

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS  
33 LAUREL STREET  
BRANFORD, CONNECTICUT 06405-3644  
MINUTES OF MEETING: January 13, 2025

**Commissioners Present:**

Commissioner John Sousoulas  
Commissioner Patty Austin  
Commissioner Janice Heggie-Margolis  
Commissioner Christine Ciociola  
Commissioner Valeria Wiel-Wilkins  
Commissioner Robert Nash

Also present was Chief Mulhern and Deputy Chief Alves.

The meeting called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Chairman Sousoulas.

**Approval of Minutes:**

Motion made by Commissioner Austin to approve the minutes from November 12, 2024.  
Seconded by Commissioner Ciociola. Vote unanimous.

**Report of the Chief:**

Chief Mulhern provided copies of the Monthly Statistical Reports from November and December 2024.

Personnel overview: 2 officers, Sean Healy and Jack Manware have graduated from the Meriden Academy on January 8, 2025 and have started field training; Officer Siwek has resigned; An Entry level candidate is currently in the background phase.

Fatal fire investigation is still on-going. Burglaries, stealing of ATM machines from convenience stores and gas stations, around the state are on the rise. An attempted theft of the ATM machine at the Mobil Station was interrupted by the Patrol Division.

It's budget prep season. Will try to come in as conservative as possible.

Letters of Recognition included: Officer McCone, Detective Atkinson, Officer Abley, Officer Beauvais, TFO Harrinton, Detective Atkinson; Officer Richardson and Dispatchers Numberg and Sands.

Building Renovation Update: Deputy Chief Alves reported that they're very busy and are in meeting everyday regarding some aspect of the project. The Patrol Division is scheduled to move out January 20. Administrative Staff is scheduled to move on February 10 and Dispatch

will move to the Training Room February 17. The building will remain open to the public throughout the project however, they are encouraging the public to call for assistance. Staff will meet the public out in the field. The moving company will be on-site this week. The office trailer will be installed, and site work will begin next week. Partitions and electrical work is being set up at the Fire Department. An issue has been identified with the slab, high level of salt contents has been discovered. It is currently still being investigated by the construction company to determine the best way to move forward.

Motion made by Commissioner Austin to approve the 2025 meeting schedule. Seconded by Commissioner Heggie -Margolis. Vote unanimous.

Traffic Committee:

Stony Creek: Speed Cameras. No action

The Parking spot south of the railroad bridge on Thimble Island Road – The request is for the No parking sign to be moved back 10 feet and the current parking spaces between 112 and 115 be deleted. Motion made by Commissioner Austin to refer these requests to the Town Engineer for review. Seconded by Commissioner Ciociola. Vote unanimous.

Coordination with the Town Engineer (Stony Creek) - Ongoing

Traffic Study: Stony Creek. Commissioner Austin reported that a 3-day speed study was conducted however, after discussion with a couple of Stony Creek Association members it is recommended that a 7-day study is done when the weather is warmer. In addition, the committee also recommends that the pop up are installed at the crosswalks and a speed sign is set up. Motion made by Commissioner Heggie-Margolis. Seconded by Commissioner Sousoulas. Vote unanimous.

Report of the Chair – Commissioner Sousoulas acknowledged and extended his appreciation to the team for the work and time needed for the Renovation Project.

Citizens Comments – none

Motion made by Commissioner Austin to adjourn the meeting at 5:56 p.m. Seconded by Commissioner Nash. Vote unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted,

Trista Milici, Clerk