

TOWN OF EAST LYME
BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING OF JUNE 8, 2023
MINUTES

FILED IN EAST LYME
CONNECTICUT
June 15, 2023 AT 9:45 AM/PM
[Signature]
EAST LYME TOWN CLERK

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dan Price, Regina Hitchery, Mark Powers, Joseph Perkins and Stephen Rebelowski

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Tony Buglione and Giancarlo D'Angelo

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: First Selectman Kevin Seery, Chief Mike Finkelstein and Lt. Mike Macek

Chairman Price called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Delegations

There were none.

3. Approval of Minutes

MOTION (1)

Ms. Hitchery MOVED to approve the regular meeting minutes of May 11, 2023, as submitted. Seconded by Mr. Perkins. IN FAVOR; Price, Hitchery, Powers and Perkins. ABSTAINED; Rebelowski. Motion passed 4-0-1.

4a. Golf Carts in Giants Neck Heights

DISCUSSION: Mr. Price explained a little history of this matter, stating that prior to the inception of the Police Commission, the Board of Selectmen were the Legal Traffic Authority for the town. As a regulation that covers public safety, the golf cart regulation should now be removed from the book of town ordinances and will now be maintained by the Local Traffic Authority, which is the Police Commission. The existing maps have been redrawn, with no changes, and the new map for Giants Neck Heights Association has been created and added. Although the golf carts are not allowed to freely drive under the train trestle into Giants Neck, they are permitted to use the drop off at the beach, just as vehicles use it. The Commission discussed the possibility of putting up temporary signage alerting traffic that golf carts are in use and agreed that it would be acceptable as long as it was not permanent signage. The final regulation along with the approved maps are attached as Exhibit #1.

MOTION (2)

Ms. Hitchery MOVED the following:

RESOLVED, the Police Commission, as the duly authorized traffic authority of the Town of East Lyme, adopts Golf Cart Regulations which govern the use of golf carts on those roads in certain beach communities in town as set forth in the attached Regulation. This regulation takes effect immediately upon its adoption this 8th day of June, 2023 and supersedes East Lyme Golf Cart Ordinance Section 74.01 and 74.99 by operation of state law.

Seconded by Ms. Hitchery. Motion passed 5-0.

5. Lieutenants' Reports

Lt. Macek reported:

- The bids are out for the new police cruisers; he noted that the base price for said vehicle is up approximately \$9,000 from last year's cost based on the bids that have been received.
- Marine patrol season is underway. The regional boat will be having some minor maintenance work next week, then it should be ready for the season.

6. Chief's Report

Chief Finkelstein reported that OSTA (Office of the State Traffic Authority) approved the speed limit reduction to 20 MPH in Attawan Beach, except for West End Avenue, which will remain 25 MPH. OSTA is requiring the town to complete the following actions:

- Install, on stop signs with multiple direction stops, a sign that states "Stop Always".
- Where appropriate add a sign that indicates that "Traffic to the Right Does Not Stop.
- Slow children sign should be removed.
- Add pedestrian warning signs at crosswalks.
- One "Curve Ahead" sign installed.

If the Commission has no comments or issues, the Chief will work with Public Works to complete the items outlined by OSTA in their final report.

Chief reviewed his monthly report, attached hereto as Exhibit #2. He reported:

- The Exit 74 project is going well and communication between the Town, the DOT and the contractors has been great. Very minimal complaints have been received from the public.
- The State is trying out new speed radar enforcement in areas of construction, so there will be speed cameras in our area; recently they were positioned between exits 74 and 75.
- The Memorial Day Parade went well with lots of people downtown. Will be putting more enforcement downtown during the summer season.
- Officers Chen and Kelly are doing really well at the Academy and are scheduled to graduate mid-July.
- There is an open Officer position after receiving a resignation; hiring is difficult at the moment.

7. Communications

There was none.

8. Chairman's Report

Mr. Price commended Officer VanOverloop on how he handled a recent incident. Chief echoed the sentiment and reported that he concurs and that the officer continues to work with parents and the business closely.

9. Public Comment

There was none.

