

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
33 LAUREL STREET
BRANFORD, CONNECTICUT 06405-3644
MINUTES OF MEETING: June 13, 2022

Commissioners Present:

Commissioner Jill Marcus
Commissioner Richard Goodwin
Commissioner Valerie Wiel-Wilkins
Commissioner Janice Heggie-Margolis
Commissioner Patty Austin

Also present was Chief Mulhern and Deputy Chief Alves.

The meeting called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Chair Jill Marcus.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion made by Commissioner Austin to approve the minutes from May 9, 2022 and May 23, 2022. Seconded by Commissioner Goodwin.

Motion made by Commissioner Austin to enter into executive session at 5:30 p.m. to interview candidates for a Lateral Officer for the Position of Police Officer; Lateral Officer for the position of Supernumerary Officer and consider a promotion for the Rank of Sergeant. Chief Mulhern and Deputy Chief Alves were invited to attend executive session as well as the candidates during their respective interviews.

Return to regular session at 6:16 p.m.

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

Present during executive session were: Commissioners Marcus, Goodwin, Wiel-Winkins, Heggie-Margolis, Chief Mulhern and Deputy Chief Alves. Also present during their respective interviews were Evan Beauvais, Joseph Race and Mike Loftis.

Motion made by Commissioner Goodwin to extend a conditional offer of employment to Evan Beauvais as a Police Officer effective July 8, 2022; to extend a conditional offer of employment to Joseph Race as a Supernumerary Officer effective July 8, 2022 and Promote Mike Loftis to the position of Sergeant effective June 14, 2022. Seconded by Commissioner Austin. Vote unanimous.

Report of the Chief:

Chief Mulhern provided the Compstat Monthly Statistical Report. He reported that shoplifting is up. There is an increase in Driving Under the Influence offenses, he reminded the public that there is zero tolerance for driving while under the influence and encouraged residents to use options such as Uber. Cases of significance included a Burglary at Dunkin Donuts, the suspect was apprehended and a case that the detective bureau has been working on involving an out of state and out of country individual that was threatening a family member living in Branford. This was a very complicated and prolonged investigation. Detective Eula as very persistent and worked with the Department of Homeland Security and the FBI until the individual was apprehended.

Forfeiture Report – Chief Mulhern reported that the balance is \$109,961 after the purchase of the command post.

Personnel – Audra Clyburn has been doing well at the academy and will be graduating at the end of July. Chief Mulhern expressed appreciation to Sgt. Romanella for his work with a new 5 week program at the high school.

He reported that a small working group has been put together to evaluate and prepare an RFP for a study concerning Hosley Avenue.

Deputy Chief Alves provided a update concerning the current recruitment process. He reported that there was a total of 90 applicants, they are down of 10 for interviews. The interviews are scheduled for tomorrow.

Traffic Committee:

Request for signage identifying direction to Stony Creek Legacy Theatre. The Traffic Committee took no action.

Request for crosswalk on Brushy Plain Road between Veterans Park and Island View Condominiums. Motion made by Commissioner Goodwin to approve the request and refer this to the State DOT for consideration. Seconded by Commissioner Marcus. Vote unanimous.

Report of the Chair – No report

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Motion made by Commissioner Austin to adjourn the meeting at 6:35 p.m. Seconded by Commissioner Goodwin. Vote unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted,

Trista Milici, Clerk