



EAST HAVEN DEPARTMENT OF POLICE SERVICES

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Mayor Joseph A. Carfora



Honorable Board of
Police Commissioners

HONORABLE BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

MARCH 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, Commissioner Dianne Romans, Commissioner Barbara Barbuito

ALSO PRESENT: Chief Edward Lennon, Deputy Chief Patrick Tracy, Clerk Marsha Maldonado, Citizen

Chairman Balletto called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM.

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Moment of Silence – For the three 9-year-old students and three staff members killed at a Christian school in Nashville, Tennessee; and all those affected by this tragedy and gun violence.
3. Roll Call – Clerk Maldonado; quorum obtained.
4. Announcement(s)
5. Consider and act upon the approval of the Monthly Meeting minutes of February 28, 2023
Vice Chairman DiSilvestro made a motion to accept and approve the Monthly Meeting minutes of February 28, 2023, as received; seconded by Commissioner Barbuito. All in favor. No one opposed or abstained. Motion carried unanimously.
6. Consider and act upon the approval of the Monthly Reports (March 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
8. Public Comment
 - a. Dan McCann (137 Mansfield Grove Road) – Expressed concern for potential issues with cars parked in the Greenway Trail parking lot “after hours” as well as in the rear of D.C. Moore School near the basketball courts. Requests signage to discourage loitering and Commissioner

Carbo also suggested posting permissible hours for parking lot use [before sundown]. Chairman Balletto asked Chief Lennon for additional regular patrol of both locations.

9. Correspondence Received/Sent

- a. The Office of State Senator Cicarella on behalf of constituent Linda Louison (via email, March 20, 2023) – Ms. Louison requests for 1) a safe crossing zone, whether it be a traffic light or island on Foxon Road/Route 80 in East Haven at the bus stop in front of Planet Fitness; and 2) an assessment of an incomplete sidewalk – as seniors, they find it very difficult to pull their carts along and at time have to step out into the very busy, dangerous roadway. Chairman Balletto deferred this matter to the Traffic & Public Safety Committee for review.

10. Department Updates (Chief Lennon)

- a. Personnel Matters/Injured Employees – Two (2) patrol vacancy; expect a third in the coming weeks. Candidate interviews will be conducted later this evening.
- b. Overtime – Tracking same as same pay period last fiscal year mostly due to backfilling for training hours, vacations, etc.

DC Tracy also mentioned two other reasons for the increase in overtime: 1) an increase in prisoner watches at hospitals – if someone is being held on a court-set bond and they need medical attention, we have to transport them to the hospital and guard that prisoner 24-hours per day which is beyond our normal patrol complement; and 2) recent changes in the “red flag” law which requires an officer apply for a risk protection order pursuant to state statute, and oftentimes it takes many hours to complete the paperwork, locate a prosecutor to review it, get a judge to sign off on it and then execute the order – this all takes a lot of time.

- c. Awards & Commendations

- d. Noteworthy News

- i. ALICE training for civilian Town employees conducted/completed in February 2023
- ii. CT POST Academy Graduation, Class 376 – Recruit Lucero will graduate the Academy on April 5, 2023; the ceremony is at Choate Rosemary Hall – Colony Hall Auditorium located at 101 Rosemary Lane, Wallingford, CT and will begin at 2:00 PM.
- iii. Mayor Carfora’s State of the Town Address and Town Council Budget Presentation will be March 29, 2023 at the East Haven High School – Auditorium beginning at 7:00 PM.
- iv. EHPAL – “Pass with a PAL” Little League spring event on March 28 [this evening] at the CT Sportsplex.

11. Old Business

12. New Business

- a. Discussion and approval of Frontage Road Shopping Plaza (Project 190130130) – LTA Concurrence Request

Vice Chairman DiSilvestro made a motion to approve the concurrence request; seconded by Commissioner Romans. All in favor. No one opposed or abstained. Motion carried unanimously.

b. Interview and consideration of candidates for hiring Grade C Police Officer (Executive Session)

Vice Chairman DiSilvestro made a motion to conduct the candidate interviews in executive session with the Board, Chief Lennon, and Deputy Chief Tracy present; seconded by Commissioner Romans. All in favor. No one opposed or abstained. Motion carried unanimously. Executive session commenced at 7:18 PM.

Candidate Matthew Longobardi went into executive session at 7:23 PM and exited at 7:34 PM.

Candidate Ana Morales went into executive session at 7:35 PM and exited at 7:41 PM.

Candidate Michael DiMaggio went into executive session at 7:45 PM and exited at 7:58 PM.

Vice Chairman DiSilvestro made a motion to conclude executive session; seconded by Commissioners Romans and Barbuito. Public session resumed at 8:12 PM.

Vice Chairman DiSilvestro made a motion to offer the position of Grade C Police Officer to Matthew Longobardi with a start date of April 17, 2023; seconded by Commissioner Romans. All in favor. No one opposed or abstained. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Balletto stated that at this time, the Commission has chosen to make only one appointment; however, the other candidates will remain on the list for consideration should there be future vacancies.

13. Adjournment

Chairman Balletto adjourned the meeting at 8:14 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Marsha M. Maldonado

Clerk to the Honorable Board of Police Commissioners

[Audio recording on file – duration 16:27; excluding executive session]