

TOWN OF EAST LYME
POLICE COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING OF MAY 15, 2019
MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Daniel Price, Mark Nickerson, Lisa Pellegrini, Joseph Perkins, Giancarlo D'Angelo and Tony Buglione

EXCUSED: Marc Powers

Also in Attendance: Police Chief Mike Finkelstein and Administrative Sgt. Mike Macek

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 April 11, 2019, as submitted.

Seconded by Mr. Buglione. Motion passed 6-0.

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May 17, 2019 AT 3:15 AM/PM

Brooke Hanou AT
EAST LYME TOWN CLERK

5a. Public Safety Building Vision Committee Update

DISCUSSION: Mr. Price stated that the next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 16th. It was reported that since the last meeting, the closing has happened and the Town is now officially the owner of 277 West Main Street. Chief Finkelstein reported that they are working on the scope of work and will discuss this at the next Vision Committee meeting. The tours they have taken to other police departments have been a benefit to the process. They have had the opportunity to see how departments do things differently and also have benefited from the lessons learned communicated from staff. He reported that they have been performing initial inspections with members of the Public Works department to identify areas in which there can be potential savings in utilities.

6a. Part-time Animal Control Officer

DISCUSSION: Sgt. Macek stated that they received upwards of fifty applications for the open position, but that they only ended up with two applicants agreeing to come in for an interview. In accordance with the existing agreement that we have with Waterford, the part-time ACO works paid shifts on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, and is also on unpaid call seven days a week. This combination of pay rate and schedule is making it difficult to find qualified applicants. First step is to sit down with Waterford and see if we can negotiate an updated agreement to address this issue. Another possible option is to have the full time ACO be on call Monday through Thursday, and have the part-time person only be on call the days in which they work paid shifts. Sgt. Macek stated that they would like to meet with Waterford and open this discussion.

MOTION (2)

Ms. Pellegrini MOVED that the Chief and Administrative Sergeant are directed to review the current Animal Control structure, both full time and part time, as well as the possibility of regionalizing, and report back to the Commission at the next meeting with recommendations for a solution.

Seconded by Mr. D'Angelo. Motion passed 6-0.

6b. E-Citation Grant

DISCUSSION: Chief Finkelstein reported that the State is in the process of switching over to an E-Citation system, and they are currently offering a grant to municipalities who sign up and start using this system now before it officially goes into effect. Eventually all municipalities will be required by the State to use this electronic ticketing system. The cost of the system is approximately \$50,000 to install and get up and running, and will come with a yearly maintenance fee of approximately \$4,000. He reported that the electronic ticketing system is too costly for the town to utilize currently, but that it may be an option in the future.

6c. Truck Traffic on Oswegatchie Hills Road

DISCUSSION: Chief Finkelstein reported that there have been problems with large trucks delivering to the marina. Increasingly there seems to be an issue with the trucks going past the marina and then not being able to turn around to get out of the neighborhood. The residents have requested that the Town put in signs alerting that trucks should not be traveling past the entrance to the marina. Although this type of signage needs to be installed by our Public Works department, the Chief wanted to make the Commission aware of the situation and let them know that he will be working with Public Works to get the proper signage installed to try to prevent this from happening in the future. The Commission members were in agreement with the Chief's plan of action.

7a. Chief's Report

Chief Finkelstein summarized the monthly report for April 2019, which is attached hereto as Exhibit 1. The Chief reported that the recent audit went very well with no problems found or changes made, and commended Sgt. Macek on a job well done. He reported that Officer Lindsey Cutillo and Officer Matt Willett were among a group of officers who were honored at the 33rd annual Law Enforcement Recognition Ceremony of the Connecticut Chapter of Mothers Against Drunk Driving. In addition, Officer Cutillo received a five year award for receiving this recognition for the past five years. Congratulations to our officers for working so hard to keep our community safe. It was reported that they are currently applying for a Port Security grant to make necessary repairs to our marine patrol boat. This is the smaller town-owned, rapid response vessel and not the regional boat which is shared with Waterford. The hope is to receive the grant or they will have to ask the Town for funds to get this boat fixed. Mr. Nickerson added that discussions are still ongoing with Waterford and New London regarding a possible interlocal agreement.

8. Chairman's Report

Mr. Price stated that they had covered everything that he wanted to cover, so no additional report was necessary.

9. Subcommittee Reports

There were none.

10. Public Comment

Ms. Nancy Kelley, 130 Roxbury Road, inquired if the Town had considered privatizing or out-sourcing the part-time ACO position, and she stated that she would forward some information on to the Board regarding this.

11. Commission Response.

There was none.

12. Executive Session

MOTION (3)

Mr. Nickerson MOVED to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing union negotiations, and to include Chief of Police Michael Finkelstein.

Seconded by Mr. Buglione. Motion passed 6-0.

They entered into executive session at 6:38 p.m. They returned at 6:55 p.m. and Chairman Price stated that no formal votes were taken.

13. Adjournment

MOTION (4)

Mr. Price MOVED to adjourn the May 15, 2019, special meeting of the Police Commission at 6:56 p.m.

Seconded by Mr. Nickerson. Motion passed 6-0.

Respectfully submitted,



Sandra Anderson

Recording Secretary

EAST LYME POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief's Monthly Report – April 2019



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Section 1: Noteworthy Incidents/Information

- Boardwalk 5K safely held despite rainy day.
- The East Lyme Vision Committee continues to meet to plan the East Lyme Public Safety building. Choice of architect should occur shortly. Building purchase has occurred.
- Police Contract ratified by Union and Board of Selectman
Wonderful card from family of George Cirillo thanking the Police Department for honoring their father, who was a former East Lyme Police Officer who passed away.
- The East Lyme Police Department underwent a successful audit by the POST training and certification division, which examined our training and policies.
- The East Lyme Police Department is currently undergoing a COLLECT Unit audit.
- Officer Willett received a positive performance observation report for his high level of activity.
- On May 7th Officers Cutillo and Willett received recognition from MADD for their high level of DUI enforcement efforts.
- The East Lyme Police Department has experienced a continued increase in overdoses and overdose deaths during the first part of 2019. We continue to work to address this.

Section 2: Staffing

- Part time ACO position is on agenda

Section 3: Administrative

Accident Analysis

- 16 Accidents
- 2 Crashes on Main St/W. Main St
- 6 Boston Post Rd

East Lyme Dispatch Center

- 1,544 phone call volume for the month, which does not include Police phone line.
- Busiest hours –4pm (119), 3pm (102), 9am (94)

Animal Control Division Activity

- 15 Animal Incident Calls in East Lyme

Budgetary

- Total Budget – 81%
- Overtime – 87%
- Asset Forfeiture Balance - \$13,545

East Lyme Police Department Monthly Report