



Town of Colchester, Connecticut

127 Norwich Avenue, Colchester, Connecticut 06415

Police Commission Meeting Minutes

Monday-May 24, 2021

7:30pm-Zoom Meeting

Present: Commissioners James Stavola, Carol Vaillancourt, Beatrice Farlekas, Kevin Gustin

Others in Attendance: Andrea Migliaccio, Corporal Craig Scheel, First Selectman Mary Bylone

Absent: Debi Marvin, Sergeant Rondinone, Sergeant Edwards

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1. Meeting called to order at 7:30 pm
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Additions to the Agenda:
 - a. Motion made by Carol Vaillancourt to add additional citizens comments after new business, second by Bea Farlekas. Motion carried unanimously.
4. Citizen Comments:
 - a. Andrea Migliaccio read a letter she wrote in support of Commissioner Vaillancourt.
5. Officer Comments:
 - a. Corporal Scheel read a letter/vote of no confidence in Commissioner Vaillancourt on behalf of the Colchester Police Union.
6. Correspondence: none
7. Minutes:
 - a. Motion to approve minutes from April 26, 2021 made by Bea Farlekas, second by Kevin Gustin. Motion carries unanimously.
 - b. Motion to approve minutes from May 3, 2021 with a change in meeting start time from 7:30pm to 6:30pm made by Bea Farlekas second by Kevin Gustin. 3 yay, 1 abstained. Motion carries.
8. Appropriations & Transfers: None
9. Resident Trooper Report: Attached
10. Corporal Reports: None
11. First Selectman Comments:
 - a. Mary is recommending to the Board of Selectmen at the next meeting that the Police Commission be suspended until further notice due to a lack of forward movement and the fighting amongst members. Mary mentioned the possibility of bringing in an outside source to possibly help mediate some of the negativity and disrespect.
12. Local Traffic Authority: None
13. Old Business:
 - a. No updates on agenda items a,b,c,d,e and f
 - b. Updated SRO duties were sent to all commissioners prior to the meeting.
 - i. Mary Bylone reminded the commission that the SRO position is a contractual obligation between the BOE and the Resident Troopers office therefore the Police Commission has no jurisdiction over the position.

14. New Business:

- a. James Stavola answered several questions that were asked of him in an email sent to him from Carol Vaillancourt dated April 28,2021.

15. Commendations/Awards: None

16. Chairman/Commissioner Comments: None

17. Motion made by Bea Farlekas for adjournment at 7:49 pm second by Kevin Gustin. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Donna Swinburne



State of Connecticut



Connecticut State Police

Colchester Resident Troopers' Office



Resident Trooper Supervisor
Sgt. Michael Rondinone # 125

Colchester Police
Sgt. Edwards KC #89

TO: Colchester Police Commission

RE: Monthly Report for May 2021 (May 24, 2021-meeting @ 1930 hours)

I. Equipment:

- a. We have received the new Ford 2020 SUV (Police rated) and it was issued to Sergeant Edwards KC #89. Sgt. Edwards's prior assigned (fully operational police vehicle) was reassigned to Corporal Owens KC#80.
- b. We have also received a new drone which is an DJI Mavick 2 Enterprise, the drone will be deployable once all administrative guidelines are in place, and presently we have an updated policy which has been submitted to the CT DESPP for review and approval.

Officer Training:

- a. All our Officers have been POSTC recertified and have completed firearms annual training. Sgt. Edwards is currently in the process of assuring that all Colchester Police officers are in compliance with the Police Accountability act of 2020 and is implementing both psychological screenings and drug screenings as part of the new police act.

II. Initiatives:

- a. RX Drug drop box. – Renewed Drug Drop Box. It should be noted that we are regularly receiving Pharmaceutical Prescription Drugs dropped off at our facility.
- b. Officers have been fingerprinting individuals for background checks and pistol permit applicants for town residents-since the loosening of COVID restrictions however are still following all State and local CDC guidelines regarding COVID precautions.
- c. Officers are conducting visibility/enforcement patrols at numerous locations within the town and the Speed Trailer is currently deployed on Rte. 16 in the area of Buckley Road.
- d. Notable Investigations: Case # CFS 2100158242- Commercial Burglary at Goldi- Locks Self Storage (359 Lebanon Avenue, Colchester) with approximately two hundred thousand dollars of damage to the facility. The case/investigation was turned over to CT State Police Major Crime detectives and the investigation is pending- there were two stolen motor vehicle occurrences so far in the month of May.
- e. Will be actively researching prospective locations within the town of Colchester for a pistol/rifle range for the PD.
- f. COFFE WITH A COP will resume in JUNE 2021- with the availability of outdoor dining at several business establishments in town, it will be great to reach out to the town's citizens, meet and greet them while listening to and addressing their concerns while being safe in an outdoor environment.

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III. OTHER-

ALL Colchester Police Corporals have been continuously conducting their extra administrative and operational duties which helps maintain the Police Department in an excellent state of operational readiness.

-Corporal Labonte KC 87 has submitted his letter of intent to retire as of July 30th, 2021.

-All Colchester PD officers have been issued proper PPE for any blood borne pathogen potential exposures and COVID exposures-including a sharps kit. All Colchester PD officers have also received a copy of the Bloodborne Pathogen Exposure Control Plan as it pertains to DESPP A&O section 4.13.1.

-We are progressing with the Colchester PD hiring process and at the present time we have approximately 4 police applicants left in the process and the applicants are currently in the "background phase" of the hiring process.

-Lastly, I have submitted my CT State Police retirement paperwork with a tentative retirement date of 10/01/2021, and I will continuously make every effort to keep improving the Colchester PD and the service we provide to the Town prior to my departure.

Very Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Sgt. Michael Rondinone", with the number "125" written below it.

Sgt. Michael Rondinone #125
Colchester Resident State Police Sergeant