

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS  
33 LAUREL STREET  
BRANFORD, CONNECTICUT 06405-3644  
VIDEO/TELECONFERENCE MEETING  
MINUTES OF MEETING: July 13, 2020

**Commissioners Present:**

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

Also present was: Chief Mulhern. Commissioner Anthony LaSala was absent.

The meeting called to order at 5:53 p.m.

**Approval of Minutes:**

Motion made by Commissioner Goodwin to approve the minutes from March 9, 2020. Seconded by Commissioner Sousoulas. Vote unanimous.

**Report of the Chief:**

CompStat Report - Chief Mulhern reported provided an update concerning COVID-19. He stated that the department has received an increased number of water related complaints. Because of COVID there is an increase of activity on the water. There were 4 auto thefts. He reminded the public to lock their cars. He stated that Lt. Kris Hormuth recently retired but will stay on as a Supernumerary. The budget has been wrapped up last year's expenses came in under budget. The department is also seeing a savings due to all of the events that have been canceled. Nationally there a lot going on with protests and movements. Locally we are focused on Branford's quality of life and our town's needs. The department is looking forward to seeing new ideas and suggestions for reforms and welcome changes that benefit the department and community. The Chief provided an overview of several thank you letters concerning Dominique Virgulto, Lt. Ramey, Sgt. Carney, Officer Massey, Officer Andrew, Officer Mac Isaac and Dispatcher Faust.

Injury Report – none

**Traffic Committee**

1. Request for a “**STOP**” sign on Parish Farm Road at its intersection with Todds Hill Road. The Traffic Committee recommended the installation of a three way stop sign. Motion made by

Commissioner Goodwin to approve the recommendation. Seconded by Commissioner Wiel-Wilkins.

2. Request for appropriate signage at the intersection of Cedar Street and Rose Street. (Carried over pending a traffic study and further analysis. (Combine with #7). This request requires additional review. The Traffic Committee recommended no action at this time.
3. Request for a “NO PARKING” sign on the corner of Hopson Avenue and Main Street in the vicinity of Webster Bank. The Traffic Committee recommended no action at this time.
4. Request for appropriate signage to not block the road to traffic on Waverly Park Road. The Traffic Committee recommended no action at this time.
5. Request to move the “NO OUTLET” sign at the beginning of Little Bay Lane to be more visible. The Traffic Committee recommended no action at this time.
6. Request for a new “NO OUTLET” sign on Crescent Bluff Avenue. The Traffic Committee recommended to replace the private “NO OUTLET” sign when all the paperwork is finalized. Motion made by Goodwin to approve the recommendation. Seconded by Commissioner Marcus.
7. Request for a larger sign on Cedar Street at its intersection with Rose St. “ONCOMING TRAFFIC DOES NOT STOP”. (Combined with #2).
8. Request for “SPEED BUMPS” on Wilford Road. The Chief stated that they would reposition the monitoring device to obtain additional traffic information. The Traffic Committee recommended no action at this time.
9. Request for a “BLIND DRIVEWAY” sign in the vicinity of 150 Northford Road. The Traffic Committee recommended approval of the installation of a “Blind Driveway” sign. Motion made by Commissioner Goodwin to approve the recommendation. Seconded by Commissioner Marcus.
10. Request to remove crosswalk sign and striping near the Linden Shores entrance on Linden Avenue. The Traffic Committee recommended removing the crosswalk sign and striping near the Linden Shores entrance on Linden Avenue. Motion made by Commissioner Goodwin. Seconded by Commissioner Marcus.
11. Install CURVE AHEAD signs on Stony Creek Road before and after the curve in the vicinity of 100 Stony Creek Road. The Traffic Committee recommended no action at this time.
12. Request for “NO PARKING” signs on both sides of Lanphiers Cove Road. The Traffic Committee recommended the removal of the “NO PARKING” sign on the north side (in front of the second home on the north side) between Howard Avenue and Double Beach Road. Motion made by Commissioner Goodwin. Seconded by Wiel-Wilkins. Vote unanimous.
13. Request for “NO PARKING” signs in front of the apartments at 29 South Main Street. The Traffic Committee recommended the installation of a “NO PARKING” with Arrow (to the west) sign. Motion made Commissioner Marcus to approve the recommendation. Seconded by Commissioner Wiel-Wilkins. Vote unanimous.
14. Request for “NO PARKING HERE TO CORNER” in the vicinity of the curve in front of 20 Red Hill Road. The Traffic Committee recommended the installation of a “NO PARKING HERE TO CORNER” sign. Motion made by Commissioner Goodwin to approve the recommendation. Seconded by Commissioner Sousoulas. Vote unanimous.

**Report of the Chair:**

No report – the next Board of Police Commissioner’s meeting will be held September 14, 2020.

**Executive Session:**

Motion made by Commissioner Goodwin to enter into executive session at 6:17 p.m. to discuss promotions for the positions of Lieutenant, promotions of Sergeant and the discussion of the Deputy Chief Contract. Seconded by Commissioner Hugret. Vote unanimous.

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

Return to regular meeting at 6:29 p.m.

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

Motion made by Commissioner Goodwin to appoint Christopher Romanello as Sergeant effective July 15, 2020. Seconded by Commissioner Sousoulas. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Commissioner Goodwin to appoint Rashaad Roach as Lieutenant effective July 15, 2020. Seconded by Commissioner Sousoulas. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Commissioner Goodwin to approve the Deputy Chief’s Contract. Seconded by Commissioner Sousoulas. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Commissioner Hugret to adjourn the meeting at 6:32 p.m. Seconded by Commissioner Marcus. Vote unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted,

Trista Milici, Clerk