

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS  
33 LAUREL STREET  
BRANFORD, CONNECTICUT 06405-3644  
VIDEO/TELECONFERENCE MEETING  
MINUTES OF MEETING: June 14, 2021

**Commissioners Present:**

Commissioner Jill Marcus  
Commissioner Richard Goodwin  
Commissioner John Sousoulas  
Commissioner Patty Austin  
Commissioner Valerie Wiel-Wilkins

Also present were: Chief Mulhern and Deputy Chief Alves. Commissioner Tony Lasala was absent.

The meeting called to order at 5:37 p.m.

**Approval of Minutes:**

Motion made by Commissioner Austin to approve the minutes from May 10, 2021. Seconded by Commissioner Sousoulas. Vote unanimous.

**Organization of the Board:**

Motion made by Commissioner Goodwin to enter into executive session at 5:37 p.m. to interview a certified officer. Seconded by Commissioner Austin. Vote unanimous.

Present in executive session were Commissioners Jill Marcus, Richard Goodwin, John Sousoulas, Patty Austin, and Valerie Wiel-Wilkins. Also present were: Chief Mulhern and Deputy Chief Alves and candidate Andre Coutu.

Return to regular session at 6:01 p.m.

Motion made by Commissioner Goodwin to extend an offer of employment to Andre Coutu as a Patrolman effective July 1, 2021. Seconded by Commissioner Austin. Vote unanimous.

**Report of the Chief:**

Chief Jon Mulhern presented a letter of appreciation from a resident concerning Officer Vera. There are no injuries to report. The forfeiture account is stable, there may be expenditures from that account to pay for a small trailer in the future. The Chief provided the compstat report. Cases of significance included a robbery at Chucky's Mobil, the investigation is continuing. Theft from auto has increased significantly YTD from last year. Part one crimes are down 13%

and auto theft is down 35% this month. The Chief also mentioned that theft of purses from vehicles at gas stations and stores have increased. He also reported that with this last new hire the department will be at full staff.

Deputy Chief Alves provided a report concerning the social services calls and training report. He reported that Mental Health calls are up 19% this month. The department made 47 referrals to BHCare and Branford Counseling. The newly approved Crisis Social Worker position has been posted. DC Alves also provided a summary of all the training that was conducted.

### **Traffic Committee**

Request to remove the pedestrian “lollipops” on Linden Avenue. The Traffic Committee recommended no action on this item.

The Traffic Committee also discussed issues in the Sybil Creek area near the Stand, Lenny’s and Friki Tiki concerning traffic, parking, pedestrian safety and lighting.

**Report of the Chair** – no report. The next meeting will be July 12.

Motion made by Commissioner Goodwin to adjourn the meeting at 6:28 p.m. Seconded by Commissioner Sousoulas. Vote unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted,

Trista Milici, Clerk