

TOWN OF EAST LYME  
BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING OF MARCH 11, 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, Joseph Perkins, Giancarlo D'Angelo, Tony Buglione, Mark Powers and Stephen Rebelowski

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 6:00 p.m.

2. Delegations

There were none.

March 19 2021 AT 9:10 AM/PM  
Kevin Mullen  
EAST LYME TOWN CLERK

3. Approval of Minutes

MOTION (1)

Motion by Mr. Perkins to approve the regular meeting minutes of February 11, 2021, as submitted.

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

4. Executive Session

MOTION (2)

Motion by Mr. D'Angelo to move into executive session for the purpose of conducting interviews, and to include Mr. Nickerson, Chief Finkelstein, Lt. Macek, Lt. Jezierski and the applicant.

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

They entered into executive session at 6:05 p.m. They returned at 6:58 p.m. and Mr. Price stated that no formal votes had been taken.

5a. Discussion and Possible Action – New Police Officer

MOTION (3)

Motion by Mr. D'Angelo to hire Candidate A.

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

6. Chief's Report

Chief Finkelstein presented his report, which is attached hereto as Exhibit 1. He reported that construction on the public safety building is going well and is currently a little ahead of schedule and is on budget.

7. Lieutenants' Report

Lt. Jezierski reported that they continue to work on the bigger projects they have ongoing, stating that they are gathering all the necessary documentation required for the grant application for the state's 30% reimbursement for the body cameras. Axon is scheduled to come out to begin installation of the in-car cameras on May 11, 2021 with an anticipated completion date of May 14<sup>th</sup>. Lt. Jezierski reported that she met at length with Attorney Daigle regarding the accreditation process and how his firm can assist our department in achieving this accreditation. She reported that they received confirmation that the State will fund the dispatchers' new emails, which are necessary to utilize the CJIS portal, for the first year; and she stated that the department received a commendation from CJIS for getting on board with this program so expeditiously and getting our staff trained so quickly. Mr. Price inquired if the State has changed

any of the accreditation parameters, and Lt. Jezierski stated that nothing has changed as of yet and that they are currently working on the first step which is a complete overhaul of the approximately 120 policies we currently have in place. The next step will be to gradually release these policies to officers, then move on to building and physical inspections. Chief Finkelstein stated that we will continue to move forward as we have planned and pursue the CALEA accreditation and see if anything changes at the State level.

Lt. Macek reported he continues to work on the MDT replacement and now has received all quotes and the next step will be to sit down with the Chief and review all the information. He has recently completed the periodic approval process with Covanta, which is the organization that we contract with to dispose of the unused prescriptions that the public drops off in the PD lobby. He stated that he has also recently completed the necessary paperwork with the DEA to participate in their yearly prescription take back event, which is scheduled for April 24<sup>th</sup> this year. Lt. Macek reported that the regional boat is currently out of service for the generator replacement, and that he will be working with Officer Mike Firmin from the Waterford PD to prepare the application for the 2021 Port Security grant to cover replacement of the boat motors and all the necessary equipment; around \$64,000 is the estimated cost. He noted that they have been putting \$8,000 away yearly into the CIP to prepare for this expense, and that the grant would be a 75/25 split should we receive it, which would make East Lyme's portion around \$8,000. Lt. Macek stated that the Nexgen server has been received and they are in the process of getting that set up. He reported that they are in receipt of the new AFIS fingerprinting machine, called IDEMIA, and that has been set up and is ready for prisoner processing; he is working on getting a second machine for the lobby for processing non-prisoner applicants such as teachers, bus driver, etc. The MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) has been signed and is in place with the State to allow us to electronically sign and submit reports in Nexgen directly to the court system. Lt. Macek reported that the two vehicles up at MDT to be outfitted are being worked on, and that with the new fiscal year will come a new process for getting the vehicles outfitted. He reported that the one vehicle out for repair is just about complete and should be back on the road soon. He stated that Lt. Jezierski is working on setting up a Chaplin Unit to support the police department; he stated that this service is free of charge and that we would need to provide the Chaplin with an official East Lyme Police Department shirt to wear when they are on duty supporting our staff. Lt. Macek reported that they have ordered the Draeger unit for DUI testing and that should be received and in use in about two months.

Chief Finkelstein reported that they are working with the State Police to use funds from the Nuclear Safety Grant to get their radio system into our new radio system for improved communications between departments. He reported that later this month our handler along with the Groton Town handler, Officer Langman, will travel down to Pennsylvania to select a K-9.

#### 8. Chairman's Report

Mr. Price stated that everything was covered at tonight's meeting, and that he will expect more discussion on the status of the building at the next meeting.

#### 9. Public Comment

There was none.

#### 10. Commission Response

There was none.

#### 11. Adjournment

MOTION (4)

Mr. Rebelowski MOVED to adjourn the March 11, 2021, regular meeting of the Police Commission at 7:10 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,



Sandra Anderson  
Recording Secretary

# EAST LYME POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief's Monthly Report – February 2021



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## Section 1: Noteworthy Incidents/Information

- Building renovations continue to move forward  
Police K9 Unit addition will be selected in March for possible March/April training start date.  
Nexgen data conversation continues to be underway  
AXON install and implementation slated for May  
Vehicle computer upgrade quotes are being finalized

## Section 2: Staffing

Open position (s) have been advertised via Police App, New London Day, the POST and LEC websites. Process is underway for openings

Conversation occurred during Board of Selectman budget meeting regarding the need to staff dispatch with 2 dispatchers on all shifts. This conversation will expand and continue.

## Section 3: Administrative

### Accident Analysis

- 15 Accidents
- 7 Flanders Rd
- 2 Frontage Rd
- 2 Boston Post Rd
- 2 Society Rd

### Animal Control Division Activity

- 15 Animal Incident Calls in East Lyme

### Budgetary

- Total Budget – 62% Police, 71% Dispatch, 59% ACO (67% benchmark)
- Overtime – 74% (\$10,392 from Fed Task Force awaiting transfer. Will make it 71%)
- Asset Forfeiture Balance - \$19,974

### Use of force

- No use of force

### Emergency Committals

- 2 Emergency Committals
- 1 overdoses
- 0 Narcan use





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