

MINUTES OF THE POLICE COMMISSION MEETING

**Thursday, April 10, 2025 at 7:00p.m.
Town Hall Annex
66 Prospect Street**

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Commissioners Present: Sharon Dornfeld, Chairperson
Marcie Coffin
John Frey
Ralph Money
Present by Phone: Issy Caporale, Secretary

Also Present: Chief Jeff Kreitz
Major Nick Fowler

These minutes are an overview of the meeting; not a verbatim text.

The meeting was called to order at 7:03pm by Chairperson Dornfeld.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairperson Dornfeld requested a motion to accept the minutes of the March 13, 2025 Police Commission Meeting. Commissioner Money made a motion and Commissioner Coffin seconded the motion.

All in Favor

Minutes of March 13, 2025 Police Commission Meeting accepted as written.

Chairperson Dornfeld requested a motion to accept the minutes of the March 25, 2025 Police Commission Special Meeting. Commissioner Money made a motion and Commissioner Coffin seconded the motion.

All in Favor

Minutes of March 25, 2025 Police Commission Special Meeting accepted as written.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

3. COMMISSION CORRESPONDENCE

A. Voicemail

Commissioner Caporale stated there were no voicemails received for the month of March.

B. Written Correspondence

There was no written correspondence received for the month of March.

4. OLD BUSINESS

A. Review of P&Z Plans 43 Danbury Road

This presentation was moved to the May 8 Police Commission Meeting.

B. Review of Traffic Pattern on Bailey Avenue

Chief Kreitz stated that he, Sgt. Caswell, Jake Muller and Patrick Downend reviewed the traffic pattern in front of 34 Bailey Avenue. He stated that the traffic pattern was changed for the construction phase of the project. Chief Kreitz stated that there have been no reported issues and recommends keeping the traffic pattern as it currently is. He stated that the signage will be updated, the roadway markings will be repainted and the concrete barrier will be changed from 4 feet to 6 feet. A motion was requested by Commissioner Money and seconded by Commissioner Frey to approve as presented.

All in Favor

C. Public Safety Building Update

Chief Kreitz stated we are awaiting potential design modifications.

5. NEW BUSINESS

A. Review of P&Z Plans of Re-subdivision 15 Bear Mountain Road

The Police Commission stated they have no concerns.

6. CHIEF'S REPORT

A. Training/PR Report

The following report was submitted by Capt. Brian Durling, Division of Professional Standards.

**Ridgefield Police Department
Training & Community Policing/Public Relations Report
March 2025**

Training Attended:

- Mar, 3-7:** Maj. Fowler, Cpt Smith, Sgt. Caswell, Ofc. Ekstrom, and Ofc. McKnight attended a five-day recertification training at Sacred Heart University.
- Mar. 10-14:** Detective Dardis and Ofc. Clark attended Active Threat Incident Response training hosted by CT State Police in New Milford.
- Mar. 17-19:** Maj. Fowler attended the FBI's Regional Command College at Mohegan Sun.
- Mar. 27-28:** Ofc. Bloom and Ofc. B. Romero attended Advanced Roadside Impairment Driving Enforcement training at Danbury Police Department.
- Mar. 27-28:** Det. Ryan, Ofc. Ekstrom, Ofc. Olivares, Ofc. Clark, and Ofc. Luis attended Emergency Medical Responder recertification training at police headquarters, conducted by Cpt. Smith and Sgt. Caswell.
- Mar. 31:** Ofc. Bloom and Ofc. Biros started School Resource Officer training at New Britain Police Department.

P/R Events:

- March:** Several tours of HQ were given throughout the month.
- Mar. 10:** The Center for Empowerment and Education (Formerly Women's Center of Greater Danbury) came to police headquarters to meet with officers.
- Mar. 19 & 26:** The Citizen's Police Academy hosted its first two classes, hosting 12 participants.

Upcoming Events:

The citizen police academy is continuing every Wednesday night through May 7.

A total of 12 Public Relations were performed during the month to include:

- Officers met with the staff and children at local houses of worship.
- Several car seat installations were performed
- Officers met with local businesses and spoke with employees
- Officers met with children from local day cares/preschools
- Officers met with residents and staff at Ballard Green
- Officers conducted a ride-along
- Officer McKnight performed a K-9 demonstration
- Multiple Social Media posts were put out

B. Department Stats

Chief Kreitz reported the total number of incidents for the month of March 2025 was 1,853. He highlighted some of the statistics for the month.

C. Traffic/Sign Report

The following report was submitted by Sgt. Mark Caswell, Sign Officer.

Re: March 2025 Sign Report

Sign Repair/Maintenance:

- Replaced the Right 90-degree Curve sign on Caudatowa Dr.
- Replaced 25 MPH Speed Limit sign on Mallory Hill Rd.
- Repaired the Stop sign White Birch Rd / Mallory Hill Rd.
- Replaced all 4 Stop signs and added 4 Way Stop placards at High Ridge Rd and Peaceable Street with taller posts and reflective strips.
- Repaired the Stop Sign at Prospect St and East Ridge Rd.
- Replaced the 25 MPH Speed Limit sign on East Ridge Rd.
- Replaced the Stop sign on Prospect St and East Ridge Rd.
- Replaced the Stop Sign at Farm Hill Rd.
- Repaired the Stop Sign at Bobby's Court / Fire Hill Rd.
- Replaced the Stop sign on Still Road / Haviland Rd.
- Replaced a 20 MPH Speed Limit sign and 2 90-degree Curve signs in Washington St.
- Replaced the Stop Sign at Minuteman Rd / Oscaleta Rd.
- Replaced the Stop sign at Minuteman Rd / Revere Dr.

- Replaced a 25 MPH Speed Limit sign and Left Curve sign on Peaceable Hill Rd.
- Repaired a Right Curve sign on Peaceable Hill Rd.
- Replaced a 25 MPH Speed Limit sign on Remington Rd.
- Replaced a 25 MPH Speed Limit sign on Conant Rd.
- Replaced a Stop sign at Conant Rd / Remington Rd.
- Replaced the Stop sign at Rock Spring Rd / Limekiln Rd.
- Replaced a Stop sign at Haviland Rd / Ritch Dr.
- Replaced a Left Curve sign on Tanton Hill Rd.
- Replaced a 25 MPH Speed Limit sign on Stonehenge Rd.

7. UNION PARTICIPATION

None.

**Commissioner Frey made a motion to adjourn at 7:28pm.
Commissioner Money seconded the motion.**

Motion carried unanimously,

Respectfully Submitted,

Issy Caporale
Police Commission Secretary