

Board of Police Commissioners  
Regular Meeting  
April 27, 2021  
Police Headquarters  
8 Linsley Street  
6:00 p.m.

Chairman Larry Lazaroff called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Present: Chairman Larry Lazaroff, Vice Chairman Robin Wilson, Commissioners Marc Calafiore, Alden Mead and Robert Hannon.

Others present: Police Chief Kevin Glenn and Deputy Chief Stanley Lofquist

Chairman Lazaroff asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the March 23, 2021 meeting both Regular and Executive Session. Commissioner Hannon made the motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Vice Chairman Wilson. There was no discussion. All were in favor.

**Correspondence:**

Secretary Marc Calafiore reported there was no correspondence received this month.

**Chairman's Report:**

Chairman Lazaroff stated he attended the quarterly Police Retirement Board meeting this week and the pension fund is doing well.

Chairman Lazaroff stated that Steven Novak who was sworn in last month has recently resigned.

Chairman Lazaroff again reminded residents and those watching to please be vigilant and lock your cars, homes and sheds at all times.

Chairman Lazaroff advised residents and those watching that there will be a budget referendum on May 18<sup>th</sup> and asks residents to support the budget which includes the department's request for three new officers.

Chairman Lazaroff stated that the Concerts on Green series will be returning this summer. Modifications for social distancing have been made such as the elimination of food vendors and the car show.

**Chief's Report/Budget**

Chief Glenn reported the budget is currently at 77.5 % and stated he is confident it will end under budget at the end of the fiscal year. Chief Glenn explained to the Board why some of the lines are over 100% expended.

On April 6<sup>th</sup>, First Selectman Freda held a virtual meeting for the proposed fiscal year 21/22 budget. On May 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the High School Auditorium there will be a budget meeting in person for the public to have the opportunity for comments and questions regarding the proposed budget.

The budget referendum will be held on May 18<sup>th</sup>.

**Traffic:**

Milling and paving has started throughout town. Chief Glenn asks motorists to drive with caution and be aware of the presence of raised man holes, construction crews, and police officers.

Chief Glenn reported that the State DOT has conducted a traffic study for a new housing development located at 343 Clintonville Road. The study reported that they believe there will be no substantial traffic issues and Chief Glenn concurred. Chief Glenn asked the Board for their approval. Chairman Lazaroff asked for a motion to approve the DOT's recommendation at this location. The motion was made by Vice Chairman Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Calafiore. All were in favor.

Deputy Chief reported on two upcoming traffic projects by the Providence and Wooster Railroad Line.

The projects involve the upgrading of railroad crossings. The first project will be at the railroad crossing on Laydon Avenue where it meets with Spring Road. The project/road closure will start Friday morning May 7<sup>th</sup> and end on Monday morning May 10<sup>th</sup>. This will be a complete road closure and residents should be prepared for delays and chose alternate travel routes.

The second project will be at the railroad crossing on Clintonville Road between Basset Road and Sachem Drive. The project/road closure will start Friday morning May 14<sup>th</sup> and end on Monday morning May 17<sup>th</sup>.

This will also be a complete road closure and residents should be prepared for delays and chose alternate travel routes.

Chief Glenn updated the Board on a signage request received in January. The State DOT conducted a traffic study on Cloudland Road, Fortune Drive and Horseshoe Hill Road. Chief Glenn recently received a detailed report on their findings.

After a brief discussion, Chairman Lazaroff asked for a motion to approve the following recommendations.

1. Install "Right Turn Warning" sign Eastbound on Fortune Drive in the area of #10 Fortune Drive. (replace curve warning sign)
2. Install "Left Turn Warning" sign Eastbound on Horseshoe Hill Road in the area of #14 Horseshoe Hill Road. (replace curve warning sign)
3. Install "15 mph" (Advisory Speed Plaque) just below both turn warning signs on Fortune Drive and Horseshoe Hill Road.
4. Install "Reverse Turn Warning" sign Southbound on Cloudland Road in the area of #210 Cloudland Road
5. Install "Reverse Turn Warning" sign Northbound on Horseshoe Hill Road at the East Haven town line. (replace existing curve warning sign)
6. Install "15 mph" (Advisory Speed Plaque) just below both "Reverse Turn Warning" signs on Cloudland Road and Horseshoe Hill Road.
7. Remove existing curve warning sign Northbound on Horseshoe Hill Road at Cloudland Road.
8. Replace "Stop Ahead Warning" sign Northbound on Cloudland Road in the area of Palmieri Place with MUTCD standard sign.
9. Replace "Oncoming Traffic Does Not Stop" sign Northbound on Cloudland Road at Beach Lane with MUTCD standard sign.
10. Add a "Traffic from Right Does Not Stop" sign Eastbound on Beach Lane at Cloudland Road below existing "Stop Sign".
11. Remove all "Slow Children at Play" signs present on Cloudland Road and Horseshoe Hill Road.

Commissioner Calafiore made the motion to accept the signage recommendations. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hannon. All were in favor.

Chief Glenn reported that Lieutenant Chris Thorpe attended a virtual CALEA spring conference on March 23-25. The departments CALEA four-year assessment will be conducted virtually on May 29<sup>th</sup> - June 5<sup>th</sup>.

Chief Glenn publicly thanked resident John Gaetani, a retired Stamford Police Officer for his generous donation of funds to provide a ballistic stab and bullet proof vest to K9 Cyrus. Mr. Gateani is a big supporter of the department. The vest should arrive in eight to nine weeks.

Chief Glenn spoke of a recent SWAT team activation in the town of Branford. Chief Glenn thanked Lieutenant Joe Woznyk, Commander of the SWAT team for his work as well as a number of other agencies who assisted in the incident.

Chief Glenn stated the department is now advertising for an entry level or certified lateral Police Officer position. Anyone interested in applying can go to [Policeapp.com](http://Policeapp.com). The deadline is June 30. This position is for an expected Police Officer opening.

Chief Glenn provided the Board with some year to date crime numbers. The current numbers show crime is higher now than this time last year. Calls for service are up by 2000 from this time last year.

**Walter T. Berniere Scholarship:**

Chief Glenn received one request for consideration from Captain Andrew Stavrides for one graduate course. The motion to grant the request was made by Commissioner Mead, seconded by Vice Chairman Wilson. All were in favor.

With nothing further Chairman Lazaroff asked for a motion to adjourn to move to Executive Session for the purpose of personnel matters. The motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Calafiore, seconded by Commissioner Mead. All were in favor. The time was 6:18 p.m.

At 6:31p.m. the Board returned to Regular Session. Chairman Lazaroff asked for a motion to adjourn. The motion to adjourn was made by Vice Chairman Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Calafiore. There was no further discussion. All were in favor. The time was 6:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Marc Calafiore, Secretary

Minutes by P. Claffin