

TOWN OF EAST LYME POLICE COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING OF DECEMBER 10, 2020 at 6:00 P.M.  
Via Zoom (Instructions Below)

AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Delegations
3. Approval of Minutes
  - a. Regular Meeting of October 8, 2020
  - b. Special Meeting of November 3, 2020
4. Old Business
  - a. Discussion and Possible Action – Traffic Authority Matter – Signage Oswegatchie Hills Road
5. New Business
  - a. Discussion and Possible Action – Traffic Authority Matter – Plants Dam Road
  - b. Budget Review
  - c. Approve 2021 Meeting Schedule
6. Lieutenants' Reports
7. Chief's Report
8. Chairman's Report
9. Public Comment
10. Commission Response
11. Adjournment

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East Lyme is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Board of Police Commissioners Regular Meeting  
Time: Dec 10, 2020 06:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

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EAST LYME BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING OF OCTOBER 8, 2020  
MINUTES

*[Signature]*  
EAST LYME TOWN CLERK

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.

PRESENT: Daniel Price, Giancarlo D'Angelo, Mark Powers, Joseph Perkins and Stephen Rebelowski. Tony Buglione joined the meeting late.

EXCUSED: Lisa Pellegrini

ALSO PRESENT: First Selectman Mark Nickerson, Chief of Police Michael Finkelstein and Lieutenant Michael Macek

Chairman Price called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

## 2. Delegations

Mr. Neil Passman, 2 North Pine Street, Niantic, explained that he is requesting signs be installed somewhere on Oswegatchie Hills Road or Quarry Dock Road to prevent large trucks from traveling past the area of the marina and into Saunders Point. There have been numerous occasions where an 18-wheeler has ventured down into the Saunders Point area and it is very difficult to navigate them out; and he noted that the East Lyme Police Department had to come down to assist the last time it happened. He feels that signage closer to the main road and before the marina would be helpful.

## 3. Approval of Minutes

### MOTION (1)

Mr. Rebelowski MOVED to approve the Regular Meeting Meetings of September 10, 2020, as submitted. Seconded by Mr. Powers. IN FAVOR; D'Angelo, Powers, Perkins and Rebelowski. ABSTAINED; Price. Motion passed 4-0-1.

## 4a. Old Business – Body Cameras

Chief Finkelstein reported that they have met with three vendors to consider the purchase of body cameras: Panasonic, which is our vendor for the current in car camera system that we have; Watch Guard, which is currently being used by Ledyard, Waterford and Norwich; and Axon, which is currently being used in New London and Town of Groton and soon to be launched in Groton City and Stonington. The Chief stated that they are all good products and all have their pros and cons. Although their current system, Panasonic, is a good system, he does not feel that it is as user friendly as the other two options. With the Watch Guard system at ~\$150,000 (not including redaction software), the Chief stated that he has a minor concern with the recording function on this system, but overall, he feels this is a good choice and less expensive than the last option, Axon. Chief stated that their top choice would be the Axon system, although more expensive he feels that this system will serve the department well. The Axon system goes for ~\$300,000 but includes the redaction software, automatic refresh of the software, and automatic camera upgrade replacements. This is a cloud-based server with in-house storage and security covered by Axon. Chief stated that Axon also offers many add-ons that can be explored, should we be interested, such as automatic start of the recording by opening the car door, pulling your weapon out of its holster, turning on lights, etc. These add-ons come as an additional cost, but are available with the Axon system.

He stated that the recently passed Police Accountability Act puts a deadline of July 2022 for having the in-car and body camera system in place. Currently there is a grant available that will reimburse the cost of

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purchase up to 50%, but he expects that this will drop to 30% soon and there is no guarantee how long a reimbursement will be offered. Chief noted that the reimbursement will cover the cost of body cameras only and not the in-car cameras.

Mr. D'Angelo inquired if there is a payment plan available; and Chief Finkelstein stated that yes there is a payment plan available, but that we may not qualify for the reimbursement because the way it works is the municipality purchases the equipment outright and is then reimbursed.

Chief Finkelstein stated that he will continue to work with Axon on the pricing for this system, and Mr. Price stated that he would call a special meeting if needed should the information be ready to present before our next regular meeting.

