

Town of East Lyme  
Board of Police Commissioners  
August 11, 2025, Regular Meeting Minutes

Members Present: Dan Price, Joe Perkins, Regina Hitchery, Stephen Rebelowski  
Resa Spaziani and Paul Vincenti

Members Absent: Tony Buglione

Staff Present: Acting Chief Michael Macek, Lt. Dana Jezierski, First Selectman Dan Cunningham,  
Recording Secretary Leanne Santos and Attorney Tracy Collins of Waller, Smith &  
Palmer, P.C.

1. Chairman Dan 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,
  - a. July 14, 2025, Regular Meeting Minutes

**MOTION:** Made by R. Hitchery, seconded by P. Vincenti to approve the minutes

**VOTE:** 5-0-1 (D. Price abstained)

- b. July 28, 2025, Special Meeting Minutes

**MOTION:** Made by R. Hitchery, seconded by S. Rebelowski to approve the minutes

**VOTE:** 6-0-0 (all in favor)

- c. July 30, 2025, Special Meeting Minutes

**MOTION:** Made by R. Hitchery, seconded by S. Rebelowski to approve the minutes

**VOTE:** 6-0-0

- d. August 6, 2025, Special Meeting Minutes

**MOTION:** Made by R. Hitchery, seconded by S. Rebelowski to approve the minutes

**VOTE:** 6-0-0

4. New Business – Request for Action, A. Baehrle-179 Flanders Road  
Mr. Baehrle's request for a crosswalk at 179 Flanders Road was discussed briefly between board members and Chief Macek as Flanders Road is a state roadway the request will be forwarded on behalf of the LTA to the State of CT, Traffic Engineering Department for review.
5. Old Business – Follow up discussion related to E. Birk complaint –  
Chief Macek provided an update to board members regarding Ms. Birk's case. Ms. Birk expressed her concerns to the commission. Attorney Collins advised all parties to let the criminal

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investigation conclude and once concluded, the Commission may meet in Executive Session to determine if an internal affairs investigation is warranted. Attorney Collins suggested that the Police Department not respond to communications from Ms. Birk in the interim as it is unproductive.

6. Acting Chief's Report – Attached, Exhibit 1
7. Lieutenant 's Report – Lt. Jezierski reported on
  - \* IT issues
  - \* Personnel
  - \* Accreditation
  - \* Training
8. Ex-Officio Report – First Selectman D. Cunningham reported on
  - \* Employee evaluation implementation
  - \* Update on Town Hall improvements
  - \* Radio Communications
9. Commissioner Report(s) – D. Price announced the conditional offer made to candidate # 14 for the position of Police Chief was accepted and scheduling the candidate for required pre-employment verifications has begun. Chairman Price expects to make a formal announcement and introduction in the near future.
10. Public Comment – There was none
11. Commissioner's Response – There was none
12. Executive Session for the purpose of interviewing a new hire candidate -  
\*\*\*\*\*Executive Session was not held\*\*\*\*\*
13. Discussion and possible action related to Executive Session – N/A
14. Adjournment -  
**MOTION:** Made by R. Hitchery, seconded by J. Perkins to adjourn @ 7:06 p.m.  
**VOTE:** 6-0-0 (all in favor)

Respectfully submitted,  
Leanne Santos, Recording Secretary



## Town of East Lyme Connecticut Police Department

277 West Main Street, Niantic Connecticut  
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*Michael K. Macek*  
Chief of Police

### July 2025

- Meeting with GM2 for the July/August road closure of rte 161 at 74/
- As of 08/11/2025 steel placement for 95 s/b has been completed
- Meeting with IDEMIA concerning the prisoner and applicant processing machines
- East Lyme Day meetings
- East Lyme Day July 19<sup>th</sup>
- Was offered Café Sol again, however we ended up not using it tis year. We appreciate Tabitha's continued support. We will have the discussion again next year as she is willing to allow us again to use it. Leanne suggested a different idea this year for food and that seemed to work out well.
- Conducted East Lyme Day debrief at town hall with other departments involved.
- Spoke to the state lab. The State of Connecticut will take over the Dreger. This will be a cost savings to the department/town. Future replacements, annual maintenance and repairs will be the responsibility of DSS.
- Niantic Light Parade Highway Use Permit
- Officer Don Hull retired
- Minor department accident no damage to our cruiser
- ACO claim for van is almost completed
- Axon upgrade installation completed in all of the vehicles
- Cadet Academy (Sgt. Hallbauer, Officers Dube and Caramante)
- FARO demonstration
- Working on MOU with York CC for temporary surrender of female prisoners
- MADD award. The following officers were put in for this years MADD award: Sgt. Cutillo, Off. Caramante, Off. Hanna
- K-9 Dom and Officer Langman led a parade in Attawan on 07/26 received
- New radio vendor, Goosetown communications
- Kevin Gervais sent out upcoming FY CIP

- Took part in domestic violence focus group with Safe Futures. Aimed at helping D/V victims and services in the area.

*Cc- East Lyme Police Commission*



## Monthly Report July 2025

	WATERFORD	EAST LYME
CALLS FOR SERVICE	94	59
AFTER HOURS CALL OUTS	7	4
TICKETS ISSUED	0	1
WARNINGS ISSUED	2	1
DOG BITES	6	0
ANIMALS REDEEMED	5	5
ANIMALS ADOPTED	1	0
ANIMALS DOA	1	2
EUTHANIZED	0	07
ANIMALS PROCESSED TOTAL	7	
TOTAL MONEY TAKEN IN	\$ 135.00	\$ 20.00
DONATIONS TAKEN IN	\$ 25.00	\$ 5.00

- 1) AACO Ryan and Percy did quite a bit of PR this month including the mock traffic stops event and the shop with a first responder event.



- 2) 07/09 a bat found in a bedroom in Waterford tested POSITIVE for rabies. Resulting in the entire family receiving rabies exposure shots.



- 3) 07/17 a seagull at Waterford has made a name for himself as a thief of snacks. While there was not much animal control could do to rectify this situation (seagulls are a protected species) the Waterford beach lifeguards posted flyers warning of his larcenous habits.



- 4) 07/28 AACO Ryan assisted the Old Lyme Animal Control with the execution of a search warrant in their town resulting in the seizure of 20 dogs, and numerous birds and smaller animals. (not an actual photo)



