

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS  
33 LAUREL STREET  
BRANFORD, CONNECTICUT 06405-3644  
MINUTES OF MEETING: May 8, 2023

**Commissioners Present:**

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

Also present was Chief Mulhern and Deputy Chief Alves. Commissioner Christine Ciociola was absent.

The meeting called to order at 5:35 p.m. by Chairman Sousoulas.

**Approval of Minutes:**

Motion made by Commissioner Austin to approve the minutes from April 10, 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. He reported that stolen vehicles increased from 3 to 13 since the previous month, particularly vehicles that have keys left in them. Cases of Significance including a robbery at Branford Auto. The department assisted the Madison PD in a Robbery, the suspect was apprehended. Purse snatchings at gas stations are increasing throughout the area. He again reminded the residents to lock vehicles, lock belongings out of sight in the trunk and be alert and aware of your surroundings. Officer Amarante will be assigned as the point person for RPOs in an effort to streamline the process. The RPO process has become very time consuming and significantly affecting overtime costs. Currently there is a back log responding to FOI requests. Active Shooter training will be conducted in the next couple of weeks. The purchase of LED Firearm sights will be going out to bid.

Deputy Chief Alves reported that the department received 69 applicants, of those 47 failed either, physical, agility or oral board process or didn't attend one of the phases. After interviews the top 6 candidates progressed to the background phase (1 failed, 1 withdrew – 4 are continuing the process). It is hoped that 2 candidates will be ready and presented to the commission at the June meeting and they would start the academy in July.

Police Department Renovation Project - Deputy Chief Alves reported that a pre-construction meeting with the contractor and architect was held on April 5, 2023 and a meeting was held on

April 26, 2023 to review schematic design documents. The slab coring samples has been scheduled.

Letters of Recognition – Letters of recognition/appreciation were received concerning Deputy Chief Alves, Officers Campanelli and Richardson, Lt. Eula, Lt. Ramey, Sgt. Carney, Officers Luzzi and Erdos (2) and Social Worker Suraci.

Traffic Committee:

Request for a stop sign northbound on O'Neill Lane on Flat Rock Road. The Traffic Committee recommends the installation of the stop sign northbound on O'Neill Lane on Flat Rock Road. Motion made by Commissioner Wiel-Wilkins to approve the recommendation. Seconded by Commissioner Nash. Vote unanimous.

Update on request for no parking signs on the eastern side of North Harbor Street. A meeting will be set up with the glass company located on North Harbor Street to discuss the parking issues. No action.

Request for a crosswalk on Indian Neck and S. Montowese Street. Lt. Ramey will follow up with the state. No action.

Request for a solar powered flashing stop sign at the intersection of Eastwood Drive and Leetes Island Road. No action.

Request for further discussion on speed issues in the Pawson Park area. The committee reviewed a feasibility report prepared by the Engineering Department. The report was shared with the residents from the Pawson Park area that attended the traffic committee meeting prior to this meeting.

Motion made by Commissioner Austin to adjourn the meeting at 6:04 p.m. Seconded by Commissioner Wiel-Wilkins. Vote unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted,

Trista Milici, Clerk