10. Commission Response

Mr. Rebelowski reported on the following:

- He inquired if the digital speed signs can be put on any of the State roads; the answer is no, they are allowed on town roads only.
- East Lyme PBA has discussed disbanding due to lack of participation. This youth group holds numerous fund raisers that benefit the community and would be missed. They will look at options.
- Would like to plan an awards ceremony for the department; everyone was in favor of this and Mr. Price stated that he would work on planning something for the Fall.

11. Adjournment

MOTION (3)

Mr. Perkins MOVED to adjourn the June 8, 2023, regular meeting of the East Lyme Board of Police Commissioners at 6:36 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,



Sandra Anderson
Recording Secretary

Exhibit #1

Recorded June 14 2023
9:30 ^(AM) PM Cann Miller Yalber
East Lyme Town Clerk

EAST LYME POLICE COMMISSION GOLF CART REGULATIONS

(A) Pursuant to the provisions of Conn. Gen. Stat. § 14-300g, as amended, the Police Commission, acting herein as the duly constituted traffic authority of the town, hereby permits the operation of golf carts within the town in accordance with the terms of this regulation.

(B) Gas or electric powered golf carts permitted on town roads must be equipped with a minimum of four wheels, capable of a maximum speed of no more than 25 miles per hour, capable of transporting no more than four persons and comply with the following standards:

(1) Equipped with a locking brake, main power switch, head lamp(s), tail/brake lamps, operable horn as defined in Conn. Gen. Stat. § 14-80(e), rear view mirror and seatbelts/passenger safety restraints for rear-facing passengers.

(2) A flag with a minimum height of 72 inches from the ground and at least one foot above any installed roof shall be placed on the left rear of the golf cart to assist pedestrians and motor vehicle operators in observing the location and operation of a golf cart.

(3) A valid registration sticker from the Police Department placed in a visible location on the rear of the golf cart.

(C) Prior to operation of a golf cart the owner shall register it with the Police Department. The Police Department shall prepare a registration form and registration sticker for the registration of golf carts. The registration shall expire on May 31 of each calendar year. The owner of a golf cart shall at all times meet the following standards to obtain and maintain a valid golf cart registration.

(1) The owner must submit proof of ownership, such as a certificate of title or bill of sale, and a certificate of insurance covering the golf cart that meets the State of Connecticut minimum liability insurance requirements for a motor vehicle or insurance requirements that are established by the Connecticut Department of Motor Vehicle Regulations concerning golf carts upon adoption of same.

(2) The golf cart must satisfy the standards of division (B) above.

(3) The payment of a fee in the amount of \$35 is due for each registration period. From time to time the Police Commission may amend the amount of such fee to an amount sufficient to cover all costs associated with the implementation and enforcement of the requirements of this regulation.

(D) The following conditions shall apply to the operation of a golf cart:

(1) Operators must possess a valid Connecticut motor vehicle operator's license, proof of insurance and a valid golf cart registration.

(2) All applicable Connecticut and local laws and regulations governing the operation of a motor vehicle, including but not limited to parking rules and regulations, are applicable to the operation of a golf cart.

(3) Operation of a golf cart shall be permitted only between one-half hour after sunrise and one-half hour prior to sunset.

(4) Passengers shall be limited to one passenger per seat, with no more than four passengers in a golf cart.

(E) Golf carts may be operated only on those roads delineated on the maps/plans attached hereto as **Exhibits A-D** and which are located in the following areas of the town:

(1) The Oak Grove and Crescent Beach communities, those roads delineated on the map/plan attached as **Exhibit A**.

