

Town of East Lyme  
Police Commission  
October 11th, 2018 Regular Meeting Minutes

Members Present: Daniel Price  
Giancarlo D'Angelo  
Mark Nickerson  
Joe Perkins  
Mark Powers

Also Present: Chief Finkelstein  
Victor Benni, Town Engineer

**I. Call to Order**

Chairman Price called the October 11th, 2018 Police Commission meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**II. Pledge**

Mr. Price led the Pledge.

**III. Delegations-**

John DeSantis of 7 Corey Lane came forward to speak about Corey Lane. Mr. DeSantis previously sent a letter to Mr. Nickerson requesting that double yellow lines be repainted on the entire street. He said there is a lot of traffic on the road, there was a hit and run a few years ago, and it's a safety issue.

Mr. Price explained this item is on tonight's Agenda and said we will discuss this item at that time.

**IV. Approval of Minutes-**

- a. Regular Meeting Minutes of August 9th, 2018
- b. Special Meeting Minutes of September 19th, 2018

**MOTION (1)**

Mr. Nickerson moved to approve both the Regular Meeting Minutes of August 9th, 2018 and the Special Meeting Minutes of September 19th, 2018.

Mr. D'Angelo seconded the motion.

Motion carried, 5-0-0.

**V. Old Business-**

There was none.

**VI. New Business-**

FILED

Oct 19 2018 AT 8:15 AM/PM  
Kenneth Albin  
EAST LYME TOWN CLERK

Mr. Price directed the Commission to the photographs in the Member Packet.

Victor Benni, Town Engineer came forward and referenced his memorandum to Chief Finkelstein dated September 18th, 2018; this was in response to Mr. DeSantis' letter to Mr. Nickerson.

Mr. Benni shared the following:

- Corey Lane was sealed and paved.
- The Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices for Streets and Highways indicates centerlines should be utilized on 18 ft width roads that have an average daily traffic count of 3,000 or more vehicles per day.
- Counts of Corey Lane over a 6 day period average 270 cars per day.
- The 4 speed limit signs will be updated with new signs to meet the retroreflection requirements.
- 2 additional speed limit signs will be added in the northbound direction.
- A 400 ft long curbed grass island separates north and south bound traffic at the end of Corey Lane and prior to its intersection with Roxbury Road.
- The MUTCD advises diverging markings on the roadway to guide vehicles along the island edge; Public Works has prepared an island marking design for Corey Lane.
- He was told that remnants of yellow center lines still visible on Corey Lane are due to previous error made by the Town.

Mr. Powers asked if there was a double line before the road was resurfaced and Mr. Benni said a 150 ft line was on the beginning section of route 156.

Mr. D'Angelo asked about the hit and run accidents referred to by Mr. DeSantis. Mr. Benni said he can check with the Police Department.

Chief Finkelstein said there have been no accidents in the last year and a half.

Mr. Perkins said there have been double lines on Corey Lane since the 1960s and that no one pays attention to speed limit signs. Mr. Benni said he doesn't see that in the aerial photograph. Mr. Perkins said he doesn't remember not seeing the yellow lines there.

Mr. Nickerson said the yellow lines should be utilized if they're going to save lives and said the question is, will it?

Chief Finkelstein said he will investigate the accident history.

Mr. Benni said he will price out the cost for putting the yellow lines back in, in case they opt to. He pointed out there are other roads in Town that meet this same criteria and to keep in mind they will be setting a precedent if they choose to do this.

Mr. Powers said he is uncomfortable making a decision without more information and a road piecemeal policy is not a good policy to adopt.

**MOTION (2)**

**Mr. Price moved to obtain further information from Chief Finkelstein, review the budget for road work and revisit and make a decision at that time.**

Mr. Price said let's focus only on Corey Lane right now.

**Mr. Powes seconded the motion.**

**Motion carried, 4-1-0.**

**Nay: Mr. Perkins**

**VII. Chief's Report**

Chief Finkelstein reviewed his August and September reports for the Commission and shared the following:

- There has been a great deal of positive feedback from the Public regarding Police presence in Town.
- He attended the September Rotary meeting.
- He attended the CRCS Infrastructure Study with the Town Planner.
- He has been told the paving work on Main Street should be completed within the next week-week and a half.
- Staffing has been a bit short with one Officer out for surgery and another off to the State Police.
- 1 Full-time dispatcher is also out for medical leave which has led to obvious overtime ramifications.
- Accidents were significantly down in September.
- Overtime is at 24% which is where it should be at this time of year.

Chief Finkelstein discussed the Crime in Connecticut Report released by the State and UCR coding.

**VIII. Executive Session**

At 6:45 p.m. the Commission entered into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing personnel issues and invited Chief Finkelstein to join them.

Mr. Nickerson reported that no action was taken and they adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brooke Stevens,  
Recording Secretary