



# Town of Colchester, Connecticut

127 Norwich Avenue, Colchester, Connecticut 06415

## Police Commission Meeting Minutes

Monday-April 27, 2021

7:30pm-Zoom Meeting

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

Others in Attendance: Admin Sergeant Tim Edwards, Andrea Migliacco, Officer Bryan Kowalsky

Absent: Sergeant Michael Rondinone

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1. Meeting called to order at 7:30 pm
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Additions to the Agenda: None
4. Citizen Comments: None
5. Officer Comments: None
6. Correspondence:
  - a. Meaghan Kehogreen's letter was received and reviewed by all commissioners. Corporal Scheel and Commissioner Stavola responded to her inquiry. None of the commissioners had any questions.
7. Motion to approve minutes from March 22, 2021 made by Carol Vaillancourt, second by Kevin Gustin. Motion carries unanimously. Bea Farlekas pointed out a misspelling under the old business heading.
8. Budget Review: None
9. Appropriations & Transfers: None
10. Resident Trooper Report: No report this month
11. Corporal Reports: Delivered by Sergeant Tim Edwards
  - a. Corporal Labonte: Continues to update NESPIN pawn shop activity. Corporal Labonte is retiring June 30, 2021, OFC. Watrous may be taking over his NESPIN duties.
  - b. Corporal Green-Continues to facilitate range training days.
  - c. Corporal Owens- Continues to work on the DUI grant, the current grant will run through the Labor Day weekend.
  - d. Corporal Goss- Continues to update Facebook with pertinent local information. Corporal Goss has also been gathering information on multiple catalytic convertor thefts throughout southeast CT and updating information on the SLACK Intel sharing app to hopefully assist with some new investigative leads and possible suspect information.
  - e. Corporal Scheel- Continues to work with the drone and learn its capabilities.
12. First Selectman Comments:
  - a. Mary mentioned that as of the meeting date 2 additional police officers are still in the budget.
  - b. Mary thanked the commission and Sergeants for their presentations regarding the budget needs of the police department, she stated they were very well done and organized.
  - c. Renovation quotes were presented and came in around 250,000, the possibility of using conference room 3 for storage was mentioned.
  - d. Mary wanted to make everyone aware that she was not part of any discussions to remove the SRO position from the schools, she stated she does not want the SRO removed and wants to see it back on track.
13. Local Traffic Authority: None

14. Old Business:

- a. Trailer quotes were received with an increase in pricing from several months ago. Purchase order will be completed this week.
- b. Firing Range-looking into training space, needs to be at least 100 yards.
- c. Mutual Aid agreement with Montville was signed and competed 4/13/2021.
- d. Private duty rate increase information was sent to Mary for the May Board of Selectman meeting.
- e. Bloodborne Pathogen policy is still being finalized with the town and Sgt. Edwards, they need to be sure all aspects meet OSHA requirements and is nationally recognized.

15. New Business:

- a. New officers positions and timelines for the hiring process were discussed. Several other towns in the area are hiring as well. Corporal Scheel and Sgt. Edwards have been attending the LEC tests to recruit to the Town of Colchester.
- b. Work orders have been created for the lighting in the PD, carpet for the Sergeants offices will be delivered and installed this week, painting should be happening soon.
- c. There will be a meeting on April 27<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am to discuss the SRO position and establish procedures.

16. Motion was made to enter executive session and invite Officer Bryan Kowalsky, Sgt. Tim Edwards and First Selectman Bylone to discuss personnel at 8:15pm by Carol Vaillancourt second by Debi Marvin. Motions carries unanimously. Board members exited executive session at 8:43 pm. No actionable items from executive session.

17. Commendations/Awards: None

18. Project Goals and Discussion:

- a. Carol and Kevin are working on gathering information to be placed on the Town of Colchester website under the Police Commission heading. They would like to personalize the page and add a *Quarterly Message from the Chairman* section. It was discussed that they could possibly have a police commission email address for inquiries of the commission specifically.

19. Chairman/Commissioner Comments:

- a. Commissioner Stavola read an email he wrote to the Board of Finance regarding comments made towards the First Selectman from one of the Board of Finance members. Commissioner Stavola learned that the board of finance member had made some negative comments about his recent presentations and asked members of the commission as well as Officer Kowalsky and Sgt. Edwards their opinions on if any of his presentations were inappropriate or if they had concerns with him being the Police Commission Chairman, nobody had any negative feedback.

20. Motion made by Bea Farlekas for adjournment at 9:08 pm second by Debi Marvin. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Donna Swinburne