

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS  
33 LAUREL STREET  
BRANFORD, CONNECTICUT 06405-3644

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING: March 9, 2020

**Commissioners Present:**

Commissioner Jill Marcus  
Commissioner Richard Goodwin  
Commissioner Peter Hugret  
Commissioner Anthony LaSala  
Commissioner John Sousoulas  
Commissioner Valerie Wiel-Wilkins

Also present was: Chief Mulhern.

The meeting called to order at 5:39 p.m.

**Approval of Minutes:**

Motion made by Commissioner Goodwin to approve the minutes from February 11, 2020.  
Seconded by Commissioner Sousoulas. Vote unanimous.

**Report of the Chief:**

CompStat Report - Chief Mulhern reported that there continues to be many reports of motor vehicles being broken into. There was a fatal overdose. There was an arrest made in the armed robbery at Krauzers. He mentioned thank you letters concerning Officer Burghart from the Fire Chief and from University of New Haven concerning LT. Dionne and Sgt. Carney.

Forfeiture Report – The Chief provided an overview concerning CALEA Accreditation for the department. He requested that the commission consider using \$11,450 from the forfeiture account to pay for the CALEA Accreditation Fee. Commission Goodwin stated that the budget committee reviewed this item. Motion made by Commission Goodwin to approve the expenditure of \$11,450 for CALEA Accreditation Fee from the forfeiture account. Seconded by Commissioner Marcus. Vote unanimous.

Commissioner Goodwin stated that the when the budget committee met they also discussed giving the Chief approval for use of the forfeiture funds for purchases up to \$5,000 when necessary. Motion made by Commissioner Sousoulas to allow the Chief to use forfeiture funds up to \$5,000 when necessary and provide a report to the Commission when those funds are used. Seconded by Commissioner Marcus. Vote unanimous.

Budget Transfer Request – Officer Furniture – The Chief provided information concerning the replacement of office furniture. A company has been located in Manchester that refurbishes furniture. For all the Detectives, Clerks and Youth Officer to refurbish all work station and chairs would cost approximately \$25,000. The Chief requested the commission approve a transfer of \$15,905 in the capital line item for the furniture. Commissioner Goodwin made a motion to transfer from wages and salaries \$15,905 to furniture. Seconded by Commissioner Sousoulas. Vote unanimous.

**Traffic Committee:**

Commissioner Wiel-Wilkins provided the traffic committee report.

Request for replacing the existing “Not a Thru Road” signs on Flax Mill Road/Thompson Drive to “Narrow Road” and a request for a “Stop” sign on Flax Mill at the Flax Mill Hollow intersection. The Traffic Committee recommended approving the requests.

Request for a “Stop” sign on Parish Farm Road at its intersection with Todd’s Hill Road. The Traffic Committee will defer this item to the next meeting. This needs to be reviewed by the Town Engineer.

Request for a mirrors on Meadow Street (south side of the intersection with Church Street and on Laurel Street (across from the Blackstone Library parking lot exit). The Traffic Committee feels that mirrors should not be approved but recommends the installation of a “No parking beyond this sign” sign.

Request from appropriate signage at the intersection of Cedar Street and Rose Street. No action on this request as this time. This item needs additional review.

Question regarding the correct speed limit sign on Leetes Island Road. A “25 MPH” sign needs to be replaced with a “35 MPH” to be consistent.

Vote unanimous to accept the Traffic Committee report.

**Report of the Chair:** Next meeting scheduled for April 13.

**Executive Session:**

Motion made by Commissioner Goodwin to enter into executive session for interviews and possible appointment of candidates to fill three open patrol officer vacancies. The Commission

invited Captain Galdenzi to attend the executive session. Seconded by Commissioner Sousoulas. Vote unanimous.

Present in executive session were: Commissioners Jill Marcus, Richard Goodwin, Anthony LaSala, John Sousoulas and Valerie Wiel-Wilkins. Also present was Chief Jon Mulhern and Captain Galdenzi.

Return to regular meeting at 7:00 p.m.

For the record no votes were taken while in executive session.

Motion made by Commissioner Goodwin to appoint Jeffrey Couto to the position of Patrol Officer effective April 2, 2020 and Jason Richardson to the position of Patrol Officer effective April 3, 2020 and Seconded by Commissioner Marcus. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Commissioner Goodwin to extend an conditional offer of employment to Cole Perrotti contingent upon successful completion of all pre-employment criteria including a vacancy in the police academy. Seconded by Sousoulas. Vote unanimous

Motion made by Commissioner Goodwin to extend an conditional offer of employment to Thomas Mickolyzck contingent upon successful completion of all pre-employment criteria including a vacancy in the police academy and vacancy within the police department. Seconded by Commissioner Sousoulas. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Commissioner Goodwin to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Marcus. Vote unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted,

Trista Milici, Clerk