

TOWN OF EAST LYME  
POLICE COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING OF FEBRUARY 14, 2019  
MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Daniel Price, Mark Nickerson, Joseph Perkins, Marc Powers and Giancarlo D'Angelo.

EXCUSED: Lisa Pellegrini and Tony Buglione.

Also in Attendance: Police Chief Mike Finkelstein, Administrative Sgt. Mike Macek and Deputy Director of Public Works, Bill Scheer.

Mr. Price called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Delegations  
There were none.

4. Approval of Minutes  
MOTION (1)

Motion by Mr. Nickerson to approve the Regular Meeting minutes of January 10, 2019, as submitted. Seconded by Mr. D'Angelo. Motion passed 4-0-1. In Favor; Messrs. Nickerson, Perkins, Powers and D'Angelo. Abstained; Mr. Price.

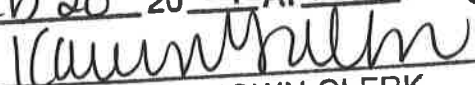
5. Old Business - Budget

DISCUSSION: Chief Finkelstein reviewed the budget for the Commission, taking note that they had originally requested that the budget include two new police officers, but that the number was cut that back to one new hire. He stated that he will be presenting the budget to the Board of Selectmen on February 19<sup>th</sup>, and he will emphasize that the average ratio of police to resident is 2.1 police officers per 1,000 residents; we are current at 1.2 officers per 1,000 residents. The Police Commission members agreed that they support the hiring of two new officers in the 2019/2020 fiscal year. Regarding adding the position of Lieutenant, it was discussed that although there is an assignment given to the Administrative Sergeant, there should be an actual supervisory position, such as Lieutenant, to oversee the other Sergeants. It was decided that a subcommittee would be formed to explore this option further. It was noted that although the description of the position is not outlined in the contract, there is reference to a Lieutenant position and should be researched further.

MOTION (2)

Motion by Mr. D'Angelo to approve the Chief's original 2019/2020 budget to include the addition of two full time police officers, and amend line item 511 (Police Officers) to include an additional \$10,000 to fund the promotion of an existing Sergeant to the supervisory position of Lieutenant. Seconded by Mr. Powers. Motion passed 5-0.

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EAST LYME TOWN CLERK

MOTION (3)

Motion by Mr. Nickerson to form a Subcommittee to explore the addition of a supervisory, Lieutenant level position, and to appoint Joe Perkins, Giancarlo D'Angelo, and either Tony Buglione or Lisa Pellegrini to this Planning Subcommittee.

Seconded by Mr. D'Angelo. Motion passed 5-0.

6a. Request to relocate two sidewalks – Society Road

DISCUSSION: Mr. Scheer, Deputy Director of Public Works, reported that during the re-design of the Lillie B. Haynes property, the crosswalks were not taken into consideration. He presented pictures and the drawings of the proposed location of such crosswalks.

MOTION (4)

Motion by Mr. Nickerson to approve the relocation of two crosswalks and associated signs on Society Road affected by the school construction project.

Seconded by Mr. Perkins. Motion passed 5-0.

6b. 2019 Tour de Lyme Cycling Event

MOTION (5)

Motion by Mr. Nickerson to recommend that Chief Finkelstein sign off on all necessary paperwork for the 2019 Tour de Lyme Cycling Event.

Seconded by Mr. Perkins. Motion passed 5-0.

6c. Updated Local Traffic Authority Form – State of Connecticut

DISCUSSION: Mr. Price stated that this form has been updated to include Lisa Pellegrini, and will be submitted to the State of Connecticut for their records.

Motion by Mr. D'Angelo to approve the updated local traffic authority form and forward to the State of Connecticut.

Seconded by Mr. Nickerson. Motion passed 5-0.

7a. Chief's Report

Chief Finkelstein summarized the monthly report for January 2019, which is attached hereto as Exhibit 1. The Chief shared some thank you letters expressing appreciation from different citizens regarding the assistance they received from our police officers. Regarding the purchasing and outfitting of future police vehicles, he noted that they will be looking into different options for purchases going forward as the current vendor is very behind and has an obligation to the State to work on those vehicles first, which has delayed the work on our vehicles. The Police Department recently received a \$10,000 JAG grant, which will be used toward the efforts to reduce drugs and prostitution in our town.

8. Chairman's Report

Mr. Price reported that the referendum to vote on the proposed public safety complex is on Wednesday, February 20<sup>th</sup> from 8am – 8pm. He thanked everyone who has worked on getting this project to this point, and hopes that everyone is able to get out and vote.

9. Subcommittee Reports

There were none.

10. Communications

There were none.

11. Public Comment

There was none.

12. Commission Response

There was none.

14. Adjournment

MOTION (6)

Mr. Price Moved to adjourn the February 14, 2019, regular meeting of the Police Commission at 7:07 p.m.

Seconded by Mr. D'Angelo. Motion passed 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,



Sandra Anderson  
Recording Secretary

EXHIBIT 1

# EAST LYME POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief's Monthly Report – January 2019



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## Section 1: Noteworthy Incidents/Information

- Letter of thanks to Officers Langman and Priest related to response to medical call.
- Letter of thanks for Officer Langman for being a mentor in ELPS program.
- Performance evaluation for Officer Cutillo related to proactive enforcement efforts.
- Drug box disposal for 2018 – 442.4 lbs
- One Detective and one Patrol vehicle received from MHQ. Second Patrol completed shortly.
- State permit process started for O’Niantic and Boardwalk 5K

## Section 2: Staffing

The East Lyme Police Department currently has one Officer out for a short term medical condition.

Dispatch continues to experience shortage of part time availability despite addition of multiple part time dispatchers over past year and a half.

## Section 3: Administrative

### Accident Analysis

- 11 Accidents
- 2 Crashes on Main St/W. Main St
- 2 Crashes on Flanders Rd

### East Lyme Dispatch Center

- 1,473 phone call volume for the month, which does not include Police phone line.
- Busiest hours –4pm (109), 3pm (100), 8am (113)

### Animal Control Division Activity

- 20 Animal Incident Calls in East Lyme

### Budgetary

- Total Budget – 59%
- Overtime – 62%
- Asset Forfeiture Balance - \$13,545

### Use of force

- No use of force







# East Lyme Police Department Monthly Report