

**Board of Police Commissioners
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, February 17, 2021
5:30 P.M.– Zoom Video Conference**

Present: Board Members: Robert Welsh, Michael Mikolay, Paul Chello
Carrie Federici, Edward Huguenel
Department Members: Chief Warren Hyatt Jr.
Deputy Chief Massey
Lucy Krauchick, Clerk of the Board

Call to order.

Commissioner Welsh called the meeting to order at 5:31 PM.

1. Approval of prior meeting minutes

- 1.1 Approval of the regular meeting minutes of the Board of Police Commissioners of January 20, 2021

Motion: Upon a motion by Commissioner Federici, and seconded by Commissioner Mikolay, the Board of Police Commissioners voted to accept the minutes of the regular meeting of January 20, 2021 as presented.

*In Favor: Welsh, Mikolay, Chello, Federici, Huguenel
Opposed: None
Abstained: None*

- 1.2 Approval of the special meeting minutes of the Board of Police Commissioners of February 3, 2021 as presented

Motion: Upon a motion by Commissioner Huguenel, and seconded by Commissioner Chello, the Board of Police Commissioners voted to accept the special meeting minutes of February 3, 2021 as presented.

*In Favor: Welsh, Mikolay, Chello, Federici, Huguenel
Opposed: None
Abstained: None*

2. Public Petition/Commentary

None.

3. Traffic

3.1 Signage/Enforcement

3.1.1 Safe Streets Task Force

Commissioner Huguenel updated the Board of Police Commissioners on the recent Safe Streets Task Force meeting, which he attended. He reported that the first public meeting for the Task Force will take place on February 25, 2021 beginning at 6:30 PM. The Safe Streets Task Force will present their first public awareness effort and discussion via the Zoom platform.

3.1.2 Trolley Road-Update and discussion

Chief Hyatt updated the Board of Police Commissioners on Trolley Road. Discussion took place regarding the speed limit and no parking signs.

Motion: Upon a motion by Commissioner Chello, and seconded by Commissioner Mikolay, the Board of Police Commissioners voted to table Item 3.1.2 Trolley Road until more information and data can be gathered and reviewed.

In Favor: Welsh, Mikolay, Chello, Federici, Huguenel

Opposed: None

Abstained: None

Deputy Chief Massey has been in contact with the Department of Environmental Protection and the Shellfish Commission regarding the no parking signs on Trolley Road. Discussion took place.

3.3.1 State of Connecticut Department of Transportation-FYI

This item was submitted as informational to the Board of Police Commissioners.

Chairman Welsh asked for an update on Mr. Jagielski's traffic concerns presented in public session at the last regular meeting.

Chief Hyatt reported that he contacted the Parks and Recreation Director and the Facilities Department regarding the traffic light on Route 77 and Lake Quonnipaug. Mr. Maynard stated that the traffic light is used for crossing during beach season only and he is aware that the light remains green during the off season. Discussion followed.

Chief Hyatt updated the Board of Police Commissioners regarding the signs on Hoop Pole Road. It was agreed that Chief Hyatt will contact Public Works.

Deputy Chief Massey reported that a traffic unit speed sign has been installed on Maple Hill Road and the Traffic Unit is collecting data and continuing enforcement.

Runs/Rides

3.2.1. Song Strong Road Race

Discussion took place. It was agreed that Lucy Krauchick will contact Mr. Montgomery for race details.

4. Committee Reports

4.1 Facilities/Equipment

Chief Hyatt reported on a leak that is in the process of being repaired at Headquarters.

4.2 Personnel

4.2.1 Chief Hyatt-Verbal update on personnel matters

Chief Hyatt reported that a Dispatcher and Patrol Officer have been through the process and have been issued final offers for hire.

4.3 Communications

4.3.1 Thank you note from BHCare

Chairman Welsh read from a thank you note received from BHCare in appreciation of the department on National Law Enforcement Day.

4.3.2 Thank you note from Pamela Eldridge

Chairman Welsh read from a thank you note received from Ms. Eldridge thanking the department on behalf of her family.

4.3.3 Thank you note received to Officer Duque from Beth Allen

Chairman Welsh read from a thank you note from Beth Allen recognizing Officer Duque.

4.3.4 Thank you note to the Department and Officer Thornton from the Ezold Family

Chairman Welsh read the note from the Ezold Family to the Department and specifically mentioning Officer Thornton.

4.4 Budget/Finance

4.4.1 Fiscal Year 2020/2021 Budget

The monthly budget summary report was reviewed through January 31, 2021. Discussion took place. Chief Hyatt stated that the budget remains in order. Chief Hyatt reviewed COVID expenses and anticipates possible reimbursements.

5. Monthly Reports

Chief Hyatt entertained questions. Chairman Welsh asked for clarification on the vehicle transactions. The Chief discussed how the fleet is managed. Commissioner Huguenel asked about the Recruitment Goals and Objectives Report. Discussion took place.

6. Old Business

None.

7. New Business

None.

8. Police Personnel Comments

None.

Motion: Upon a motion by Commissioner Mikolay, and seconded by Commissioner Federici, the Board of Police Commissioners voted to move out of Public Session and into Executive Session inviting the Chief of Police and Deputy Chief of Police and excusing the Clerk of the Board for the purposes of discussing personnel matters and legal matters at 6:27 PM.

In Favor: Welsh, Mikolay, Chello, Federici, Huguenel

Opposed: None

Abstained: None

9. Executive Session

The Clerk of the Board left the meeting at 6:28 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Lucy Krauchick

Clerk of the Board of Police Commissioners

The Board of Police Commissioners came out of Executive Session at 7:16 PM.

No motions were made, no action was taken in Executive Session.

Motion: Upon a motion by Commissioner Federici, and seconded by Commissioner Chello, the Board of Police Commissioners voted to adjourn the meeting at 7:17 PM.

In Favor: Welsh, Mikolay, Chello, Federici, Huguenel

Opposed: None

Abstained: None

Executive Session submitted by: Chief Hyatt

Lucy Krauchick, Executive Session Typist