



# EAST HAVEN DEPARTMENT OF POLICE SERVICES

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Mayor Joseph Maturo, Jr.

Honorable Board of  
Police Commissioners

## HONORABLE BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

FEBRUARY 27, 2018 AT 7:00 PM

471 NORTH HIGH STREET  
EAST HAVEN, CT

**COMMISSIONER(S) PRESENT:** Chairman William Illingworth, Commissioner Joseph DiSilvestro, Commissioner Dawne Flynn, Commissioner Eduardo Torrealba

**ALSO PRESENT:** Chief Edward Lennon, Deputy Chief James Naccarato, Sal Brancati (Town of East Haven Director of Administration), Citizens, ETV Videographer

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

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Moment of Silence – Chairman Illingworth asked for remembrance for the victims of the Florida school shooting.
3. Roll Call – Clerk Ward; quorum obtained
4. Announcement(s)
5. Consider and act upon the approval of the regular monthly meeting minutes of November 28, 2017.

Commissioner DiSilvestro made a motion to accept and approve the regular monthly meeting minutes of November 28, 2017 as received; seconded by Commissioner Flynn. All in favor. No one opposed or abstained. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Consider and act upon the approval of the monthly reports (December, January, February)

Commissioner DiSilvestro made a motion to accept the monthly reports as received; seconded by Commissioner Flynn. All in favor. No one opposed or abstained. Motion carried unanimously.

7. Consider and act upon Committee Reports & Recommendations

- a. Alarms Committee

Commissioner Flynn thought that the Alarm numbers seemed to be down. Commissioner Flynn and Chief Lennon agreed that this might be seasonal. Chief Lennon noted that he would have to go back and look at previous years to determine if that is the case.

- b. Supernumeraries Committee
- c. Traffic & Public Safety Committee

8. Public Comment

- i. Sal Brancati, Director of Administration, Town of East Haven - The State of CT DOT is looking in to changing the right lane on Route 80 at the intersection of Wheelbarrow Lane from a straight or right turn lane to a right turn only lane. The State of CT DOT would like to know if the BOPC has any objection to this request.

Commissioner DiSilvestro made a motion to move this item to New Business, Section 12 subsection d; seconded by commissioner Flynn. All in favor. No one opposed or abstained. Motion carried unanimously.

- ii. Bob Falcigno, 29 Williams Street – Request for a meeting with the Chief and Deputy Chief about basketball hoops being placed in the street and basketball being played in the street. Chief Lennon and Deputy Chief Naccarato will speak with Mr. Falcigno after the meeting to set up an appointment.

9. Correspondence Received/Sent

- i. Thomas Trocchio, Police Inspector, New Haven State’s Attorney’s Office (February 23, 2018) – Thank you for assistance in the investigation and arrest of Joseph Quinn, who plead guilty to bank robberies in New Haven and East Haven.
- ii. Frank Teti, Jr., AVP Corporate Safety and Security, Webster Bank (February 1, 2018) – Thank you to the officers and detectives for their quick response to the Webster Bank robbery and apprehension of the robbery suspect.
- iii. Geraldine Montuori, 44 Francis Street – Request for “No Parking” in front of her residence at 9:00am and 3:00pm, so that the bus is able to pick up and drop off her husband, who has Alzheimer’s disease.

Chairman Illingworth noted that the Board cannot allow people to put out their own signage. Chief Lennon will send a patrol supervisor to speak with Mrs. Montuori and her neighbors to see if they can come up with a resolution.

- iv. Carmela Della Mura, 7 Northeast Drive – Request for speed bumps on Half Mile Road near the intersection of Northeast Drive.

Chairman Illingworth stated that the Board has a policy of not installing speed bumps. Chief Lennon noted that the Police Department has been doing traffic enforcement on Half Mile Road. Chief Lennon will send a supervisor to speak with Ms. Della Mura and the Board will issue a letter notifying Ms. Della Mura that the Board does not approve the installation of speed bumps due to the liability and cost to the town.

