

TOWN OF EAST LYME
POLICE COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING OF JUNE 14, 2018
MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Daniel Price, Mark Nickerson, Joseph Perkins and Marc Powers
EXCUSED: Giancarlo D'Angelo and Tony Buglione
Also in Attendance: Police Chief Mike Finkelstein and Sgt. Mike Macek

Mr. Price called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

MOTION (1)

Motion by Mr. Powers to move Agenda Item #6d to the beginning of New Business.
Seconded by Mr. Perkins. Motion passed 4-0.

3. Delegations

In attendance on behalf of the East Lyme agribusiness subcommittee and to speak in favor of Agenda Item #6d were Mark Christensen, 66 Grassy Hill Road and Nancy Kalal, 80 Grassy Hill Road. This community event is scheduled to take place on July 22nd, which is Open Farm Day. Mr. Christensen reported that the event will run from 10am until 2pm and they are anticipating making around 6 total trips in that time period. The original plan that this group had was to give hayrides from Town Hall, down Route 1 to Cini Park to visit two out of three of the "farms" then to Methodist Street then back to Town Hall. To avoid adding to heavy traffic on the main roads during one of the busiest days of the summer, it was agreed that they would come up with a plan where residents can park at Town Hall and walk to get on the hayride at Lincoln Street or thereabouts in order to keep off of the main roads. Mr. Price asked them to please come back to the Police Commission at the special meeting of June 28th with a map and a plan on paper for these hayrides, and they can definitely make it work. Mr. Nickerson suggested putting up temporary no parking signs along the mapped out route along the side streets in order to keep the roads clear during this event.

4. Approval of Minutes

MOTION (2)

Motion by Mr. Nickerson to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of May 10, 2018, as submitted.
Seconded by Mr. Perkins. Motion passed 4-0.

5. Old Business

There was no old business.

6. New Business

a. Discussion and possible action – crosswalk yield signs

MOTION (3)

DISCUSSION: Chairman Price stated that the town has a valid permit from the DOT for the crosswalk signs, but that they need the Police Commission's authority to keep the signs in 24 hours a day, 7 days a week during the summer season.

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Bradley Finkelstein ATC
EAST LYME TOWN CLERK

Motion by Mr. Nickerson to instruct the Public Works Department to keep the crosswalk signs in the crosswalks 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, during the summer season.
Seconded by Mr. Powers. Motion passed 4-0.

b. Discussion and possible action – purchase of Police vehicles

MOTION (4)

DISCUSSION: Chief Finkelstein reported that this matter has been approved by the Board of Finance and is now moving to Town Meeting on June 20th. He stated that within a couple of years the plan is that they will be able to start purchasing their necessary vehicles using cash with funds collected from doing road jobs. Until that money is accumulated in that vehicle account, we need to utilize the acquisition program. Sgt. Macek reported that using MHQ allows for turnkey service and saves the town about \$3,000 for the vehicle itself, which offsets the extra cost for turnkey service.

Motion by Mr. Perkins to direct the police department to go to MHQ to purchase these three vehicles and their respective packages.

Seconded by Mr. Powers. Motion passed 4-0.

c. Discussion and possible action – purchase of software

MOTION (5)

DISCUSSION: Sgt. Macek stated that this purchase was approved in the 2018/19 budget. The current software is obsolete and is no longer supported. The new software has so many upgrades that it will take a lot of burden and free up time for the Sergeants; i.e. the upgraded scheduling and overtime functions. This software will also work with our payroll system. First year cost is \$6,140; with a yearly fee going forward of \$3,180. Sgt. Macek reported that he met with the union representative and they are supportive of this upgrade. Mr. Nickerson stated that an MOU would need to be drawn up and signed off with the union prior to ratification of the contract.

Motion by Mr. Nickerson to approve the upgrade of the current scheduling software, as presented, and to direct the Chief of Police to draft a memorandum of understanding outlining this change and to be signed by all parties.