#### 5a. New Business – Signage on Quarry Dock/Oswegatchie Hills Road

Chief Finkelstein stated that this matter is not to be confused with the recent parking issues on Quarry Dock Road; he stated that since installing the signs as directed by the Police Commission, there have been no more complaints in that area. This request for signage involves large trucks travelling down Oswegatchie Hills Road too far and getting stuck in the Saunders Point neighborhood. Mr. Powers stated that he resides in that area, and he agrees that a sign could stop those large trucks from going by the marina, which is generally their destination, and into that tight neighborhood. He suggested maybe at the entrance area to Three Belles Marina or maybe closer to the main road.

It was agreed that this matter would be discussed at the next regular meeting, and that the owner of Three Belles Marina will be invited to see if we can find a solution.

#### 6. Chief's Report

Chief Finkelstein gave a summary of his report for September, which is attached hereto as Exhibit 1. He reported that they had numerous arrests for prostitution and narcotics at the hotels located in the area of exit 74; they continue to monitor activity in these areas. Chief reported that they have made arrangements to regionalize training for a new K9 Officer and as those plans come together, he will keep the Commission informed. The Animal Control Officer replacement vehicle is on order. We have one police vehicle currently at MHQ waiting to be outfitted, and the process for ordering the 2021 vehicles is in motion and ahead of schedule. Chief stated that they are in the process of moving from CAD to NexGen, and that it will take about six to seven months for migration and training; the IMC system is obsolete.

Chief Finkelstein stated that car break-ins remain a problem in our area, and people need to be vigilant in locking their car doors and taking the keys and all valuables inside with you at night. He reported that this is happening in our entire region, not just our town.

Chief reported that all three new officers are on duty and doing well; two are on the road solo and one is still in training. He noted the typical drop-in service calls for September after the summer crowds diminish; however, he noted the increase in arrests, and stated that October has continued to be busier than usual. Mr. D'Angelo noted the spike in pistol permits issued, and Chief Finkelstein stated that is because they were not fingerprinting per the Governor's executive order, but that they have started again, by appointment only. The Chief noted that the Board of Education has recently started doing their fingerprinting in-house, so that has helped in reducing the amount of people coming in; we are still waiting for the State to regionalize this process.

#### 7. Chairman's Report

Mr. Price invited the First Selectman to give an update, if any, on the COVID pandemic. Mr. Nickerson stated that there has been a spike in our area, and we need to stay focused on staying safe. He stated that he may consider closing Town Hall and other town buildings to the public if this continues to worsen. We will continue meeting via Zoom until further notice.

8. Public Comment

There was none.

9. Commission Response

There was none.

10. Executive Session

MOTION (1)

Mr. D'Angelo MOVED to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel matters, and to include Chief Mike Finkelstein, First Selectman Mark Nickerson, and Lieutenant Mike Macek.

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

The Commission entered into executive session at 6:58 p.m. They returned at 7:40 p.m. and Mr. Price stated that no formal votes had been taken.

11. Sergeant Position

MOTION (2)

Mr. Buglione MOVED to promote Jared Priest to the position of Sergeant.

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

MOTION (3)

Mr. D'Angelo MOVED to promote James Levandoski to the position of Sergeant.

Seconded by Mr. Price. IN FAVOR; Price, Powers and D'Angelo. ABSTAINED; Buglione, Perkins and Rebelowski Motion passed 3-0-3.

MOTION (4)

Mr. Buglione MOVED to adjourn the October 8, 2020, Regular Meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners at 7:43 p.m.

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

Respectfully Submitted By:

*Sandra Anderson*

Sandra Anderson  
Recording Secretary

TOWN OF EAST LYME  
BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS  
SPECIAL MEETING OF NOVEMBER 3, 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, Lisa Pellegrini and Stephen Rebelowski.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: First Selectman Mark Nickerson, Police Chief Mike Finkelstein, Lieutenant Mike Macek and Lieutenant Dana Jezierski

