

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS  
33 LAUREL STREET  
BRANFORD, CONNECTICUT 06405-3644  
MINUTES OF MEETING: April 10, 2023

**Commissioners Present:**

Commissioner Patty Austin  
Commissioner Wiel-Wilkins  
Commissioner Janice Heggie-Margolis  
Commissioner John Sousoulas  
Commissioner Christine Ciociola  
Commissioner Robert Nash

Also present was Chief Mulhern and Second Selectman Angela Higgins.

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

Motion made by Commissioner Austin to add nomination of officers to the agenda. Seconded by Commissioner Heggie-Margolis.

Motion made by Commissioner Austin to nominate John Sousoulas as Chairman. Seconded by Commissioner Wiel-Wilkins. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Commissioner Sousoulas to nominate Commissioner Austin as Vice-Chairman. Seconded by Commissioner Heggie-Margolis. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Commissioner Sousoulas to nominate Trista Milici as Clerk. Seconded by Commissioner Austin. Vote unanimous.

**Approval of Minutes:**

Motion made by Commissioner Austin to approve the minutes from March 13, 2023. Seconded by Commissioner Wiel-Wilkins. Vote unanimous.

**Report of the Chief:**

Chief Mulhern provided copies of the Monthly Statistical Report and provided a brief overview. Cases of Significance including a shoplifting that turned into robbery on March 25 at Stop and Shop. The suspect was apprehended. He again reminded the residents to lock vehicles, there has been a slight uptick in stolen vehicles. As the weather gets warmed traffic enforcement efforts will be increased including the installation of speed signs.

Letters of Recognition – Letters of recognition/appreciation were received concerning Sgt. Carney and K-9 Arrow, Officers Coutu and McGinnis and Dispatchers Boisseau and Shultz. The

Chief also mentioned that this week is Telecommunicators Appreciation week. He stated that they job a fantastic job and the department will recognize the staff this week.

Two new officers have successfully graduated the Academy and have started field training. The department still has vacancies. Recruitment numbers continue to be very low. The Crime Analyst is leaving for another position. The department continues to hold a variety of training and will be conducting Active Shooter Training/Tactics/Entry Capabilities in May.

Forfeiture Report – The Chief reported that the current balance is \$125,600.

Forfeiture Expenditure request – The Chief requested approval for the purchase of Firearm LED Sights for the officers at an approximate cost of \$35,000. Motion made by Commissioner Austin to approve the purchase of Firearm LED Sights using Forfeiture funds at a cost not to exceed \$35,000. Seconded by Commissioner Heggie-Margolis. Vote unanimous.

Budget Transfer Request – The Chief requested approval to transfer \$25,000 to the Vehicle line item. Motion made by Commissioner Sousoulas to approve a transfer in the amount of \$25,000 to the Vehicle line item. Seconded by Commissioner Ciociola. Vote unanimous.

Police Department Building Project – A kick-off meeting was held with Jacunski Humes and Downes Construction.

Traffic Committee:

Request for No Parking Signs along the eastern sign of North Harbor Street. The Traffic Committee recommended approving the request to install No Parking Signs in the first four spaces on the eastern side of North Harbor Street. Motion made by Commissioner Sousoulas to approve the recommendation. Seconded by Commissioner Austin. Vote unanimous.

Request for traffic enforcement on Pawson Road and the surrounding area. The Traffic Committee recommended traffic enforcement continue in this area. Motion made by Commissioner Wiel-Wilkins to approve the recommendation. Seconded by Commissioner Sousoulas. Vote unanimous.

Chairman Sousoulas welcomed new Commissioners Ciociola and Nash to the Commission.

Ashley Phan addressed the commission and asked a couple of questions concerning the Crime Analyst position.

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Motion made by Commissioner Austin to adjourn the meeting at 6:07 p.m. Seconded by Commissioner Ciociola. Vote unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted,

Trista Milici, Clerk