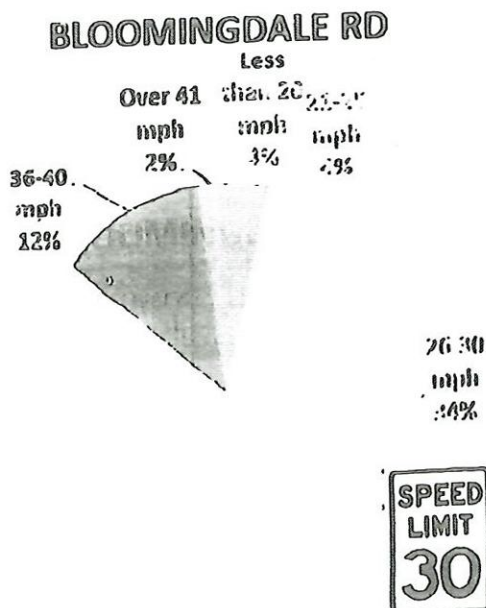


Speed Study: Upper Oswegatchie Road

A speed study was conducted on Oswegatchie Road utilizing speed feedback RADAR signs, in the area of Josan Drive, which is a 30 mph zone. Signs were initially set up both northbound and southbound to collect data, with no speed feedback. The signs were then used in the same locations giving speed feedback, and had 30 mph speed limit signs attached to them. Speed categories over 30 mph showed decrease with the speed feedback signs implemented. Northbound traffic went from 57.39% compliance to the 30 mph speed limit to 73.26%. Southbound traffic went from 73.52% to 83.89% compliance with the 30 mph speed limit.

	Northbound no feedback	Northbound With Feedback	Southbound no feedback	Southbound With Feedback
Less than 20 mph	10.85%	10.25%	16.62%	16.14%
21-25 mph	14.31%	20.34%	21.88%	27.96%
26-30 mph	32.22%	42.67%	35.03%	39.79%
31-35 mph	31.97%	21.50%	21.52%	14.09%
36-40 mph	9.27%	4.80%	4.36%	1.88%
41-45 mph	1.20%	0.37%	0.47%	0.13%
46-50 mph	0.15%	0.02%	0.10%	0.01%
51-55 mph	0.03%	0.04%	0.01%	0.00%
56-60 mph	0.00%	0.02%	0.01%	0.00%
	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%

Legend:
Yellow = % OF SPEEDING VEHICLES
Other speed feedback sign placement:





The Waterford Police Department

Traffic Officer Report

May 2026



LINE OF SIGHT ISSUES:

- DPW reports they have received the red flashing stop signs for Spithead Road at Daniels Ave. They will be working with contractors to coordinate where the stop signs will be placed.

DOT RELATED ISSUES.

- Letter sent to DOT as an addendum for a previous request to evaluate the intersection of Route 1 at Cross Road/Spithead Road. DOT responded indicating they are actively working on this request.
- DOT contractor has installed 70+ SEAT Bus stop signs throughout Waterford

ENFORCEMENT RELATED COMPLAINTS:

- Directed enforcement on Oswegatchie Rd. near Josan Dr. in morning and evening hours
- Enforcement on Braman Rd. near Susan Terrace, speeding near morning bus stop
- Speed sign and enforcement on Gardiners Wood, soccer field exit area
- Speed sign hung on Bloomingdale Road near Miller Pond Road, for vehicles traveling in a southwesterly direction

REQUESTS FOR SIGNS OR CHANGE OF ROADWAY FEATURES:

- A complaint brought forward at the May commission meeting, reporting a speeding issue and requesting an evaluation for a stop sign or speed bumps on Oswegatchie Rd. near Josan Dr. A speed study was conducted on the 30 mph roadway in response to reported speeding concerns. Without speed feedback, average vehicle speeds were 28.8 mph northbound and 26.2 mph southbound, with 85th-percentile speeds of 35 mph and 33 mph, respectively. When speed feedback signs were deployed, average speeds decreased to 27.2 mph northbound and 25.5 mph southbound, while 85th-percentile speeds decreased to 33 mph northbound and 31 mph southbound. The data indicate that average traffic speeds are generally at or below the posted speed limit and that speed feedback signs provide a measurable reduction in both average and higher-end vehicle speeds. The speed study indicates that average vehicle speeds are at or below the posted 30 mph limit and that speed feedback signs further reduce operating speeds. Based on the observed speed data alone, there is limited engineering justification for reducing the posted speed limit to 25 mph. Additional data for the speed study is attached below.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- No upcoming events

UPCOMING ROAD CONSTRUCTION WITH CLOSURE:

- Nothing to report

TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT: 159 Total Traffic Stops

Officer	Devine #88	Reed #93	Total
Infractions	3	59	62
warnings	24	69	93
misdemeanor	1	2	3



David Ferland
Police Chief

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July 13, 2026

Susan Driscoll
RTM Moderator

In accordance with C.G.S. 54-192h(e)(3); the legislative body of any municipality with a law enforcement agency that has provided ICE access to an individual during the prior six months shall provide to the Office of Policy and Management, on an ongoing basis every six months, data regarding the number and demographic data of individuals to whom the law enforcement agency has provided ICE access.

As approved by the Representative Town Meeting during your April 6, 2026 meeting, it was requested that the Board of Police Commissioners provide you any biennial data related to ICE access granted by the Waterford Police Department each July and January to facilitate the submission of pertinent information to the OPM as mandated.

In accordance with this request the Waterford Police Department has provided ICE access to ZERO (0) individuals during the relevant reporting period of January 1, 2026 through June 30, 2026. If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact Chief David Ferland.

Thomas Sheridan
Chairman
Board of Police Commissioners

David P. Ferland
Chief of Police