Chairman Price called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Chief Finkelstein stated that they have met with three vendors; Panasonic, Watch Guard and Axon Enterprises, Inc., and have consulted with neighboring municipalities on their experiences. All three quotes are attached hereto. The current in-car system and equipment are Panasonic, but they have not really kept up with the most current technology. He stated that after extensive review, they are recommending the Axon system for the Town of East Lyme. He noted that all three products offer different capabilities, so the review of systems is not apples-to-apples. Other municipalities that are either currently using or transitioning into the Axon system are the Town of Groton, the City of Groton and New London; he noted that both of our Lieutenants have met with the Town of Groton police department and are in favor of the recommendation to use the Axon system. Chief Finkelstein stated that although the cost of the Axon system is higher than the other two systems, the Axon system includes an automatic 2-year replacement program, includes repairs and fixes to equipment, and also includes automatic upgrades as they become available over the 5-year contract period. The Axon system includes unlimited cloud storage, video redaction, and the ability to upload and save all applicable videos and documents to the case file; including cell block video, interview video, on-body and in-car camera footage. Chief stated that OPM is still offering a 30% reimbursement on the body camera equipment, but he noted that the last time he checked there was only about \$500K left in the OPM reimbursement fund and other municipalities are a step ahead of where we are so it's important to move forward as soon as we can. He noted that the total amount of the reimbursement should be around \$45,000 and is only eligible for reimbursement the first year on the ~\$150,000 for the body camera equipment; the remaining four years of the contract will have the storage fees and other installs spread out. The proposed payment schedule is ~\$151K the first year, and ~\$32K each year thereafter for a total of five years. The Watch Guard and Panasonic system quotes do not include installation and are both server-based; the Panasonic system requires a separate server for redaction capabilities. GPS is not included with the Axon system, but can be added for \$108 per year, per user; this equates to ~\$13,000 over the course of the five-year contract. Lt. Macek noted that for FOIA requests, the Axon system's use of evidence.com makes it compatible for such requests, whereas the Watch Guard and Panasonic systems are not able up to speed with that capability.

MOTION (1)

Mr. D'Angelo MOVED to accept Chief Finkelstein's recommendation and work with Axon Enterprise, Inc. for the purchase of body cameras and equipment for the East Lyme Police Department in the amount of \$279,549.32. Seconded by Mr. Buglione. Motion passed 7-0.

MOTION (2)

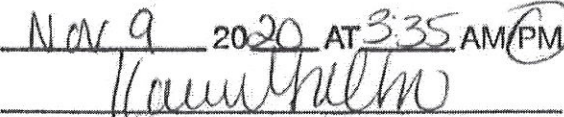
Mr. Perkins MOVED to adjourn the November 3, 2020, special meeting of the Police Commission at 7:40 p.m. Seconded by Mr. Buglione. Motion passed 7-0.

Respectfully submitted,



Sandra Anderson  
Recording Secretary

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Nov 9 2020 AT 3:35 AM (PM)  
  
EAST LYME TOWN CLERK

## Sandra Anderson

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**From:** Joe Bragaw  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 02, 2020 9:17 AM  
**To:** Michael Finkelstein; Sandra Anderson  
**Cc:** Mark Nickerson  
**Subject:** Guidance from OSTA  
**Attachments:** guidance for LTA's from OSTA.pdf

Sandi has asked me about 2 ongoing BOPC questions

1. the No Thru truck question for Plants Dam Rd. I have told Sandi that the BOPC as the LTA would need to send a recommendation to OSTA if you support this request. There is nothing really that PW can add to this except if OSTA approves the request to put up the signs.
2. Signage for Oswegatchie Hills Rd – Mark Powers asked me about this a long time ago. The place to put any signage would be in the space between Rt 161 and the new road to Vets. Anywhere past that would be a moot point. Then it only comes down to the wording on the sign. I looked again and there are no uniform warning signs from the MUTCD that would tell the right message so it would have to be a custom sign. The problem I have is you can only put so many words on a sign before it can't be read effectively. The wording could say something like, "Narrow roads ahead – Limited Ability for Large trucks to Turnaround". Ultimately if the BOPC is interested in approving this, they should come up with the exact wording. Once you determine the wording you would like, I can let you know if it is possible to put it on a sign and how much that would be.

