

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS  
33 LAUREL STREET  
BRANFORD, CONNECTICUT 06405-3644  
MINUTES OF MEETING: September 12, 2022

**Commissioners Present:**

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

Also present was Chief Mulhern and Deputy Chief Alves. Commissioner Janice Heggie-Margolis was absent.

The meeting called to order at 5:40 p.m. by Chair Jill Marcus.

**Approval of Minutes:**

Motion made by Commissioner Austin to approve the minutes from July 11, 2022. Seconded by Commissioner Goodwin. Vote unanimous.

The Board entered into executive session at 5:39 p.m. to interview candidates for two Police Officer positions. Chief Mulhern and Deputy Chief Alves were invited to attend executive session. The candidates were invited to attend during their respective interviews.

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

Motion made by Commissioner Goodwin to return to regular session. Seconded by Commissioner Austin. Vote unanimous.

Present during executive session were: Commissioners Marcus, Sousoulas, Wiel-Wilkins, Goodwin, Chief Mulhern and Deputy Chief Alves. Also present were candidates: Casey McCone and Andrew Luzzi.

Motion made by Commissioner Goodwin to extend a conditional offer of employment to Casey McCone as a Police Officer effective September 19, 2022 and extend a conditional offer of employment to Andrew Luzzi effective September 20, 2022. Seconded by Commissioner Sousoulas. Vote unanimous.

**Report of the Chief:**

Chief Mulhern extended his welcome to Casey McCone and Andrew Luzzi. Chief Mulhern provided the Compstat Monthly Statistical Report. He reported that there were Motor Vehicle thefts are stable and starting to trend down. He stated that shoplifting is up dramatically. Mental

Health Calls year to date are up about 20%. There were coding changes to the Domestic and Family Violence calls on the monthly report. The numbers look like there's a significant increase but it due to the calls being coded differently. Drug overdoses are up from last year. Accidents were down slightly they continue with enforcement. He welcomed Michael Smith to the Records Division. He also provided a brief overview of the School Resource Officer Program. The BOE hired some private security for some of the schools. He will continue to talk to the Superintendent and the Board of Education. He announced that Detective Moynihan will be retiring after 14 years of service. The department will have two vacancies after his retirement. There will be an awards ceremony in November to recognize members of the department.

Letters of Recognition – Letters of recognition/appreciation were received concerning Officer Hope, Officer McGinness and Officer Massey, Officer Cassella, Officer Vera, Officer Massey and Officer Richardson, Officer Erdos, Lt. Roach, Officer Cope and a letter of appreciation for the entire department from the Community Dining Room

#### Traffic Committee

Request for permanent MPH signs, possible lower speed limit signs and stop signs on Pawson Road. A request will be made to the Town Engineer's Office to assist with analyzing Pawson Park for increased safety. No action. This issue will be postponed until the October meeting.

Request for crosswalk at the four corner intersection in front of Take it for Granite. No action. This issue postponed until the October meeting.

Request for Crosswalk signs at the intersection of School Street and Watrous Ave. Also requested repainting the crosswalk. No Action. This issue postponed until the October meeting.

Request to add fog lines on School Street to help slow down traffic. No action. This issue postponed until the October meeting.

Commissioner Austin reported that copies of the completed Safety Audit RT. 146 had been distributed to some of the residents in the area for their review and information.

Commissioner Austin reported that a letter had been sent to the State regarding the crosswalk on Brushy Plains Rd in the area of Veterans Park.

Report of the Chair – The Chair mentioned that Tip A Cop is coming up at Lenny's.

Ashley Phan addressed the board to ask about the correlation between the increase in larcenies and the increase in Drug use/drug overdosed. She also asked about a follow up question concerning the security officers at the schools.

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Motion made by Commissioner Goodwin to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Wiel-Wilkins. Vote unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted,

Trista Milici, Clerk