

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
33 LAUREL STREET
BRANFORD, CONNECTICUT 06405-3644
VIDEO/TELECONFERENCE MEETING
MINUTES OF MEETING: September 14, 2020

Commissioners Present:

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

Also present was: Chief Mulhern and Deputy Chief Alves. Commissioner Jill Marcus was absent.

The meeting called to order at 5:36 p.m.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion made by Commissioner Hugret to approve the minutes from July 13, 2020. Seconded by Commissioner Sousoulas. Motion made by Commissioner Hugret to approve the minutes from August 17, 2020 (special meeting). Seconded by Commissioner Wiel-Wilkins. Vote unanimous.

Report of the Chief:

CompStat Report - Chief Mulhern reported there was a street robbery that occurred on Brushy Plain Road, a suspect was identified and arrested. There was an incidents involved a group of juvenile that encountered another group of young teens on scooters that demanded their belongings. The detectives are continuing to investigate. Everything is pretty stable concerning quality of life crimes. Stolen cars and stolen items from cars continues to be an issue statewide. We continue to remind residents to lock their cars.

Forfeiture Report – balance is \$152,676.32.

Letters – Letter to department supporting the entire department; Letter of support from the Linden Avenue resident; Thank you letter from resident of Northford Road for the installation of a blind driveway sign; Letter from Mountain Top Drive; thank you letter on behalf of Marc Andrew; Thank you letter to Supernumerary Dahlin and Officer John Abely for assistance while on boat patrol; Thank you to Officer Glifort for her professionalism and gracious she was during an investigation; Letter recognizing the professionalism of Officer Abely during a call for youths jumping off rocks at Thimble Farms Road; Letter recognizing Officer Vitale’s professionalism while out on patrol; Letter of thanks and support to the entire department.

Traffic Committee

Request for appropriate signage at the intersection of Cedar Street and Rose Street. (Carried over pending a traffic study and further analysis. (Combine with #2). Working with the Town Engineer on recommendations and expect a report for the October Meeting. No action at this time.

Request for a larger sign on Cedar Street at its intersection with Rose St. identifying “ONCOMING TRAFFIC DOES NOT STOP” sign. Working with the Town Engineer on recommendations and expect a report for the October Meeting. No action at this time.

Request for a “NO PARKING AREA” striping of the road or a sign at the south end of Crescent Bluff Ave. or a “NO PARKING” sign. The Traffic Committee recommended the painting of no parking on the road at the end of Crescent Bluff Avenue (this action to take place after the title is transferred). Motion made by Commissioner Sousoulas to approve the recommendation for painting of no parking on the road at the end of Crescent Bluff Avenue. Seconded by Commissioner Wiel-Wilkins. Vote unanimous.

Request for review and recommendation for additional SPEED LIMIT signs on Rt. 146 from the intersection with Thimble Islands Road to the Guilford Town line. The state DOT has commissioned a study for all of Route 146. The Traffic Committee recommended that the Chief contact DOT for additional signs. Motion made by Commissioner Wiel-Wilkins to approve the recommendation that the Chief contact DOT for additional signs. Seconded by Commissioner Sousoulas. Vote unanimous.

Request for review of State Road 146 in the Hotchkiss Grove area for possible recommendation of Crosswalk(s) and other signage. The Traffic Committee recommended the Chief contact DOT and recommend additional crosswalk signs. Motion made by Commissioner Wiel-Wilkins to approve the recommendation that the Chief contact DOT and recommend additional crosswalk signs in the Hotchkiss Grove area. Seconded by Commissioner Sousoulas. Vote unanimous.

Request for a Crosswalk and Stop sign on Featherbed Lane in the vicinity of Medley Lane. The Town Engineer recommends that there are no changes to this area. The traffic Committee recommended no action on this item.

Request for all way “STOP” signs at the intersection of Kirkham and Elm. The Town Engineer recommended no changes to existing signage but recommended the installation of fog lines. The Traffic Committee recommended the installation of fog lines from Main to Maple. Motion made by Commissioner Wiel-Wilkins to approve the recommendation to install fog lines. Seconded by Commissioner Sousoulas. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Commissioner Wiel-Wilkins to remove the approved request for a permanent radar speed sign off the work order. Seconded by Commissioner Sousoulas. Vote unanimous.
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Request to remove 5 parking spaces adjacent to crosswalks near the Town beach in Stony Creek. The Traffic Committee recommended review all the signage in the area is as it should be.

Motion made by Commissioner Wiel-Wilkins to review the signage in the area of the crosswalks where the parking spaces have been requested to be removed and take any action necessary at the October meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Sousoulas. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Commissioner Hugret to adjourn the meeting at 6:08 p.m. Seconded by Commissioner Wiel-Wilkins. Vote unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted,

Trista Milici, Clerk