Seconded by Mr. Perkins. Motion passed 4-0.

d. Discussion and possible action – request from the East Lyme Agricultural Committee to offer hayrides on the main roads during Open Farm Day on Sunday, July 22nd. Please see discussion above under Delegations.

e. Review and direct Chairman to send a letter to Pine Grove regarding speed limit change request

MOTION (6)

DISCUSSION: Chief Finkelstein stated that this matter originally came before the Commission in September of last year. After discussions with the DOT, it was determined that they will not budge on the current speed limits for the Pine Grove area. It was agreed that public works will move the speed limit sign on Pine Grove Road closer to the curve. Mr. Price suggested that we should install signs indicating no on street parking in the entire Pine Grove neighborhood, and all agreed that would be reasonable. Chief Finkelstein noted that there are two adequate common parking areas. He also reminded the commission that a representative of our EMS department attended the September meeting when this issue first came up, and stated that they are in support

of no on street parking at all in that neighborhood. They find it very difficult and in some cases impossible to navigate through that area with vehicles parked on the street.

Motion by Mr. Nickerson to direct Public Works to put up "no parking on street" signs in the Pine Grove neighborhood.

Seconded by Mr. Perkins. Motion passed 4-0.

7. Chief's Report

Chief Finkelstein gave his monthly report, attached hereto as Exhibit 1. For Celebrate East Lyme, he reported that they once again have requested mutual aid from surrounding towns. A change for this year is that no vehicles at all will be allowed on Main Street, and water barriers are being installed as blockades on either end. On the side roads, there will also be additional signs indicating no vehicles allowed on Main Street. He stated that there will be an increase in foot patrols on Main Street and the beaches all summer. They will be cracking down on golf cart registration violations in the Black Point area. There was \$100,000 left over in the Nuclear Safety Fund, in which \$30,000 was approved for us to use for projects; including purchasing 2 tri-band portable radios and 16 scanners for the vehicles. The money will also be used toward needed upgrades to the dispatch center. Chief reported that we have been working in collaboration with Waterford and New London on training such as accident reconstruction and narcotics. Nurture Nest has requested the closure of Methodist Street for an event on Saturday, August 4th. This matter will be discussed at the special meeting being held on June 28th.

8. Chairman's Report

Mr. Price thanked the Chief and Sgt. Macek for their continued hard work and for receiving the \$30,000 from Millstone for radio/scanner replacement; and it was noted that Julie from the Emergency Management Department worked on procuring these funds.

9. Subcommittee Reports

Mr. Perkins reported that he would like to see the Board of Education meet with the Police Commission in executive session to discuss the schools' security plans. Chief Finkelstein stated that the police department has a great working relationship with the BOE and that he will speak to the Superintendent and set something up in the near future.

14. Adjournment

MOTION (7)

Mr. Perkins Moved to adjourn the June 14, 2018, regular meeting of the Police Commission at 7:16 p.m.

Seconded by Mr. Powers. Motion passed 4-0.

Respectfully submitted,



Sandra Anderson
Recording Secretary

EAST LYME POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief's Monthly Report – May 2018



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Section 1: Noteworthy Incidents/Information

The Chief has continued meeting with Chief's of the Waterford and New London Police Department's to establish a regional Accident Reconstruction Team, as well as other regional cooperative efforts.

Resident completed the Department Compliment/Complaint form indicating her happiness with the services she received from the East Lyme Police Department with a missing person complaint. The service provided was from Officer Priest, Officer Roland, Officer Jezierski, and Officer Bowyer.

Section 2 : Staffing

One Patrol Sergeant remains on Light Duty due to an illness/injury.

Section 3: Administrative

Accident Analysis—May, 2018

- 26 Accidents occurred in April
- 12 Crashes on Flanders Rd
- 6 Crashes on Main St/W. Main St

East Lyme Dispatch Center

- 1,517 phone call volume for the month (7,590 TYD) this does not include Police phone line.
- Busiest hours – 5pm (115), 4pm (99), 1pm (96)

Animal Control Division Activity—May, 2018

- 53 Animal Incident Calls in East Lyme

Budgetary

- Total Budget – 93%
- Overtime – 100%
- Asset Forfeiture Balance - \$9,493

Use of force

- No use of force

Emergency Committals

- 7 Emergency Committals
- 2 Narcan uses

East Lyme Police Department Monthly Report