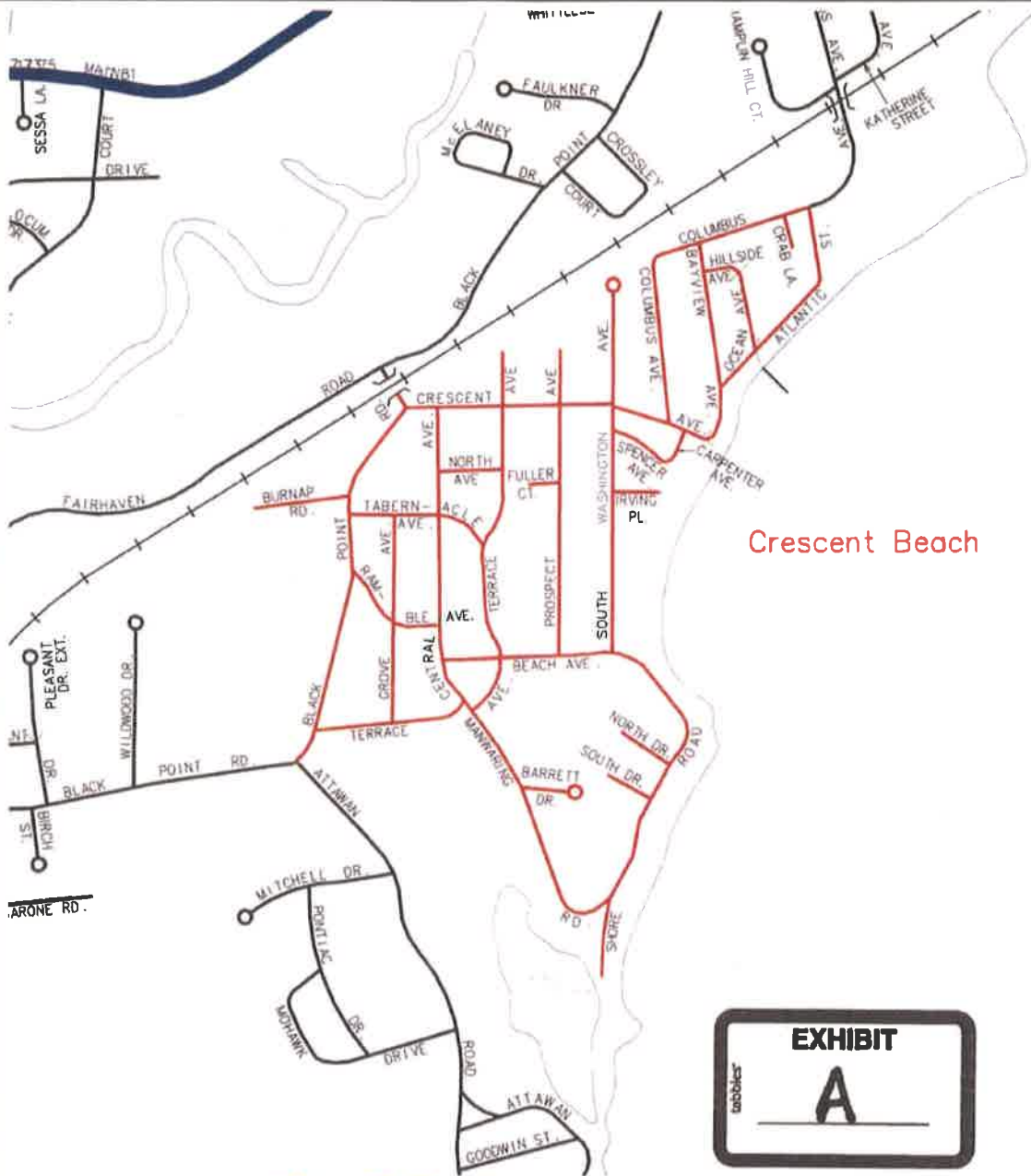
(2) The Black Point Beach Club Association, Inc. and The Old Black Point communities, those roads delineated on the map/plan attached as **Exhibit B**.

(3) The Saunders Point community, those roads delineated on the map/plan attached as **Exhibit C**.

(4) The Giants Neck Heights Community, those roads delineated on the map/plan attached as **Exhibit D**.

(F) The maps/plans attached as **Exhibits A-D** of Subsection (E) herein shall be filed with the Town Clerk and posted on the Town's website at www.eltownhall.com, and copies thereof available to members of the public.

(G) Any person who operates a golf cart in violation of any provision of Conn. Gen. Stat. § 14-300g(a), any insurance requirement established in accordance with Conn. Gen. Stat. § 14-300g(b) or any conditions or limitations established by the Police Commission for the operation of golf carts, shall have committed an infraction and will be subject to the same fine structure of motor vehicles as defined in Connecticut General Statutes.



