

EAST WINDSOR POLICE COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING: May 12, 2021

7:00 p.m.

Held Via ZOOM

Meeting ID: 935-3479-3548

URL: <https://zoom.us/j/93534793548>

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER AND ATTENDANCE:

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Chairman Leach. Commissioners Filipone, Long, and Mancuso were present. Also present were Chief Edward DeMarco Jr., Deputy Chief Roger Hart, and Administrative Lieutenant Matt Carl. Present in the audience were Selectman Sarah Muska and Selectman Charles Nordell.

2. ADDED AGENDA ITEMS:

None.

3. PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:

The minutes from the April 14, 2021, regular meeting were reviewed by all commission members.

MOTION made by Commissioner Long to accept the regular meeting minutes of 04/14/2021.

SECONDED by Commissioner Mancuso

EXCUSED: Commissioner Safford

VOTED IN FAVOR: Commissioners Filipone/Long/Mancuso

ALL THOSE VOTING, VOTE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

4. BUDGET AND EXPENDITURES:

A) Police Department – Monthly Billing: **MOTION** made by Commissioner Long to approve the monthly billing, as of May 12, 2021, in the amount of \$27,201.38, as submitted.

DISCUSSION: Commissioner Filipone asked if the CNR IT line was the software for the whole department. Deputy Chief Hart explained is it the capital non-recurring line set aside for some of NexGen and the computers for the cars.

SECONDED by Commissioner Filipone

VOTED IN FAVOR: Commissioners Filipone/Long/Mancuso

ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

B) Police Department – Financial Statement: **MOTION** made by Commissioner Filipone to approve the monthly financial statements, with a balance of \$650,523.07, as submitted.

SECONDED by Commissioner Mancuso

VOTED IN FAVOR: Commissioners Filipone/Long/Mancuso

ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

C) Police Commission – Monthly Billing: **MOTION** made by Commissioner Long to approve the monthly billing in the total amount of \$125.00.

SECONDED by Commissioner Filipone

VOTED IN FAVOR: Commissioners Filipone/Long/Mancuso

ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

D) Police Commission – Financial Statement: **MOTION** made by Commissioner Filipone to accept the police commission monthly financial statement dated 04/30/2021 as submitted with a balance of \$600.00.

SECONDED by Commissioner Long

VOTED IN FAVOR: Commissioners Filipone/Long/Mancuso

ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None.

6. TRAFFIC AUTHORITY:

Chairman Leach asked if they looked into the request from the owner of Skylark Airport for signage on Wells Road for “low flying aircraft”. Chief DeMarco stated they cannot find any signs that legally fit the request for that signage; there are no MUTCD signs. Deputy Chief Hart added he went through the MUTCD book and there is nothing for “low flying aircraft”. Commissioner Long asked if we could put up an “airport” sign. Deputy Chief Hart explained you can put up any informational sign. They would be a different color (possibly blue and white) and wouldn’t be warning signs. Deputy Chief Hart explained the MUTCD suggests less signs, not more signs, which lends to people paying attention to the signs that are important; you would have to weigh the importance of the sign. The Commission agrees that since the requestor has concerns, they would like to see if they can find something suitable. Deputy Chief Hart stated they will research to see what signs are available and what would be appropriate for that area.

Chief DeMarco stated they did concur with the metro north request. Nothing impacts East Windsor.

7. NEW BUSINESS:

Chairman Leach asked for someone to represent the Police Commission on the pension board. Commissioner Long volunteered to represent them. Chairman Leach believes there are four meetings per year and he thinks the next meeting is in July.

8. COMMUNICATIONS:

Commissioner Mancuso brought up a concern from a neighborhood group regarding speeding on Reservoir Avenue. What can be done to address the issue as this seems like the same issue as the speeding on Depot Street? Reservoir Avenue is continuing onto the extension where it crosses East which they believe will cause increased speed on the road. Chief DeMarco explained speed and traffic are the number one complaint for the department. He said they can put them on the Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) immediately which does bring some relief. He said they can also use the electronic speed boards. Putting up stop signs are expressly forbidden for speed issues. Deputy Chief Hart said they have two speed signs and they can put one in each direction; they get very good data from them. They usually get about 70-80% effectiveness when the sign flashes and goes to strobe mode. It also tells them the best time to do enforcement and then they follow it up with enforcement and continue the cycle as needed. Chief DeMarco said the STEP program will start immediately and the speed signs will go up as soon as they can get them out there.

9. MONTHLY REPORTS:

Chief DeMarco stated they had their meeting before the Board of Selectmen regarding the opioid epidemic, drug enforcement, and mental health team, and he thought it went very well. The referendum went last night and our budget got approved so he's extremely happy to start working on that. They also appeared before the Diversity Council and that went well. Chairman Leach also thought it went well. Commissioner Filipone asked if the presentation went on at 6pm like it was supposed to because he tried to get on and he couldn't. Chief DeMarco said it did. Deputy Chief Hart said the meeting was changed to a different Zoom address at the last minute.

10. PUBLIC INPUT – Comments and Discussion (5 minutes maximum time per subject)

None.

11. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

MOTION made by Commissioner Filipone to enter into Executive Session at 7:27 pm to include Chief DeMarco, Deputy Chief Hart, and Admin. Lt. Carl for discussion on legal issues.

SECONDED by Commissioner Mancuso

VOTED IN FAVOR: Commissioners Filipone/Long/Mancuso

ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION made by Commissioner Long to end Executive Session at 8:00 pm

SECONDED by Chairman Leach

VOTED IN FAVOR: Commissioners Filipone/Long/Mancuso

ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

12. ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION made by Commissioner Long to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 pm.

SECONDED by Chairman Leach

VOTED IN FAVOR: Commissioners Filipone/Long/Mancuso

ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith Tweedlie - EWPC Recording Secretary