I also told Sandi about some guidance from OSTA on all types of request that I am attaching for your reference. I hope this helps

Joe

**Joseph J. Bragaw, PE**  
**Town of East Lyme**  
**Director of Public Works**  
**Office # 860-691-4118**

Office of the State Traffic Administration  
[www.ct.gov/dot/osta](http://www.ct.gov/dot/osta)  
**Guidance for Local Traffic Authorities**

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**OSTA** – Must request through the Office of the State Traffic Administration ([DOT.OSTA@ct.gov](mailto: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](mailto:Ricardo.Almeida@ct.gov)  
 Mr. Kenneth Bisi at 860-594-2814| [Kenneth.Bisi@ct.gov](mailto:Kenneth.Bisi@ct.gov) )

**Traffic** – Must request approval through the Department’s Division of Traffic Engineering Division Chief  
 ([DOT.TrafficEngineering@ct.gov](mailto:DOT.TrafficEngineering@ct.gov))

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

<b>Traffic Control Signing</b>		
<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) <i>*District should be consulted regarding impacts to the State Highway</i>		LTA*
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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Agenda Item #4a

From Joe Bragaw, Public Works Director:

Signage for Oswegatchie Hills Rd – Mark Powers asked me about this a long time ago. The place to put any signage would be in the space between Rt 161 and the new road to Vets. Anywhere past that would be a moot point. Then it only comes down to the wording on the sign. I looked again and there are no uniform warning signs from the MUTCD that would tell the right message so it would have to be a custom sign. The problem I have is you can only put so many words on a sign before it can't be read effectively. The wording could say something like, "Narrow roads ahead – Limited Ability for Large trucks to Turnaround". Ultimately if the BOPC is interested in approving this, they should come up with the exact wording.

Once you determine the wording you would like, I can let you know if it is possible to put it on a sign and how much that would be.

**NARROW**

**ROADS**

**AHEAD**

**LIMITED**

**TURNAROUND**

**FOR LARGE**

**TRUCKS**

Police Commission  
Dec 10, 2020  
Agenda Item # 5a

## Request for Action

by the East Lyme Police Commission / Traffic Authority

Date 10-27-2020

Name Deborah L. Green

Address 21 Plants Dam Rd, East Lyme, Ct 06333

Phone Number 860-389-7339

Email Address Dove 51@att.net

\*Location of Request\*

Corner of Plants Dam Rd and Boston Post Rd.  
Corner of Plants Dam Rd and N. Bridebrook Rd.

Description of Requested Action

\*Please attach an extra sheet if necessary for description, as well as any additional documentation you believe will assist us in making a decision.

\* Attached are examples of the type of Sign that is being requested.

Please return this form via USPS, email or fax to:

Daniel Price, Chairman  
Police Commission  
Town of East Lyme  
PO Box 519  
Niantic, CT 06357  
sanderson@eltownhall.com  
860-691-4110 - office phone  
860-739-2851 - fax



## Sandra Anderson

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**From:** Michael Macek <mmacek@eastlymepolice.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 27, 2020 7:30 PM  
**To:** mfinkelstein@eastlymepolice.org  
**Cc:** Sandra Anderson; navyart@danielprice.com; Joe Bragaw; Victor Benni  
**Subject:** Re: Request for Action - Plants Dam Road - 11/12 Police Commission Agenda Request

Rgr that Chief. She mentioned the Cini admin during our conversation. I told her it would take involvement on the state level to add signage to the road. She asked about the speed sign and I told her we could accommodate her with the deployment of that. I also made her aware that they are requested regularly and that we would put her (Plants Dam) in queue and once one was free it would be deployed. In speaking to Victor today, it looks like it will be a couple of weeks out.

Michael K. Macek  
Lieutenant  
East Lyme Police Department  
Box 519  
278 Main Street  
Niantic, CT 06357  
860-739-5900  
860-739-0337 (fax)  
[mmacek@eastlymepolice.com](mailto:mmacek@eastlymepolice.com)

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On Oct 27, 2020, at 16:20, Michael Finkelstein <[mfinkelstein@eastlymepolice.org](mailto:mfinkelstein@eastlymepolice.org)> wrote:

Thank you. It has also been explained to her that a sign indicating that can only be placed under OSTA, so the commission can only make a recommendation. She also indicates she had made this request previously under the Cini administration

Michael T Finkelstein  
Chief of Police  
East Lyme Police Department  
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278 Main Street  
Niantic, CT 06357  
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On Oct 27, 2020, at 4:16 PM, Sandra Anderson <[Sanderson@eltownhall.com](mailto:Sanderson@eltownhall.com)> wrote:

Hi Gentlemen. Ms. Green stopped in today and filled out a Request for Action form, which is attached along with a couple pictures for examples of what she envisions for signage; she is asking that this matter be placed on the November 12<sup>th</sup> Police Commission meeting agenda. She is asking for signage at both ends of Plants Dam Road to stop large trucks from using the road as cut thru.

