

TOWN OF EAST LYME POLICE COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING OF JULY 23, 2020 AT 6:00 P.M.

Via Zoom (Instructions Below)

AMENDED AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Executive Session – For the Purpose of Discussing Personnel Issues
3. Discussion and Possible Action – New Police Officer
4. Discussion and Possible Action – Lieutenant Position
5. Approval of Minutes – Regular Meeting of June 11, 2020
6. New Business
 - a. Discussion and Possible Action - Crescent Beach Association – Traffic Authority
 - b. Discussion and Possible Action – Quarry Dock Road Parking Area
7. Chief’s Report (including Administrative Sergeant)
8. Chairman’s Report
9. Public Comment
10. Commission Response
11. Adjournment

Topic: Police Commission

Time: Jul 23, 2020 06:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

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TOWN OF EAST LYME
BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
SPECIAL MEETING OF JUNE 11, 2020

MINUTES

This meeting was held via Zoom online meeting services and was available for the public to view, listen and participate via videoconference and dial-in options.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dan Price, Mark Powers, Joseph Perkins, Tony Buglione, Giancarlo D'Angelo, Stephen Rebelowski and Lisa Pellegrini

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: First Selectman Mark Nickerson, State Representative Holly Cheeseman, Police Chief Mike Finkelstein and Administrative Sgt. Mike Macek

Chairman Price called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

2. Approval of Minutes

MOTION (1)

Motion by Mr. Powers to approve the Regular Meeting minutes of May 21, 2020, as submitted.

Seconded by Mr. Buglione. Motion passed 7-0.

3. Chief's Report

Chief Finkelstein gave his report, which is attached hereto as Exhibit 1. He reported that the purchase of a new CAD records management system was approved at last night's Board of Finance meeting, so they will begin working with NEXGEN to get the system implemented. The Police Department continues to receive many thank you notes, including a letter of appreciation from Broadway Kids. Chief Finkelstein reported that Officer Matthew Roland has retired from the Department as of May 31, 2020, and that Sergeant Terry Saffioti has announced that he will retire as of July 1, 2020. They have opened lateral positions on Police App to fill these vacancies; there are now three positions total to be filled this year.

Chief Finkelstein stated that they have begun reviewing our Police Departments policies, and he has been working with State Representative Holly Cheeseman to discuss statewide use of force policies. We have good Policemen and Women in our Police Department, but there is always room for training and improvement. It was noted that use of force policies, as well as de-escalation methods, are part of almost every other training that they are required to take on a yearly basis. Mr. Rebelowski mirrored that sentiment by stating that over the last few years, training in de-escalation techniques has increased significantly. Ms. Cheeseman stated that this is and will continue to be a collaborative process between state and local agencies, and she looks forward to continuing the meetings and collaboration with the Chief. Chief Finkelstein noted that Connecticut is already far above other states in training and policies. It was discussed that the cost of body cams and the needed storage is very high, and that remains something that our police department will continue to look into. Chairman Price stated that the Polices and Procedures Subcommittee will meet soon for a review of our current policies.

Mr. Rebelowski took a moment to remember Eric Kwasniewski, who passed away recently. He was known by everyone in town as "Kwas" and he knew everyone by name. He served the people of East Lyme

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for 36 years before retiring from the department in 2007 with two distinguished service awards, the Blue Knight, The Life Saving Award, Meritorious Service, Police Start Award and a State of CT Purple Heart. Eric loved the Town of East Lyme and its residents and would do anything for this community. He also served as a member of the Niantic Firehouse for 55 years. Chief Finkelstein stated that a parade was held recently in honor of his birthday, and that he will be sorely missed and his dedication to the Town is greatly appreciated. Mr. D'Angelo noted that Eric was also a combat Veteran, who served in Vietnam.

4. Chairman's Report

There was none.

5. Public Comment

There was none.

6. Commission Response

There was none.

7. Adjournment

MOTION (2)

Mr. Buglione MOVED to adjourn the June 11, 2020, regular meeting of the Police Commission at 6:41 p.m.

