



EAST HAVEN DEPARTMENT OF POLICE SERVICES

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Mayor Joseph A. Carfora

Honorable Board of
Police Commissioners

HONORABLE BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 19, 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, Commissioner Dianne Romans, Commissioner Barbara Barbuito

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 a great American and former Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor who passed into eternal rest on December 1, 2023, at the age of 93.
3. Roll Call – Clerk Maldonado; five (5) present – quorum obtained
4. Announcement(s)
Reminder that the 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.
5. Consider and act upon the approval of the Monthly Meeting minutes of November 28, 2023
Vice Chairman DiSilvestro made a motion to accept and approve the Monthly Meeting minutes of November 28, 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 (December 2023)
Vice Chairman DiSilvestro made a motion to accept and approve the monthly reports as received; seconded by Commissioner Romans. All in favor. No one opposed or abstained. Motion carried unanimously.
7. Consider and act upon Committee Reports & Recommendations
 - a. Traffic & Public Safety Committee – *item 9.b. from Monthly Meeting of November 28, 2023*
 - i. 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.

Vice Chairman DiSilvestro asked if the repainting of lines adequately addresses the stated concerns.

Deputy Chief Tracy advised that the painted lines were only the stop bars. Upon surveying the intersection, the sidewalks are not ADA-compatible so we would not be able to simply paint and install a crosswalk; however, Public Works has indicated that this intersection may be on their docket for consideration in springtime. Recommendation: Table until a later meeting.

Chairman Balletto asked if the faded crosswalks at Thompson Avenue and Tyler have been “let go” because the high school is no longer there. Chief Lennon stated that they were never “de-established” and the original intent was for the high school when it was in operation at this location. Chairman Balletto thinks it is confusing – either remove or redo. DC Tracy will survey the area.

Vice Chairman DiSilvestro made a motion to table the request for crosswalks from Town Councilwoman Hedley until a spring 2024 meeting; seconded by Commissioner Barbuito. All in favor. No one opposed or abstained. Motion carried unanimously.

8. Public Comment

9. Correspondence Received/Sent

- a. Richard M. Caponera, Jr., Chief Operations and Fiscal Oversight, East Haven Public Schools – via email dated December 5, 2023

In looking to improve the drop-off/pick-up location in the rear entrance of Momauguin School, requesting the addition of "No Parking During School Hours" signs along the left side of Phillip Street leading to the rear entrance of Momauguin School as well as by the barriers in that corner. In addition to the signage, it would be beneficial to have the road sprayed for “No Parking” in front of the barriers.

Vice Chairman DiSilvestro made a motion to add this request to “New Business” for discussion and action to be taken; seconded by Commissioner Romans. All in favor. No one opposed or abstained. Motion carried unanimously.

10. Department Updates (Chief Lennon)

a. Personnel Matters/Injured Employees

- i. Two (2) police officer vacancies. Backgrounds in progress for possibly one (1) to two (2) applicants.

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 (Deputy Chief Tracy)

- i. On December 1, 2023, the Department implemented a new voluntary program called **LINKED – Autism Safety Project**. Families can register an autistic/special needs individual in their household online through our Department website (www.easthavenpolice.com/forms) or in-person at police headquarters to receive a Family Emergency Planning folder. The information provided will help first responders establish a pre-arrival plan. Patrol received in-service training and all front-line vehicles have been outfitted with sensory kits.

11. Old Business

12. New Business

- a. Consider and act upon the approval of the Annual Schedule of Meetings 2024

Vice Chairman DiSilvestro made a motion to accept and approve the Annual Schedule of Meetings 2024; seconded by Commissioner Romans. All in favor. No one opposed or abstained. Motion carried unanimously.

- b. From Item 9.a. above

Vice Chairman DiSilvestro believes that we should make every effort to ensure/improve the safety of school children. Therefore, he made a motion to approve the request and designate a NO STANDING OR PARKING area on Phillip Street along the northeast curve line of the roadway between 58 Phillip Street and the intersection with Hobson Street on school days between the hours of 8:00 AM and 4:30 PM, and the area will remain as permit parking only as previously established; seconded by Commissioner Romans; All in favor. No one opposed or abstained. Motion carried unanimously.

Deputy Chief Tracy further explained that the school is experiencing traffic back up during drop-off/pick-up and reached out to us for assistance. The Traffic Unit evaluated the situation and determined that there was a need to intervene by establishing this NO STANDING/PARKING zone during the aforementioned hours to alleviate the problem. The plan is to have this in place over the winter break with notice to parents explaining the new procedure for the return to school in the new year.

Per further discussion, residents will not be impacted by this restriction as there is driveway parking and street parking would be available in this area when school is not in session. Violators would be ticketed per Town ordinance and towing of vehicle(s) would be a last resort.

13. Adjournment

Vice Chairman DiSilvestro made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Commissioner Romans. All in favor. Chairman Balletto adjourned the meeting at 7:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Marsha M. Maldonado

Clerk to the Honorable Board of Police Commissioners