After conferring with both Lt. Macek and Victor, Ms. Green reported that she was advised that the electronic speed limit sign will be moved to Plants Dam Road in a couple of weeks, FYI.

Let me know what I can do to assist, and if you would like this placed on November 12<sup>th</sup> agenda. Thank you! Sandi

Warm Regards,

*Sandi*

Sandra Anderson  
Executive Assistant to the First Selectman  
Town of East Lyme  
860-691-4110  
[sanderson@eltownhall.com](mailto:sanderson@eltownhall.com)

<12Nov2020 - Request for Action - Plants Dam Road.pdf>

Police Commission  
Dec 10, 2020  
Agenda Item # 5A

From Joe Bragaw, Public Works Director:

The No Thru truck question for Plants Dam Rd - I have told Sandi that the Board Of Police Commissioners as the Local Traffic Authority would need to send a recommendation to OSTA if you support this request. There is nothing really that Public Works can add to this except if OSTA approves the request to put up the signs.

## Through Truck Prohibitions

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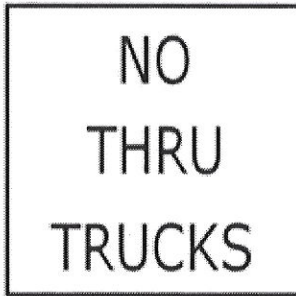
Section 14-298 of the General Statutes of Connecticut (CGS) grants authority to the Office of the State Traffic Administration (OSTA) to prohibit through truck traffic of streets and highways within the limits of and under the jurisdiction of any city, town or borough within Connecticut for the protection and safety of the public.

### Approved No Through Truck Routes Statewide

Requests for through truck prohibitions must be submitted from each Local Traffic Authority (LTA) from all municipalities along the requested route to the Executive Director of the OSTA for review and consideration. See "Through Truck Prohibition Investigations" below for more information.

### Local Traffic Authority List

Sections of streets and highways where through truck traffic is prohibited is only identified by the following black and white regulatory sign:



A "Thru Truck" is a truck which travels from a point outside of the limits of a city, town, or borough in Connecticut through such city, town, or borough without any scheduled stop in such locality. Any truck originating or having a destination within a city, town, or borough where any through truck prohibition has been established is not subject to such prohibition within that city, town, or borough where the truck originates or has a destination within.

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### **Information Regarding "No Truck" Prohibitions**



The No Trucks symbol sign and the "No Trucks" text sign are more restrictive than a through trucks prohibition. The No Trucks sign prohibits, in addition to tractor-trailers, delivery vehicles (i.e. package/moving, oil, propane, etc.) and personally/commercially owned trucks from use on the segment of street or highway for which the signs are posted. There are no exceptions to this restriction.

The definition of a truck was established by Section 14-1 of the CGS, as follows:

*"(94) 'Truck' means a motor vehicle designed, used or maintained primarily for the transportation of property."*





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### **Through Truck Prohibition Investigations**

Once a formal request for a through truck prohibition has been made from an LTA to the OSTA, an investigation is conducted. The initial part of the investigation is to determine if the street or highway is geographically located such that it could be utilized as a through truck route. If it is, then a study is conducted to determine if through trucks should be prohibited for the protection and safety of the public. This includes field measurements of the width of the street or highway, number and severity of curves and grades, sight line restrictions, roadside character and development, number and character of intersecting streets and highways, traffic control devices, volume and character of traffic, and established speed limits.

If the investigation indicates that the street or highway may not be adequate for through trucks, then a reasonable alternate route must be available before a through truck prohibition will be pursued. If a prohibition were enacted without a more acceptable route, trucks would be forced to utilize other streets and highways that are less suitable.

After the study has been completed, the city/town's LTA (or authorities if there is more than one city/town) are contacted regarding the findings. All cities and towns effected must be in agreement before a through truck prohibition can be enacted, but a through truck prohibition can be denied without city/town agreement.

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### **Truck Prohibitions by Weight Class Ordinance**

Trucks may be prohibited by weight class on city/town-maintained roads by a town ordinance. In such cases, signs bearing the legend "NO THRU TRUCKS" or "THRU TRUCKS PROHIBITED" shall **not** be used.