Seconded by Mr. Powers. Motion passed 7-0.

Respectfully submitted,



Sandra Anderson
Recording Secretary

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From: Chip Flanagan <chipflanagan356@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2020 10:55 AM
To: navyart@danielprice.com <navyart@danielprice.com>
Subject: Police Commission meetings

Good morning

I am inquiring as to whether the police commission will be able to provide clarity to some apparent ambiguity related to parking restrictions, placement of stop signs, sight line issues and speed limits within the area known as The Crescent Beach Association.

There is a somewhat widely held belief among some property owners that CBA is allowed to make their own traffic and parking rules yet since the roads are maintained by East Lyme I am not sure of the actual legality as it intersects with underlying safety guidelines.

Any clarification that you can provide would be greatly appreciated

Thank you

Thomas Flanagan
9 Crescent Avenue
Niantic, CT 06357

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Sandra Anderson

From: Joe Bragaw
Sent: Tuesday, July 21, 2020 1:48 PM
To: Michael Finkelstein
Cc: navyart@danielprice.com; Bill Scheer; Sandra Anderson; Mark Nickerson
Subject: FW: Thursday's Agenda and Supporting Documentation
Attachments: quarry dock road parking.pdf; rights and powers of LTA.pdf

Mike

I took a look at the agenda for your special meeting on Thursday. I was hoping to comment by email instead of being on the zoom meeting for Items #3a and #3b so you can update the BOPC on my stance on these issues.

3a - Discussion and Possible Action - Crescent Beach Association – Traffic Authority (response to attached letter)

I am not aware of the Crescent Beach Association having any traffic or parking authority as all of those roads are town roads. It is my understanding that those roads are under the jurisdiction of the Town's Legal Traffic Authority which is the Board of Police Commissioners. The BOPC has the power to authorize parking restrictions, direct the placement of stop signs and address sight line issues. I have attached a full list of the LTA's power for your reference. With regards to speed limits, that has to be submitted to the CT Office of State Traffic Administration (OSTA) for their approval.

Discussion and Possible Action – Quarry Dock Road Parking Area

The Highway Department blocked off the two parking areas past the last driveway on the left on July 10th at the request of the Friends of the Oswegatchie Hills (see attached). Then we received another email from Greg Decker of the FRIENDS on July 14th that people had move some of the smaller rocks. Highway went out again later last week to place large rocks across those two parking areas. These rocks should keep vehicles from parking in this location.

On another note, I am shooting to come to the BOPC in the coming months to identify some locations that may require new stop sign placements. I am in the process of putting together the information and would like these locations to be put on a future agenda.

Thanks

Joe.

From: Sandra Anderson <sanderson@eltownhall.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 21, 2020 11:18 AM
To: navyart@danielprice.com; Giancarlo D'Angelo <gcdangelo@me.com>; Mark Powers <powers@lobbyct.com>; Tony Buglione <tonybugs@yahoo.com>; Lisa Pellegrini <lpellegrini3366@gmail.com>; Joseph Perkins <csp096@aol.com>; Stephen Rebelowski <srebelowski@yahoo.com>; Mark Nickerson <mnickerson@eltownhall.com>; Michael Finkelstein <mfinkelstein@eastlymepolice.org>; Michael Macek <mmacek@eastlymepolice.org>
Cc: Joe Bragaw <jbragaw@eltownhall.com>; Bill Scheer <bscheer@eltownhall.com>
Subject: Thursday's Agenda and Supporting Documentation

Hi Everyone. Please find attached the agenda and supporting documents for this Thursday's special meeting. Below is the Zoom info, for your convenience. If you have any questions or if I can be of any further assistance, please let me know. See you on Thursday! Sandi

Office of the State Traffic Administration

www.ct.gov/dot/osta

Guidance for Local Traffic Authorities

OSTA – Must request through the Office of the State Traffic Administration (DOT.OSTA@ct.gov)

LTA – Local Traffic Authority (LTA) has the authority to change/revise/install

District – Must request encroachment permit through the Department’s District Maintenance Office

