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EAST HAVEN DEPARTMENT OF POLICE SERVICES

471 NORTH HIGH STREET • EAST HAVEN, CONNECTICUT 06512

Mayor Joseph A. Carfora

Honorable Board of
Police Commissioners

**HONORABLE BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
VIRTUAL MONTHLY MEETING
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2023 AT 7:00 PM
VIA ZOOM VIDEOCONFERENCE AND CONFERENCE CALL**

COMMISSIONER(S) PRESENT: Chairman Dominic Balletto (presiding), Vice Chairman Joseph DiSilvestro, Commissioner Paul Carbo, Commissioner Dianne Romans, Commissioner Barbara Barbuio

ALSO PRESENT: Chief Edward Lennon, Deputy Chief Patrick Tracy, Clerk Marsha Maldonado, Karen Martin, Nicholas Papadopoulos

Chairman Balletto called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

**TO THE RESIDENTS AND TAXPAYERS OF THE TOWN OF EAST HAVEN
AND OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES**

This meeting is being conducted by means of electronic equipment. Any member of the public who does not have the electronic equipment necessary to attend such meeting remotely and wishes to do so, should submit a written request to the East Haven Police Department, 471 North High Street, East Haven, CT 06512 or via email to Marsha M. Maldonado mmaldonado@easthavenpolice.com with said written request to be received no less than twenty-four (24) hours prior to the meeting, and the EHPD will provide the requester with a physical location and the electronic equipment necessary to attend such meeting in real time.

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Moment of Silence
3. Roll Call – Clerk Maldonado; quorum obtained
4. Announcements
5. Consider and act upon the approval of the Monthly Meeting minutes of January 31, 2023

Vice Chairman DiSilvestro made a motion to approve the Monthly Meeting minutes of January 31, 2023 as received; seconded by Commissioner Romans. Voice: All in favor. No one opposed or abstained. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Consider and act upon the approval of the Monthly Reports (February 2023)

Vice Chairman DiSilvestro made a motion to accept and approve the monthly reports as received; seconded by Commissioners Romans and Barbuio. Voice: All in favor. No one opposed or abstained. Motion carried unanimously.

7. Consider and act upon Committee Reports & Recommendations

a. Traffic & Public Safety Committee

From January 31, 2023 Monthly Meeting – Correspondence Received:

i. Harris (Massachusetts Avenue) – *Request for speed humps.*

Upon surveying the street, although it is narrow/tight, speed humps are not practical. The recommendation is to take no action.

ii. Moody (Viking Street) – *Request for DO NOT BLOCK DRIVEWAY/NO PARKING WITHIN [distance of driveway] signage.*

Based upon photos provided and the voice mail explanation, the homeowner happens to drive a larger vehicle and backing out of their driveway is difficult if there is a parked car directly across. However, there is no recourse if cars are parked legally and if there is a violation of the Town ordinance (a complete obstruction), the resident can call the police for enforcement. The recommendation is to take no action.

Vice Chairman DiSilvestro made a motion that the Board accept the recommendations of the subcommittee to take no action on either item; seconded by Commissioner Romans. Voice: All in favor. No one opposed or abstained. Motion carried unanimously.

iii. James & Carolyn Coady (Letis Court) – Pursuant to correspondence received (9.b.), Vice Chairman DiSilvestro made a motion to approve the sign installation as requested; seconded by Commissioner Carbo. Voice: All in favor. No one opposed or abstained. Motion carried unanimously.

8. Public Comment

9. Correspondence Received/Sent

a. Susan Dowd (17 Cold Spring Street) via email dated February 14, 2023 – At the intersection of Cold Spring and Cosey Beach Road, the majority of cars that approach the stop sign do not stop but keep going at high rates of speed either straight or left up Cold Spring. While backing out of her driveway, she must do it quickly before a car comes flying around the corner. The fact that there is an elementary school with a playground right there and baseball fields that have kids playing all summer, it seems that something could be done to keep this area of Momauguin safer from the speeding cars. She also suggests speed humps.

Clerk Maldonado forwarded Ms. Dowd's email to the Patrol Commander for the Traffic Unit to address the speeding.