Crescent Beach



LTA APPROVAL DATE: June 8, 2023

CHAIR NAME: Daniel Price

CHAIR SIGNATURE: [Signature]

ROADWAY LEGEND

- GOLF CARTS ALLOWED
- GOLF CARTS NOT ALLOWED

PREPARED BY
THE EAST LYME
ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

GOLF CART PERMITTED ROADS
OAK GROVE BEACH AND
CRESCENT BEACH COMMUNITIES
EAST LYME, CONNECTICUT

SCALE
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HORIZONTAL 1"=800'

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EXHIBIT

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GOLF CART PERMITTED ROADS
SAUNDERS POINT COMMUNITY
EAST LYME, CONNECTICUT

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Exhibit 2

EAST LYME POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief's Monthly Report – May 2023



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Section 1: Noteworthy Incidents/Information

Exit 74 project is well underway and to this point, communication has been outstanding with the companies involved and State DOT

Memorial Day Parade and Vintage Festival were both well attended during a beautiful Memorial Day weekend with no incidents

Section 2: Staffing

Officers XU and Kelly continue to do well at the LEC Police Academy, graduate in July.

Officer Forbes resigned after returning from maternity leave. We wish her and her family the very best.

One Sergeant continues to be on light duty due to their recovery from surgery.

Section 3: Administrative

Accident Analysis

- 36 Accidents
10- Flanders Rd
5- Boston Post Rd

Animal Control Division Activity

- 28 Animal Incident Calls in East Lyme

Budgetary

- Total Budget – 92% Police, 89% Dispatch, 96% ACO
- Overtime – PD 128%, Dispatch 69%, ACO 52%

Emergency Committals

- 0 overdoses
- 0 Narcan use

Crime Analysis

- 22.7% increase in NIBRS crime
YTD 2023 over 2022

Training

CT Case Law – Officer's Bergantino and Hannah

Financial Crimes – Officer's Bergantino and Hannah

Crisis Intervention – Desjardins

Basic Firearms Instructor Pre-test – Officer Baldino

Use of Force Train the Trainer – Officer Willett

Cooper Agility Test Instructor – Sergeant Priest

LEC Recertification – Officer Christopher Dube

East Lyme Police Department in the news

East Lyme therapy-dog-in- training already helping first responders decompress

June 03, 2023 4:00 pm • Last Updated:

June 03, 2023 6:28 pm

By **Elizabeth Regan**

Day Staff Writer

East Lyme Police

Investigate

Incident Involving

2 Stolen Cars

Two stolen cars fled from police in an incident early Monday morning.

Chris Rhatigan, Patch Staff

Posted Mon, May 22, 2023 at 10:01 am ET

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
2023	1280	1160	1229	1241	1432								6342

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	107	84	67	91	141								490
Alarms	36	51	35	51	36								209
Animal Incident	14	15	16	19	28								92
Assist Citizen/Complaint	94	82	90	100	132								498
Assist Other Agency	25	21	18	28	50								142

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Disabled MV	11	13	16	11	16								67
Disturbance	14	9	15	15	21								74
Erratic Operation	8	7	11	16	15								57
Larceny	12	13	12	9	11								67
Lockouts	9	10	5	3	10								26
MV Accidents	17	11	16	9	36								92
MV Stops	138	111	149	108	98								504
Parking Complaints	6	8	6	3	9								32
Patrol/Bank /Building Checks	209	155	206	202	197								969
Psych/Suicidal calls	4	2	5	4	3								18
Suspicious Pers/Veh/Incident	24	15	16	33	28								116
Untimely Death	2	1	1	1	2								7
Well Being Check	26	20	19	23	23								111
Vandalism	1	2	6	2	1								12

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

MOTOR VEHICLE ACTIVITY

MV Accidents	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
2023	20	11	16	9	36								92

MV Stops	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
2023	138	111	149	108	98								504

Criminal Arrests by Month	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
All other offenses	10	9	9	6	15								50
Assault	2	1	3	2	4								12
DUI	8	4	3	1	4								20
Failure to Appear	3	2	1	10	17								33
Larceny	2	2	2	1	1								8
Narcotics	1	6	2	4	4								17
Robbery	2	0	0	3	0								5
Totals 2023	28	24	18	27	45								142
Totals 2022	20	16	26	24	31								117