Public Trans. – Must request approval through the Department’s Bureau of Public Transportation

(Attn: Mr. Ricardo Almeida at 860-594-2839; Ricardo.Almeida@ct.gov

Mr. Kenneth Bisi at 860-594-2814| Kenneth.Bisi@ct.gov)

Traffic – Must request approval through the Department’s Division of Traffic Engineering Division Chief

(DOT.TrafficEngineering@ct.gov)

DECD – Must request a permit through the Department of Economic and Community Development

Traffic Control Signing		
<u>ITEM</u>	<u>State Highway</u>	<u>Town Road</u>
STOP (Including All-Way STOP)	Traffic	LTA
YIELD	Traffic	LTA
Bus Stop	Public Trans.	Public Trans.
Do Not Block Intersection	District	LTA
Do Not Enter / Wrong Way	Traffic	LTA
Keep Right / Keep Left	Traffic	LTA
Lane-use Control (non-signalized location)	Traffic	LTA
No Left/Right/U-Turn	Traffic	LTA
Parking restriction associated with Bus Stops, Taxi Stops	Traffic	LTA
No Through Truck	OSTA	OSTA
No Turn on Red	Traffic	OSTA
No Turn on Red sign on a Town Road approach to a State-owned traffic control signal		Traffic
One-way (establish or remove designation)	Traffic	LTA
One-way approach to State Highway (establish or remove designation)		LTA*
<i>*District should be consulted regarding impacts to the State Highway</i>		
Parking Restrictions (including establishing Handicap Spaces)	Traffic	LTA
No Pedestrian Crossing / Bicycle Crossing	Traffic	LTA
School Zone Speed Limit ("When Flashing" or during hours posted)	OSTA	OSTA
School Zone Fines Doubled	Traffic	LTA
School Zone	Traffic	LTA
Slower Traffic Keep Right	Traffic	LTA
Speed Limits (Private Road)		LTA
Speed Limits (Public Roads)	OSTA	OSTA
"STATE LAW - Yield to Pedestrians" in-road 'sandwich board' style sign	District	LTA
Stop Here on Red	Traffic	LTA
Stop Here on Red sign on a Town Road approach to a State-owned traffic control signal	Traffic	Traffic
"Your Speed" sign & changeable message assembly	District	LTA

Traffic Control Pavement Markings

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>State Highway</u>	<u>Town Road</u>
Install/Remove STOP Bars and Yield Lines	Traffic	LTA
Install/Revise/Remove Center Line Markings (excluding passing zones)	Traffic	LTA
Install/Remove Crosswalks	Traffic	LTA
Install/Remove Passing Zone	OSTA	LTA

Traffic Control Signals/Devices

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>State Highway</u>	<u>Town Road</u>
Adding supplemental Flashing lights on Warning Signs	Traffic	LTA
Flashing Beacon	Traffic	LTA
Lane-use Control Signals (including reversible lane signals)	Traffic	OSTA
Pedestrian Hybrid Beacon (a.k.a. HAWK Signal)	Traffic	OSTA
New installation of Traffic Control Signal	Traffic	OSTA
Temporary Traffic Control Signal	Traffic	OSTA

State Owned - Traffic Control Signal Revisions

<u>ITEM</u>	
Add/Delete/Revise FLASH Operation	Traffic
Add/Delete of Walk Phase (exclusive or concurrent)	Traffic
Add/Delete Emergency Vehicle Pre-emption	Traffic
Change of Ownership (between State and Town/City)	Traffic
Operation Revision (e.g., semi- to full- actuation)	Traffic
Lane-use Control (any approach regardless of Ownership)	Traffic
Removal of existing Traffic Control Signal	Traffic

