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Mayor Joseph A. Carfora

Honorable Board of
Police Commissioners

HONORABLE BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 28, 2023 AT 7:00 PM
471 NORTH HIGH STREET
EAST HAVEN, CT

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Chairman Dominic Balletto (presiding), Vice Chairman Joseph DiSilvestro, Commissioner Paul Carbo (via telephone), Commissioner Dianne Romans, Commissioner Barbara Barbuio

ALSO PRESENT: Chief Edward Lennon, Clerk Marsha Maldonado

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

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Moment of Silence – In honor of great American and former First Lady Rosalynn Carter who passed into eternal rest on November 19, 2023 at the age of 96.
3. Roll Call – Clerk Maldonado; five (5) present – quorum obtained

For the record, this is a full, in-person meeting and Commissioner Carbo is calling in to the meeting which is permissible pursuant to §163b of the Governor's legislation allowing Boards/Commissions to actively participate in meetings via electronic means. To be clear, this is not a virtual meeting.

4. Announcement(s)
5. Consider and act upon the approval of the Special Meeting minutes of October 30, 2023
Vice Chairman DiSilvestro made a motion to accept and approve the Special Meeting minutes of October 30, 2023, as received; seconded by Commissioner Romans. All in favor. No one opposed or abstained. Motion carried unanimously.
6. Consider and act upon the approval of the Monthly Reports (November 2023)
Vice Chairman DiSilvestro made a motion to accept and approve the monthly reports as received; seconded by Commissioner Barbuio. All in favor. No one opposed or abstained. Motion carried unanimously.
7. Consider and act upon Committee Reports & Recommendations
8. Public Comment

9. Correspondence Received/Sent

- a. Paula Simone, via email dated November 6, 2023 – Requesting a pedestrian walkway on the High/Sidney/Sanford Street corner. High Street is heavily trafficked, and it is difficult for families, children, and the elderly to cross the street.

Clerk Maldonado provided the Board with an aerial overview of the noted intersection. Upon discussion, Chief Lennon, Vice Chairman DiSilvestro and Chairman Balletto concur that this would be an extremely dangerous place to have a crosswalk. Further, there are two (2) other crosswalks deliberately and strategically placed in the general vicinity (before/after the bridge) to ensure pedestrian safety.

Vice Chairman DiSilvestro made a motion to move this request to ‘New Business’ for action to be taken by the Board; seconded by Commissioner Barbuito. All in favor. No one opposed or abstained. Motion carried unanimously.

- b. Town Councilwoman Tina Hedley, via email dated November 27, 2023 – On behalf of her constituents, regarding the area of Tyler Street where it intersects with Bradley Avenue and French Avenue, at the 3-way stop sign. Residents have expressed their desire for painted stop bars and crosswalks. Stop bars have recently been painted by the Town (dull/repainted) and Ms. Hedley further requests consideration of additional crosswalks.

Chairman Balletto deferred to the Traffic & Public Safety Committee for review. So moved.

- c. State of Connecticut Department of Transportation (CTDOT), via email dated November 1, 2023 – Town Notification: **State Project No. 0173-0530** – Secondary Road Sign Replacement on State Roads in District 3

The CTDOT has initiated a project to replace post-mounted sheet aluminum signs on every non-limited access road paved under the Vendor-In-Place (VIP) paving program that occurred between 2018 and 2021 in District 4 (approximately 139 miles of non-limited access roads). All of the existing signs are to be evaluated to ensure their necessity, proper placement, and compliance with current standards. The Town routes effected are Route 142 (Vista Drive to Wheaton Road) and Route 337 (New Haven Town Line to Coe Avenue (Local)).

10. Department Updates (Chief Lennon)

- a. Personnel Matters/Injured Employees

- i. Two (2) police officer vacancies. Backgrounds, polygraph exams and physiological evaluations are in progress. Sadly, it does not look very promising. We are competing with other agencies for the very few good candidates and several other agencies are lowering their standards to fill vacancies, which we are 100% against.
- ii. One (1) sworn personnel remains on light duty and expected to return to full duty the first week of December.

- b. Overtime

At the direction and approval of the Mayor’s Office, we are continuing extra proactive patrols and community policing outreach which is contributing to the increase in overtime.

- c. Awards & Commendations

d. Noteworthy News

- i. The reestablished EHPD hockey team will play a charity game against the New Haven Police Department on **December 30 at 5PM at the DiLungo Veteran's Memorial Ice Rink** on Hudson Street. All proceeds to benefit St. Jude's Children's Hospital.
- ii. Commissioner Romans mentioned Wreaths Across America on December 16 – Wendy Belmore chairs this annual ceremony/event and is seeking police personnel participation. She will provide additional details and Chief Lennon will seek volunteers.

II. Old Business

- a. Aimee Lambert (Jardin Drive), received via email dated September 21, 2023 – Regarding one-way section of Thompson Street where it goes in a circle around an island and wrong way drivers.

From the Monthly Meeting of September 26 and further addressed by Deputy Chief Tracy at the October 30 Special Meeting:

In concurrence with the Mayor's Office, Clerk Maldonado updated the Board that we have not received any additional complaints so it would appear the remedies implemented to date have been effective.

Recommendation: No further action at this time.

12. New Business

- a. From Item 9.a. above

Based upon the aerial review of this State route, our familiarity with this road and the potential dangers outweighing the benefits of this crosswalk request, Vice Chairman DiSilvestro made a motion to take no action; seconded by Commissioner Barbuio; All in favor. No one opposed or abstained. Motion carried unanimously.

13. Adjournment

Vice Chairman DiSilvestro made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Commissioner Romans. All in favor. Chairman Balletto adjourned the meeting at 7:19 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Marsha M. Maldonado

Clerk to the Honorable Board of Police Commissioners