A city/town may not enact any ordinances precluding trucks from local roads if they become de facto through truck prohibitions. The local road must meet the following criteria to ensure a de facto through truck prohibition would not be created by enactment of such an ordinance:

- Roadway must be located geographically such that it is not a viable through truck route.
- Roadway must be town owned along the entire length.
- No portion of roadway may be a state highway.

- Limited access highway ramp must not connect along any segment of roadway.
- Entire roadway must be located within the city/town limits.

To limit truck traffic on local roadways, towns may install a **sub-plate** with the legend "Exempt Delivery Or Service on This Street" underneath the weight limit sign. This would effectively prohibit local trucks from using the roadway, unless they have a scheduled delivery or service on said roadway.

City/Town officials should act cautiously when enacting such ordinances, because trucks may be diverted to less suitable roads.

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**For further information, please contact:**

Office of the State Traffic Administration

Phone: (860) 594-3020

Fax: (860) 594-2552

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STREET NAME	FROM	TO	DIST.	OSTA #	APPROVED
<b>EAST HAVEN</b>					
CHERRY ST	KIMBERLY AV # 1	RTE 1 (SALTONSTALL PKWY)	0.05	STC- MINUTES- 10211958	10/21/1958
FORBES PL	MAIN ST	KIMBERLY AV NO 1 (FORMERLY KNOWN AS 735-E)	0.26	STC- MINUTES- 10211958	10/21/1958
KIMBERLY AV NO 1	RTE 735 (KIMBERLY AV)	KIMBERLY AV NO 2	0.28	STC- MINUTES- 10211958	10/21/1958
KIMBERLY AV NO 2	MAIN ST	RTE 1 (SALTONSTALL PKWY)	0.17	STC- MINUTES- 10211958	10/21/1958
PINE ST	KIMBERLY AV # 1	RTE 1 (SALTONSTALL PKWY)	0.04	STC- MINUTES- 10211958	10/21/1958
SANFORD ST	RTE 100 (HIGH ST)	RTE 1 (SALTONSTALL PKWY)	0.12	STC- MINUTES- 10211958	10/21/1958
SIDNEY ST	FORBES PL	RTE 100 (HIGH ST)	0.17	STC- MINUTES- 10211958	10/21/1958

**EAST LYME \* Existing Approved No Through Truck Routes**

GRASSY HILL RD	WALNUT HILL RD	BEAVER BROOK RD	2.43	044-8609-01	11/18/1986
SCOTT RD	WHISTLETOWN RD	US RTE 1 (BOSTON POST RD)	1.98	044-8609-01	11/18/1986
UPPER PATTAGANSETT RD	SCOTT RD	UPPER PATTAGANSETT RD	2.73	044-8609-01	11/18/1986
WHISTLETOWN RD	BEAVER BROOK RD	SCOTT RD & UPPER PATTAGANSETT RD	2.08	044-8609-01	11/18/1986

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# Town of



# East Lyme

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TO: Town Clerk

FROM: Daniel E. Price, Chairman  
Board of Police Commissioners

DATE: December 11, 2020

RE: East Lyme Board of Police Commissioners  
Regular Meeting Schedule for 2021

Meetings will commence at 6:00 p.m. in the Upper Meeting Room at Town Hall, unless otherwise noted on the agenda.

January 14<sup>th</sup>

February 11<sup>th</sup>

March 11<sup>th</sup>

April 8<sup>th</sup>

May 13<sup>th</sup>

June 10<sup>th</sup>

July – No Meeting

August – No Meeting

September 9<sup>th</sup>

October 14<sup>th</sup>

November 11<sup>th</sup>

December 9<sup>th</sup>

East Lyme Police Commission



278 Main Street, Niantic, CT 06357

# EAST LYME POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief's Monthly Report – November 2020



## Section 1: Noteworthy Incidents/Information

- Multiple arrests made in Robbery/Assault occurring in Niantic
- ACO replacement vehicle received and vendors are outfitting
- PD vehicles ordered and in que at MHQ. Veh in September accident has been totaled and replacement vehicle on order
- Body camera contract signed with Axon.
- New CAD.RMS system transition is in process
- Tower on Mostoway Rd being completed
- Regional boat has generator issue which will need replacement. Waterford has gone out to bid, which closes 12/10
- Pedestrian signal installed 161/156
- Working with DOT, PW & East Lyme Schools on the installation of a signal devise and crosswalks Boston Post Rd