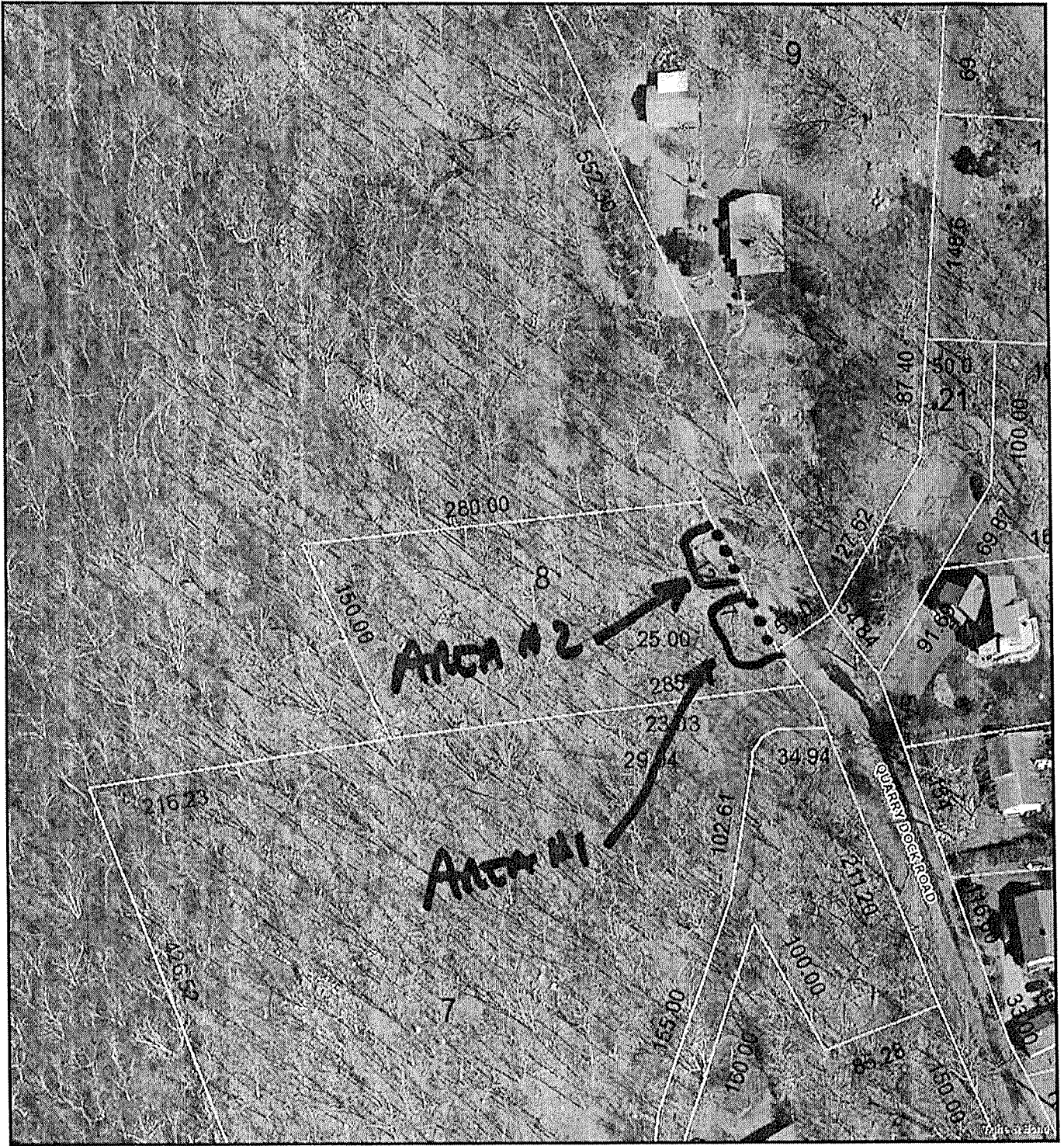
Municipally Owned - Traffic Control Signal Revisions

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>State Highway</u>	<u>Town Road</u>
Change of Ownership (between State and Town/City)	OSTA	OSTA
Removal of existing Traffic Control Signal	OSTA	OSTA
Revise timing values <u>outside</u> MIN – MAX range	OSTA	OSTA
Revise timing values <u>within</u> MIN – MAX range	LTA	LTA
Establish MIN – MAX range for timing values	OSTA	OSTA
Any other Signal revision (including Lane-use change)	OSTA	OSTA

