



**MINUTES
BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS**

September 12, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.
Zoom Meeting ID: 816 9220 0771

PRESENT: Chairperson T. Sheridan, Commissioner Brule, Commissioner C. Gamble,
Commissioner J. Dimmock

ABSENT: Commissioner M. Gelinas

DEPARTMENT: Chief M. Balestracci, LT T. Silva, LT N. VanOverloop, LT D. Ferland,
Sgt. A. Farrior, Officer J. Nickerson, Officer N. Surdo, Officer E.
Fredricks, Officer Z. Caler, CSO A. Reed

PUBLIC: Attorney Mark Kepple, Bill O'Donnell, Susan Driscoll

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

PUBLIC INPUT:

No public input.

CALL TO ORDER AND ESTABLISH A QUORUM:

Chairperson Sheridan 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 Gamble and seconded by Commissioner Brule to accept the minutes from the August meeting. Commissioner Dimmock abstained. The motion passed.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Correspondence was reviewed.

TRAFFIC COMMISSION REVIEW:

Traffic report received.

Chief Balestracci commended Officer Nickerson on his work to improve back to school traffic flow.

Traffic Officer Jake Nickerson presented a request from a resident for a sign to be placed near their home to inform drivers that a child with down syndrome lives in the area. Officer Nickerson did some research and found that no appropriate sign is available. He requested the sign be changed to a default "Children at Play" sign.

MOTION: Made by Commissioner Dimmock to approve the sign being placed as requested. Seconded by Commissioner Gamble. Passed unanimously.

CHIEF'S REPORT:

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

- h. Community Engagement Report for August
August report was received.

OLD BUSINESS:

- a. The second draft of the Airbnb letter to Planning & Zoning was presented to the Commission.

MOTION: Made by Commissioner Gamble to approve the letter for presentation to Planning & Zoning. Seconded by Commissioner Dimmock. Commissioner Brule voted against. Passed 3-1.

- b. Commissioner Dimmock discussed policy on how future police Chiefs will be chosen. The draft will be reviewed by Commissioners for further discussion at the next meeting. This item will remain on the agenda.

NEW BUSINESS:

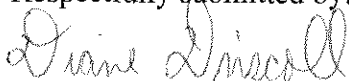
- a. Sergeant Farrior, on behalf of the Awards Committee, presented an award to Officer Caler for excellent police work conducting a routine traffic stop that resulted in significant additional charges.
- b. Attorney Mark Kepple addressed the Commission regarding a new issue associated with live outdoor music at Filomena's. The permit now allows outdoor music nightly throughout the year with a limit of 75 people for each event. Attorney Kepple requested that this limitation be enforced by the PD since it is after hours for Planning & Zoning, therefore they are not available to enforce their own regulations. Discussion ensued. Chief Balestracci explained that the PD can't enforce this regulation and that the neighbors would have to collect and submit complaints to Planning & Zoning during regular business hours.
- c. Discussion confirming that any major road project in Town should be presented to the Commission/Local Traffic Authority.
- d. Chief Balestracci presented the Shoreline Traffic Accident Reconstruction Team Agreement to the Commission for approval to send to the Town Attorney for review. Chief explained that it's an interlocal agreement with East Lyme, that would allow the two towns to work together to plan training and purchase equipment, saving money for both towns.

MOTION: Made by Commissioner Dimmock and seconded by Commissioner Gamble to approve forwarding the agreement to the Town attorney. Passed unanimously.

Intern Jenna Bennett, a student at Mitchell College, introduced herself to the Commission.

MOTION: Made by Commissioner Dimmock and seconded by Commissioner Gamble to adjourn the meeting at 5:50 p.m. Passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by:

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Diane Driscoll".

Diane Driscoll
Recording Secretary