

Board of Police Commissioners
Regular Meeting
June 22, 2021
Police Headquarters
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 May 25, 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:

A thank you letter was received from a resident thanking Officer Louis Petrillo for his professionalism and kindness with a matter regarding an elderly family member.

A thank you letter was received from a resident thanking Officer Alex Sinanis for his assistance with a traffic issue on Canterbury Way.

Chairman's Report:

Chairman Lazaroff again advised residents to lock their vehicles and homes at all times. Chairman Lazaroff also stated with the start of warmer weather and schools being on summer recess to please drive careful and be aware of added pedestrians, children at play, bicycle and motorcycle traffic.

Chairman Lazaroff thanked the officers that participated in the Memorial Day parade whether marching or assisting with traffic details.

Chairman Lazaroff thanked the officers that participated in the Special Olympics Torch Run.

Chairman Lazaroff stated the concerts on the green will commence on Tuesday, July 6th.

Chief's Report

Budget:

Chief Glenn stated the budget is currently at 95.7% and he is confident it will be well under budget at the close of this fiscal year.

Traffic:

Chief Glenn reported that the milling and paving throughout the town has been completed. The speed bump unintentionally created from the railroad crossing replacement last month at Spring Road and Laydon Avenue has been removed.

Tabled from last month is a “No Parking” signage request on Old Broadway East.

The North Haven Police Department Traffic Division conducted a study/review and made the recommendation to install “No Parking” signs on the North side of Old Broadway East restricting the parking for all patrons of the businesses to the South Side of Old Broadway East. The request was tabled by the Board at last month’s meeting. Chief Glenn asked Chairman Lazaroff to speak on behalf of the tabled request.

Chairman Lazaroff stated that just today he received a letter from an attorney in regards to this matter and will need time for the Board to review the letter and forward it to the town attorney. Due to the receipt of this letter Chairman Lazaroff asked for a motion to table the request until next month’s Board of Police Commissioners meeting. The motion to table the request was made by Vice Chairman Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Mead. All were in favor. There was no further discussion.

A request from a resident of 25 Collet Street was received asking for the placement of a dedicated “Handicap Parking Only” space fronting their residence for a family member who is handicapped that stays there each weekend.

The North Haven Police Department Traffic Division conducted a study/review and recommended that the request for a dedicated handicap parking space be denied. In October of 2017 a restricted residential parking zone (RRPZ) was established for Collet street under the North Haven Town Ordinance 151-14 which includes 25 Collet Street. Under the terms of the restricted residential parking zone agreement for Collett Street each homeowner receives a parking permit for each vehicle registered to the residence but may receive an additional permit if proof of hardship is provided to the Chief of Police or his designee. Based on these terms it is the recommendation of the North Haven Police Department Traffic Division to provide an additional parking permit to the residence of 25 Collet Street so the family member can park as close as possible to the residence.

Chairman Lazaroff asked for a motion to deny the request for placement of a dedicated “Handicap Parking Spot” fronting 25 Collett street. The motion was made by Commissioner Calafiore, seconded by Commissioner Hannon. All were in favor. There was no further discussion

A request was received from the Whitney-Ridge Block Party Planning Committee for a temporary road closure for a portion of Garfield Avenue between Wayland and Mowry Street on Sunday, August 22 from noon until 6 p.m. for a neighborhood block party. Only three driveways will be affected by the proposed road closure and consent was given from those homeowners. Chairman Lazaroff asked for a motion to grant the temporary road closure on Garfield Avenue on August 22. The motion was made by Commissioner Hannon, seconded by Vice Chairman Wilson. All were in favor. There was no further discussion.

Deputy Chief Lofquist provided the Board with an update on the CALEA process. The four-year accreditation virtual assessment cycle has been completed. The next step is an onsite building assessment. Due to COVID the assessment will be conducted virtually this year. Lieutenant Chris Thorpe will provide the assessors a detailed narrated video of the building with the help of NHTV.

Part of the assessment offers comments from the public and community to determine how the department is doing and to see that the department is meeting the CALEA standards. A formal announcement will be made on social media as well as in the local newspaper with the details of the remote dial in for community members. The assessment is scheduled for July 12-14. The exact date and time for public comment has not yet been determined.

Chief Glenn provided the Board a list of the Board of Police Commissioners meeting dates for the calendar year 2022 and asked the Board for approval. Chairman Lazaroff asked for a motion to approve the meeting dates for 2022. Commissioner Mead made the motion to approve the meeting dates for 2022, seconded by Commissioner Hannon. All were in favor. There was no further discussion

Chief Glenn stated the department is now accepting applications for one open police officer position and an additional three police officer positions which will be available due to funding in January of 2022. The process is open to certified lateral police officers as well as entry level officers through Policeapp.com. The closing date for applications is June 30th.

Chief Glenn spoke briefly of a new pilot program created with BH Care. The department assisted BH Care in obtaining a grant which will allow victims advocates extended working hours through the evening rather than only Monday through Friday during court operating hours. This will provide victims of domestic violence the opportunity to have assistance from victims advocates on scene and in real time. Currently the North Haven and New Haven police departments are participating in this new program and a meeting is upcoming to discuss the operation of this important program.

Chief Glenn provided the Board a four-year breakdown of crime statistics.

Chief Glenn thanked the officers who participated in the Special Olympics Torch Run on June 17th.

Officers from North Haven will be holding another community program similar to the successful “Cone with A Cop” which was held at the Friendly’s restaurant last month. Officers will be holding the first annual “Mission Impopsicle” this Friday, June 25th from 6:00p.m.-7:00p.m. at the Grover Wyman Park on Blakeslee Avenue. Children will be able to interact with officers, check out the police cars and hopefully meet one of North Havens K9’s.

Walter T. Berniere Scholarship:

Chief Glenn reported he received no requests for consideration this month.

With nothing further Chairman Lazaroff asked for a motion to adjourn to move to Executive Session for the purpose of discussing personnel matters. The motion to adjourn was made by Vice Chairman Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Hannon. All were in favor. The time was 6:22 p.m.

At 6:44p.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 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marc Calafiore, Secretary

Minutes by P. Claflin