## Section 2: Staffing

A dispatcher continues to be out extended period for medical procedure

One Officer remains on leave of absence

Two Officers who had been out have returned

## Section 3: Administrative

### Accident Analysis

- 14 Accidents
- 6 Crashes on Flanders Rd
- 5 Crashes on Main St/W. Main St

### East Lyme Dispatch Center

- 1,532 phone call volume for the month, which does not include Police phone line.
- Busiest hours –3 pm (129), 2pm (119), 1pm (111)

### Animal Control Division Activity

- 14 Animal Incident Calls in East Lyme

### Emergency Committals

- 1 Emergency Committals
- 2 overdoses
- 2 Narcan use

Special Response Areas

- 2 Calls for service at Rocky Neck Park (23 YTD)
- 28 Calls for service at hotels (437 YTD)

Fingerprinting

- 12 Residents (176 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	1926	1885	1598	1665	1313		16,736

*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	131	132	99	69	49		871
Alarms	68	51	50	32	49	44	54	79	45	50	51		563
Animal Incident	14	10	21	16	24	37	22	23	14	14	14		209
Assist Citizen	38	41	42	51	39	57	70	66	46	72	46		568
Assist Other Agency	23	18	19	12	15	23	23	15	20	26	18		212
Complaint	13	5	10	16	24	22	40	25	25	16	20		206
Disabled MV	13	9	3	4	10	6	9	10	10	6	10		90
Disturbance	13	10	7	20	13	23	21	12	16	11	8		144
Domestic Dispute	2	1	2	6	6	4	6	2	4	2	6		41
Erratic Operation	10	12	4	5	13	10	16	16	9	12	10		117
ETOH Person	4	3	2	0	4	1	4	3	0	0	0		21
Fireworks Comp	0	0	0	1	4	6	15	1	3	1	0		31
Fraud/Ident Theft	2	0	0	2	0	3	2	3	0	9	0		21
Larceny	16	7	18	10	9	12	14	9	28	27	13		163
Lockouts	8	9	6	9	8	13	15	9	10	14	6		107
MV Accidents	21	19	13	8	15	18	9	28	26	24	14		186
MV Stops	112	70	39	15	45	28	66	26	44	77	63		585
Parking Complaints	8	3	2	4	3	11	19	5	9	0	5		69

East Lyme Police Department Monthly Report

Patrol/Bank /Building Checks	315	299	354	428	500	416	527	432	367	457	297		4,392
Pistol Permit Apps	5	3	10	8	2	30	31	32	35	29	21		206
Psych/Suicidal calls	5	2	3	2	4	3	3	3	4	1	6		36
Suspicious Pers/Veh/Incident	30	20	24	26	23	16	31	25	29	29	27		280
Threatening	3	1	2	3	0	0	3	0	3	2	1		18
Trespassing	1	3	2	4	3	10	5	8	3	1	3		43
Untimely Death	1	3	3	3	3	5	2	2	3	2	1		28
Well Being Check	22	10	17	19	10	26	24	18	23	17	22		208
Vandalism	3	3	2	2	3	7	12	2	2	5	2		43

\*\*Selected areas of CFS only\*\*

**MOTOR VEHICLE ACTIVITY**

MV Accidents	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
2020	21	19	13	8	15	18	9	28	26	24	14		186

MV Stops	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
2020	112	70	39	15	45	28	66	26	44	77	63		585

Criminal Arrests by Month	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
All other offenses	8	11	6	3	4	3	4	6	6	2	4		51
Assault	2	1	5	1	1	4	2		6		4		30
Narcotics	9	2	1		2	1	3	3	3	7	1		32
Larceny	2		1	3		1	1		2	1	2		13
Weapon						2				2			4
Prostitution								3	4				7
DUI	1	2	3	1	3	2	1	1	1				16
Burglary	2				1				1	1			5
Vandalism									1				1
Robbery											3		3
<b>Totals 2020</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>		<b>150</b>
<b>Totals 2019</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>10</b>		<b>176</b>



Communications

Dear Member of the  
Traffic Commission:

Thank you, Thank you.

For making Society Road

a four-way stop where

was

This incident was

very dangerous. Please

to your Commission taking

action

Sincerely,  
Richard J. Hurley

**Richard J. Hurley**  
2105 Maple Tree Lane  
East Lyme, CT 06333

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Commission

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