



MINUTES
BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
October 15, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Commissioner C. Gamble, Commissioner M. Gelinas, Commissioner T. Sheridan, Commissioner J. Dimmock via phone

ABSENT: Commissioner R. Brule

DEPARTMENT: Chief M. Balestracci, LT N. VanOverloop, LT D. Ferland,
LT P. Flanagan, Officer M. Sylvestre, Traffic Officer M. Devine,

CALL TO ORDER AND ESTABLISH A QUORUM:

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC INPUT:

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:

MOTION: Made by Commissioner Gamble and seconded by Commissioner Gelinas to accept the minutes from the August 12, 2024 Regular Meeting. Commissioners Dimmock and Sheridan abstained. Motion passed.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Correspondence was reviewed.

TRAFFIC COMMISSION REVIEW:

Traffic report was received.

Chief Balestracci requested a discussion regarding incorrect signage located on Spithead Road, Ellen Ward Road and North Road be added to New Business. Request was approved.

CHIEF'S REPORT:

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

OLD BUSINESS:

- a. Recording Commission Meetings – No new information to report.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Review of 2025 Meeting Schedule

MOTION: Made by Commissioner Sheridan and seconded by Commissioner Dimmock to approve the 2025 BOPC Meeting Schedule. Motion passed unanimously.

- b. Chief Balestracci explained that there is currently inaccurate signage prohibiting all truck traffic on Spithead Road, Ellen Ward Road and North Road. This signage prevents trucks that are delivering goods or services to residents from accessing these roads. The Connecticut Department of Transportation actually designated these roads as “No Thru Trucks” roadways. Chief Balestracci proposed replacing the current signs with “No Thru Truck” signs, which are the intended signs for these roads.

Chief also requested the he “be able to confer with members of the of the Department of Public Works to have the locations at the approved intersections be evaluated for better placement of the signs to make them more visible, and be open to adding additional “No Thru Truck” signs if it is deemed appropriate based on lines of sight and proper warning prior to entering the roadway”.

MOTION: Motion made by Commissioner Sheridan and Seconded by Commissioner Dimmock to approve Chief Balestracci’s proposal regarding the replacement, and possible relocation and addition, for accurate signage at the roads and intersections listed below:

- Route 1 (Boston Post Road) @ Spithead Road
- Route 1 (Boston Post Road) @ Ellen Ward Road
- Route 156 (Rope Ferry Road) @ North Road
- Route 156 (Rope Ferry Road) @ Spithead Road

Motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Made by Commissioner Gamble and Seconded by Commissioner Dimmock to adjourn the meeting at 5:22 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by:



Diane E. Driscoll
Recording Secretary