

TOWN OF EAST LYME  
BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING OF JANUARY 14, 2021

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, Giancarlo D'Angelo, Tony Buglione and Stephen Rebelowski.

EXCUSED: Lisa Pellegrini

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

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

2. Delegations  
There were none.

Jan 27 2021 AT 3:35 AM/PM  
Karen Milne  
EAST LYME TOWN CLERK

3. Approval of Minutes  
MOTION (1)

Motion by Mr. Powers to approve the regular meeting minutes of December 10, 2020, as submitted.  
Seconded by Mr. Powers. Motion passed 6-0.

4. Chief's Report

Chief Finkelstein gave his report, which is attached hereto as Exhibit 1. The Chief reported that he regularly receives accolades for all of our officers' great work in our community, and he highlighted a few. He stated that they continue to struggle at keeping all dispatch shifts filled, and that it has increased due to a person being out on extended leave. Currently there is an officer out on military leadership training, which will serve the department and the community well as he brings that knowledge and training back to his job here. The Chief announced that Officer Jezierski has resigned as a full-time officer, and he will remain on as a part-time officer.

Chief Finkelstein reported that the hotels continue to be a problem, and that he has written a letter to the Starlight Inn notifying them that the Town will pursue additional measures to attempt to curb the amount of calls to their establishment unless the activity decreases. The Chief stated that only the State of Connecticut can take action against an establishment, and that the establishment must meet a certain checklist of criteria before it is deemed a nuisance; sending the letter to the hotel satisfies one of the criteria as it clearly outlines to the hotel management what makes their establishment a nuisance. He stated that this property is also slated to be purchased by the State of Connecticut in order to use that property for the reconstruction of the I-95 off ramp. The Chief noted that he has added an additional category to his monthly report entitled Crimes Analysis Summary, which will detail the percentage of increase or decrease over the same time the previous year.

5. Lieutenants' Report

Lt. Macek reported that he has continued to work on quotes for the MDT upgrade; he has received two quotes and he is waiting on one additional quote to be received. He reported that he is scheduled to pick up the new admin vehicle tomorrow and will follow up with MHQ on the status of the remaining vehicles in their possession to be outfitted. The ACO vehicle was brought up to Strobes and More for lighting and was ready for pickup the following day. Because of the quick turnaround time, Lt. Macek stated that he spoke with them and left them with the build sheet for our vehicles and he will bring up one of the newly outfitted vehicles for them to base their quote off of for future vehicle outfitting. He stated that working with Strobes and More will require the use of a number of vendors versus the one stop shop we have with MHQ, but the time saved is worth trying this new process. Lt. Macek reported that they continue to work on outfitting the new ACO vehicle and are currently working on quotes for the animal containment system. Regarding the regional boat, Crockers boatyard has been awarded both the

generator work as well as the painting needed for this vessel and is scheduled to complete both projects before spring. Sgt. Jonathan Pettigrew will be retiring as Waterford's Regional Boat Captain, and Officer Mike Firmin will be taking over; Lt. Macek gave a brief bio on Officer Firmin's qualifications and stated that he will begin working with Officer Firmin right away on policies and procedures. Lt. Macek reported that the data conversion to Nexgen is still ongoing and Tighe & Bond is currently working on the GIS mapping. The new fingerprinting equipment is being set up and is expected to be up and running in February.

Lt. Jezierski reported that she has been working with AXON to coordinate the implementation of the new in-car and body camera system. She reported that the in-car cameras are in house and ready to be deployed, and that we are waiting on the body cameras. Lt. Jezierski reported that she and Lt. Macek attended a training class on the new Connecticut information sharing system, which is essentially a database for police officers to share all relevant information in one place. She stated that eventually all officers will have access to share and retrieve information. Lt. Jezierski stated that her and Lt. Macek attended a training on Power DMS, which is a policy management database and will serve our department well as it relates to individual officer training goals and record keeping. For future audits of training records, this system will now be able to be accessed remotely and will not require an in-person audit. Lt. Jezierski stated that the Police Department currently has 38 policies in place, and she is reviewing each and every one of them to ensure that they are all up-to-date and accurate relative to the newly passed police accountability laws. She reported that we currently only have one certified trainer on staff, but that she currently has three officers signed up to become certified trainers.

#### 6. Chairman's Report

Chairman Price reported that the construction at the new public safety building is coming along nicely and that we anticipate a May or June completion, which will be ahead of schedule. He announced that Commission Member Lisa Pellegrini has put in her letter of resignation from the Board of Police Commissioners, effective immediately. Mr. Nickerson stated that the Board of Selectmen will discuss this at their upcoming meeting and will begin working on appointing a replacement.

#### 7. Public Comment

There was none.

#### 8. Commission Response

There was none.

#### 9. Executive Session

##### MOTION (2)

Motion by Mr. Rebelowski to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel matters, and to include First Selectman Mark Nickerson and Chief Mike Finkelstein.

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

The Commission entered into executive session at 6:30 p.m. They returned at 7:44 p.m. and Chairman Price stated that no formal votes were taken.

#### 10. Adjournment

##### MOTION (3)

Mr. Perkins MOVED to adjourn the January 14, 2021, regular meeting of the Police Commission at 7:45 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,



Sandra Anderson  
Recording Secretary