Miscellaneous Items

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>State Highway</u>	<u>Town Road</u>
Changes in Railroad Protection Devices	OSTA	OSTA
Emergency and Authorized Vehicles Only	Traffic	LTA
Major Traffic Generators (§ 14-311, 14-311a, & 14-311c)	OSTA	OSTA
Traffic Restrictions (§ 14-311b – Any commercial establishment or any parking area for 20 cars or more)	OSTA	LTA
Traffic Regulations on State-owned Properties and Facilities	OSTA	
Permits for Merritt/Wilbur Cross/Milford Parkways Vehicle Use	OSTA	
Permits for Parades and Special Events	District	LTA
Filming within highway/roadway right-of-way	DECD	LTA

All other items not listed above should be directed to Traffic

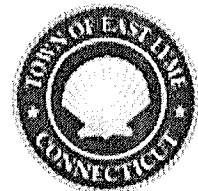
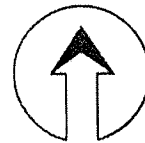


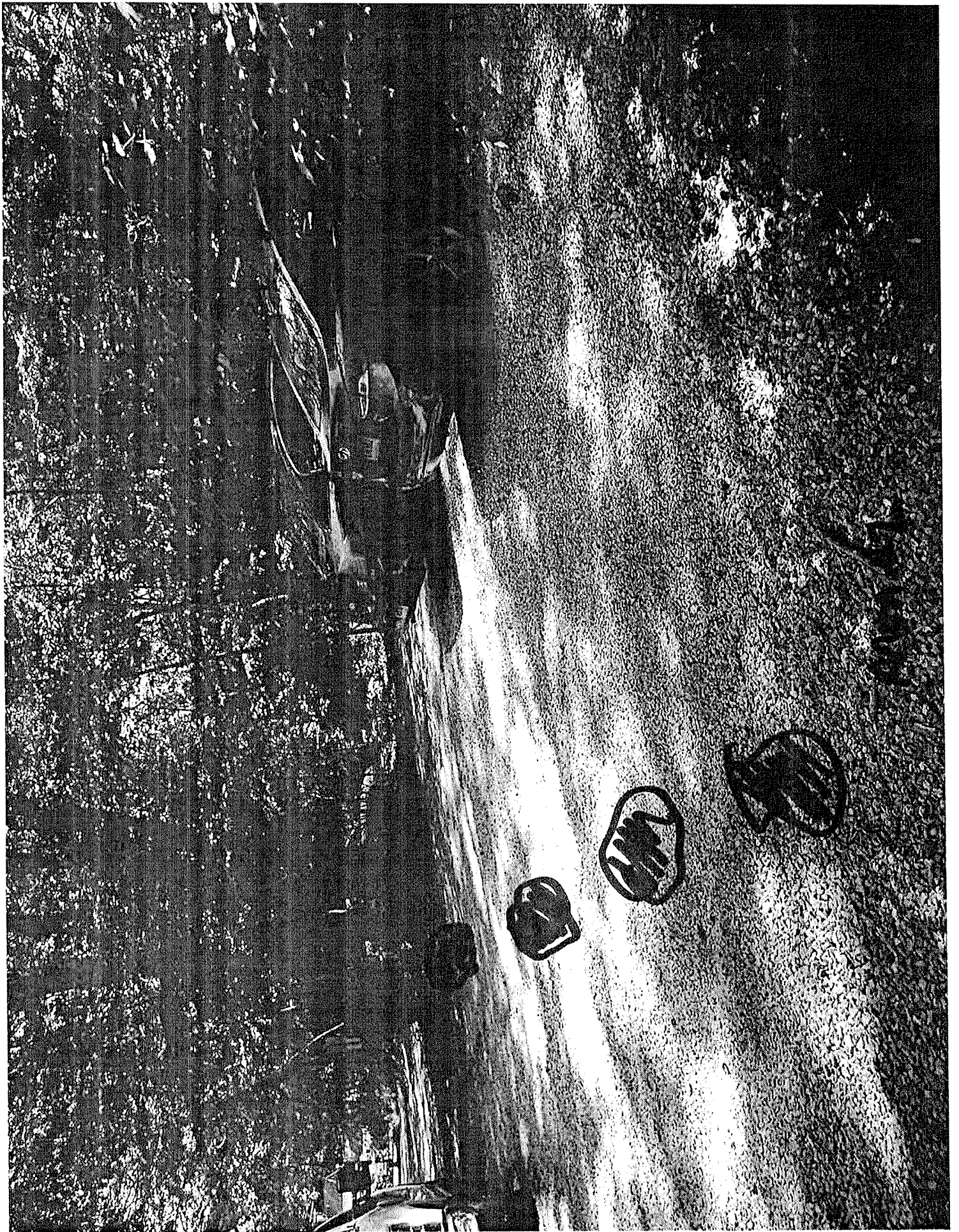
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EAST LYME POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief's Monthly Report – June 2020