Vice Chairman DiSilvestro made a motion to defer the recommendation for speed humps to the Traffic & Public Safety Committee for review and consideration; seconded by Commissioner Barbuito. Voice: All in favor. No one opposed or abstained. Motion carried unanimously.

b. James & Carolyn Coady (10 Letis Court) via email dated February 27, 2023 – Requests permission to install two SLOW-WILDLIFE CROSSING signs on Grannis Street in East Haven. This installation will be at no cost to the Town.

This was previously addressed by the Traffic & Public Safety Committee (7.a.iii.).

10. Department Updates (Chief Lennon)

- a. Personnel Matters/Injured Employees
 - i. One (1) resignation; two (2) patrol officer vacancies.
 - ii. Chief Lennon asked the Board to add requests for certified lists from the Civil Service Commission to the agenda under New Business.
- b. Overtime – Tracking about the same as this same pay period last fiscal year although unpredictable for the remainder of this fiscal year.
- c. Awards & Commendations
- d. Noteworthy News

11. Old Business

- a. Chairman Balletto asked for an update on his request to send a follow up letter to Mayor Carfora and Public Works pursuant to correspondence sent in July and October 2022 addressing the trees obstructing a stop sign on Dodge and Prospect Avenues which has not been remediated to date. Clerk Maldonado indicated that a follow-up email was sent and noted that there has been no status update from Public Works.

12. New Business

Vice Chairman DiSilvestro made a motion to add to New Business under 12.c. and 12.d. the requests for certified lists from the Civil Service Commission per Chief Lennon (10.a.ii.); seconded by Commissioner Romans. Voice: All in favor. No one opposed or abstained. Motion carried.

a. Annual Report

Chief Lennon noted that the Board has received both an electronic and hardcopy of the Annual Report for 2022 which highlights the activity of the Department throughout the past year. It is also a requirement of our national CALEA accreditation and is good practice to keep the Commission and the community updated and informed. Of note, calls for service and crime statistics have stabilized over the last couple of years (with 2020 as an outlier). Additionally, Use of Force incidents have decreased which can be attributed to our training which is also detailed in the report. Recently, the onsite CALEA assessor [for our 4-year reaccreditation] made particular note that for an agency of our size and population, our officers do an excellent job documenting use of force and that we do not use a lot of force.

b. Election of Board Officers

Commissioner Barbuito nominated Dominic Balletto as Chairman; seconded by Vice Chairman DiSilvestro and Commissioner Romans. No other nominations. Voice: All in favor. No one opposed or abstained. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Balletto took a moment *“to be serious,”* sharing *“this is probably, in all the things I’ve done in my life – and I’ve served on a lot of boards, and a lot of committees with a lot of people – this is probably the most unique board I’ve ever served on because there’s at least three members of this board that have had my back at every step of the way, have been involved in every decision together, have literally never disagreed, that we’ve never not come to the same conclusion together, worked*

together, and really pleasurable. I know I'm not always the easiest, but you have all come together and really made me look good and, you know, been a great support to me and I just wanted to thank you. I know it's probably not proper to do it, but I really have to thank the current Vice Chair Joe, Barbara, and Dianne for really having my back and being there for me through this whole process and I thank you so much." Commissioner Carbo interjected, *"Gee, thanks Nick! I appreciate that!"* Chairman Balletto concluded, *"Well, there's always a reason for everything but I just want to say thank you very much."*

Commissioner Romans nominated Joseph DiSilvestro as Vice Chairman; seconded by Commissioner Barbuito. No other nominations. Voice: All in favor. No one opposed or abstained. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Balletto will send a note to the Commissioners about committee appointments.

c. Request a Recruit Police Officer certified list from the Civil Service Commission

Vice Chairman DiSilvestro made a motion to request a Recruit Police Officer certified list from the Civil Service Commission; seconded by Commissioner Romans. Voice: All in favor. No one opposed or abstained. Motion carried unanimously.

d. Request a CTPOST-certified Police Officer certified list from the Civil Service Commission

Vice Chairman DiSilvestro made a motion to request a CTPOST-certified Police Officer certified list from the Civil Service Commission; seconded by Commissioners Barbuito and Romans. Voice: All in favor. No one opposed or abstained. Motion carried unanimously.

13. Adjournment

Vice Chairman DiSilvestro made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Commissioner Barbuito. Voice: All in favor. Chairman Balletto adjourned the meeting at 7:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Marsha M. Maldonado
Clerk to the Honorable Board of Police Commissioners

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