

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS  
33 LAUREL STREET  
BRANFORD, CONNECTICUT 06405-3644  
MINUTES OF MEETING: March 13, 2023

**Commissioners Present:**

Commissioner Jill Marcus  
Commissioner Rick Goodwin  
Commissioner Patty Austin  
Commissioner Wiel-Wilkins  
Commissioner Janice Heggie-Margolis  
Commissioner John Sousoulas

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 Goodwin to approve the minutes from February 13, 2023.  
Seconded by Commissioner Heggie Margolis. Vote unanimous.

**Report of the Chief:**

Chief Mulhern provided copies of the Monthly Statistical Report as well as the CALEA Accreditation Summary Report to the board. He stated that the CALEA Accreditation Summary Report is very favorable and he is confident that we will receive the award in July. He stated that everything is status quo, no significant changes.

Forfeiture Report – The Chief reported that there's been a couple of deposits totaling approximately \$7,500.

Chief Mulhern reported that there is a significant increase in overtime costs due to Risk Protection Orders (legislative changes). The Chief provided a brief overview of the RPO process. A policy has been developed to address the RPO process. The overtime cost impacts are being monitored. Through the State DOT and the T2 Center the town has been given 2 free speed signs. A few more certified officer candidates have been interviewed, they are continuing to vet one of the candidates. Running recruitment drive now for non-certified officers as of today there are 50 applicants. The recruitment numbers are extremely low.

Letters of Recognition – Letters of recognition/appreciation were received concerning Officers R. Morgan, J. Richardson, M. Loftis, M. Carney, A. Clyburn and Social Worker Suraci.

Police Department Building Project – Deputy Chief Alves reported that the contracts for Jacunski Humes and Downes Construction have been signed.

Traffic Committee:

Request for crosswalk at the intersection of Indian Neck Ave and South Montowese Streets. The Traffic Committee recommended following up with the State DOT to see if the funding has been approved for the crosswalk.

Request for a “No Parking Here to End” of Cul-de-sac sign on the grassy strip near the parking strip that is being eliminated on Crescent Bluff Avenue. The Traffic Committee recommended approving this request.

There was a resident that attended the Traffic Committee meeting to discuss issues with traffic on Swift Street. The resident requested a “Slow Down - Sharp Curve Ahead” sign on Swift Street prior to the curve near the west end section. The commission agree to go out and look at traffic issues on Swift Street. He also requested for a low clearance sign on the Meadow Street Bridge

Motion made by Commissioner Marcus to add a request for a “Slow Down - Sharp Curve Ahead” sign on Swift Street prior to the curve near the west end section and a low clearance sign on the Meadow Street Bridge to the agenda. Seconded by Commissioner Goodwin. Vote unanimous.

Request for “Slow Down - Sharp Curve Ahead” sign on Swift Street prior to the curve near the west end section and a request for a low clearance sign on the Meadow Street Bridge. The Traffic Committee recommended approving this request.

Motion made by Commissioner Goodwin to approve the Traffic Committee recommendations. Seconded by Commissioner Sousoulas. Vote unanimous.

Report of the Chair – none.

Ashley Phan addressed the commission and asked questions concerning the previous CALEA accreditation.

Motion made by Commissioner Goodwin to adjourn the meeting at 5:52 p.m. Seconded by Commissioner Wiel-Wilkins. Vote unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted,

Trista Milici, Clerk