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Section 1: Noteworthy Incidents/Information

- Homicide Arrest
- Continue to receive multiple gestures of thanks from community
- Letter of thanks from Parks & recreation
- Thank you from family of accident victim

Section 2: Staffing

Sergeant Terry Saffioti retired effective July 1, 2020

Section 3: Administrative

Accident Analysis

- 18 Accidents
- 2 Crashes Boston Post Rd
- 6 Crashes on Flanders Rd
- 4 Crashes on Main St/W. Main St

East Lyme Dispatch Center

- 1,299 phone call volume for the month, which does not include Police phone line.
- Busiest hours –12 pm (90), 4pm (89), 2pm (86)

Animal Control Division Activity

- 37 Animal Incident Calls in East Lyme

Budgetary

- Total Budget – 98% (PD), 85% (ACO), 99% (Disp)
- Overtime – 98%
- Asset Forfeiture Balance - \$18,559

Emergency Committals

- 2 Emergency Committals
- 2 overdoses
- 1 Narcan use

Special Response Areas

- 10 Calls for service at Rocky Neck Park (19 YTD)
- 45 Calls for service at hotels (292 YTD)

Fingerprinting

- 8 Residents (76 YTD)

**Section 4: Statistical Activity
Summary**

TOTAL CALLS FOR SERVICE- ELPD Dispatch

Calls for Service	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
2020	1417	1286	1255	1216	1545	1630							8,349

Note: Includes miscellaneous calls that may not be listed under the call analysis section

CALLS FOR SERVICE—DETAILED

Calls for Service - Type	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
911 Abandon/Hang Up	46	51	49	49	82	114							391
Alarms	68	51	50	32	49	44							294
Animal Incident	14	10	21	16	24	37							122
Assist Citizen	38	41	42	51	39	57							268
Assist Other Agency	23	18	19	12	15	23							110
Complaint	13	5	10	16	24	22							90
Disabled MV	13	9	3	4	10	6							45
Disturbance	13	10	7	20	13	23							76
Domestic Dispute	2	1	2	6	6	4							21
Erratic Operation	10	12	4	5	13	10							54
ETOH Person	4	3	2	0	4	1							14
Fireworks Comp	0	0	0	1	4	6							11
Fraud/Ident Theft	2	0	0	2	0	3							7
Larceny	16	7	18	10	9	12							72
Lockouts	8	9	6	9	8	13							53
MV Accidents	21	19	13	8	15	18							94
MV Stops	112	70	39	15	45	28							309
Parking Complaints	8	3	2	4	3	11							31
Patrol/Bank /Building Checks	315	299	354	428	500	416							2312
Pistol Permit Apps	5	3	10	8	2	30							58
Psych/Suicidal calls	5	2	3	2	4	3							19
Suspicious Pers/Veh/Incident	30	20	24	26	23	16							139
Threatening	3	1	2	3	0	0							9
Trespassing	1	3	2	4	3	10							23
Untimely Death	1	3	3	3	3	5							18
Well Being Check	22	10	17	19	10	26							104

