

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS  
33 LAUREL STREET  
BRANFORD, CONNECTICUT 06405-3644  
MINUTES OF MEETING: October 15, 2024

**Commissioners Present:**

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

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 September 9, 2024.  
Seconded by Commissioner Heggie-Margolis. Vote unanimous.

**Report of the Chief:**

Chief Mulhern provided copies of the annual report 2023/202 and reviewed highlights from the report, overall pretty steady, drug overdoses trended down, Mental Health calls were slightly down, Domestic Violence calls were up, the total arrests were up, motor vehicle accidents were down during that fiscal year. He also provided copies of the Monthly Statistical reports for August and September. Cases of Significance included the arrest of a 17 year old juvenile for a purse snatching, common theme using stolen cars. He reminded the public to be cautious, locking items up in the trunk and out of sight, only take what you need. There was a violent assault committed by two juveniles and one adult. They were charged with a long list of felony charges. An arrest was made of a courier involved in a scam, he was charged with Larceny, Larceny in the 1<sup>st</sup>, Telephone Fraud and Conspiracy to Commit Larceny. The detective division has an on ongoing investigation of two cases of robbery and sexual assault. They have a warrant for a lone suspect. He reported that he and Deputy Chief Alves met with Representative Hentschel regarding the noise ordinance. They pointed out their concerns and some of the differences with the ordinance and state statues. He is working with the Superintendent of Schools to finalize a Memorandum of Understanding for a School Resource Officer at the High School.

**Letters:**

Letters of Recognition and appreciation were received recognizing the following: Officer Mitchell-Carter Officers Glifort and McCone, Social Worker Danielle Suraci and Lieutenant Roach.

Expenditures:

Motion made by Commissioner Austin to approve the expenditure of \$25,000 from the Asset Forfeiture account for the purchase of a Brinc Lemur 2 Drone. Sgt. Christopher Romanello addressed the board to provide additional information concerning the request. Seconded by Commissioner Nash. Vote unanimous.

Police Department Renovation Project – Deputy Chief Alves reported that they are working on the temporary fit up at Fire Headquarters. Most personnel will be moving to Fire Headquarters late November or early December. There was a walk through held on October 8.

Traffic Requests:

Request from the Town Engineering Department to approve the application for the traffic signal upgrades on main Street and Ivy Street. The Traffic Committee recommends approval of this request. Motion made by Commissioner Wiel-Wilkins to approve the recommendation. Seconded by Commissioner Nash. Vote unanimous.

Request for stronger traffic enforcement on Kirkham Street to include speed humps. The Traffic Committee does not recommend the installation of speed humps however, recommends additional traffic enforcement. Motion made by Commissioner Heggie-Margolis to approve the recommendation. Seconded by Commissioner Sousoulas. Vote unanimous.

Request for a second speed bump near the Supply Ponds. The Traffic Committee recommends approval of this request. Motion made by Commissioner Ciociola to approve the recommendation. Seconded by Commissioner Wiel-Wilkins. Vote unanimous.

Request to have a crosswalk installed at So. Montowese Street and Toole Drive. The Traffic Committee recommends before referring this to the state that it is discussed with the Town Engineer. Motion made by Commissioner Sousoulas to approve the recommendation. Seconded by Commissioner Wiel-Wilkins. Vote unanimous.

Request to add more handicapped spaces in the center of town. The Traffic Committee recommends no action on this request and defer this item until there is more information from the Town Engineer.

Request from the School Superintendent for signate indicating Bus Stop Ahead for north and southbound drivers at the corner of Totoket and Farview Drive. The Traffic Committee recommends no action on this request and defer until there is more information from the Town Engineer.

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Report of the Chair – Reminded everyone be cautious as Halloween is just around the corner.

Motion made by Commissioner Austin to adjourn the meeting at 6:08 p.m. Seconded by Commissioner Wiel-Wilkins. Vote unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted,

Trista Milici  
Clerk