- v. John Galaty, Property Manager, Greenview Condominium Association – Request for stop sign at the intersection of Laurel Avenue and Golf Drive.

Chairman Illingworth stated that there are already multiple stop signs on Laurel Avenue and that too many stop signs can be dangerous because they give people a false sense of safety. Chairman Illingworth stated that the Board will draft a letter to Mr. Galaty, and refer his complaint to the Traffic and Public Safety Committee.

- vi. Lt. Alves, Branford Police Department – Thank you to Ofc. McGuire and K-9 Ace for the assistance they provided to the Branford Police Department on October 23, 2017 and November 3, 2017.

10. Department Updates (Chief Lennon)

a. Personnel Matters

The certification on the civil service list expired 4 weeks ago, so Chief Lennon would like an updated list in case of an opening.

b. Injured Employees

- i. One (1) employee remains on long-term medical leave. Two (2) employees are on light duty.

c. Overtime

- i. On par with our projections and same time period as previous fiscal years.

d. Awards & Commendations

- i. We are all caught up with Awards. Correspondence from tonight will be submitted to the Awards Committee for consideration.

e. Noteworthy News

- i. Earlier tonight the Chief and Deputy Chief attended a sub-committee meeting of the Board of Education addressing school safety issues. EHPD will be doing a drill with the schools sometime later in the year. Chief Lennon will keep the board apprised of the details.

f. CALEA Update

- i. In the next few weeks, Chief Lennon will begin to send policies to the Board for review, so that they can be addressed in the March meeting of the BOPC.
- ii. The accreditation is moving forward. The Lieutenant and accreditation officer will be attending training next month.

11. Old Business

12. New Business

- a. Consider approval authorizing signing a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the North Branford Police Department (NBPD) regarding back-up server storage for NBPD.

Chief Lennon explained that this would not have any negative impact on the EHPD or the town. The town attorney has reviewed the MOU and has no objections.

Commissioner DiSilvestro made a motion to approve authorizing signing a MOU with the NBPD regarding back-up server storage for NBPD; seconded by Commissioner Torrealba. All in favor. No one opposed or abstained. Motion carried unanimously.

- b. Consider approval authorizing signing an MOU with the Center for Policing Equity of John J. College, CUNY regarding statistics.

The Center for Policing Equity reached out to Chief Lennon about doing an analysis of the EHPD at no cost to the Department. The town attorney has reviewed the MOU and has no objections.

Commissioner DiSilvestro made a motion to approve authorizing signing a MOU with the Center for Policing Equity of John J. College, CUNY regarding statistics; seconded by Commissioner Flynn. All in favor. No one opposed or abstained. Motion carried unanimously.

- c. Request new Certified Recruit Police Officer – Grade C list from Civil Service Commission

Commissioner DiSilvestro made a motion to request a new certified recruit Police Officer – Grade C list from the Civil Service Commission; seconded by Commissioner Flynn. All in favor. No one opposed or abstained. Motion carried unanimously.

- d. Request from Sal Brancati and the residents in the area of Route 80 and Wheelbarrow Lane

Commissioner DiSilvestro stated that he does not have an issue with the lane being turned in to a right turn only lane, but he is worried about setting a bad precedent – i.e. if the Board has no objections in this matter, will that be able to be said about other issues in the future. Sal Brancati clarified that this matter is ultimately up to the State. Even if the Town had objections, then the State would still be able to move forward if they chose to. The State is simply asking if the Town has any objections. Chief Lennon noted that the Police Department has no objections and supports the right turn only lane.

Commissioner DiSilvestro made a motion that Sal Brancati, in his official capacity, may report to the State of CT DOT that the BOPC has no objections to a right turn only sign and/or painting on the road; seconded by Commissioner Torrealba. All in favor. No one opposed or abstained

### 13. Adjournment

Commissioner DiSilvestro made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Commissioner Torrealba. Chairman Illingworth adjourned the meeting at 7:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Ward

Temporary Clerk to the Honorable Board of Police Commissioners