

MINUTES OF THE POLICE COMMISSION MEETING

**Thursday, June 12, 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
Absent: 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 7:00pm by Chairperson Dornfeld.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairperson Dornfeld requested a motion to accept the minutes of the May 8, 2025 Police Commission Meeting. Commissioner Money made a motion and Commissioner Frey seconded the motion.

All in Favor

Minutes of May 8, 2025 Police Commission Meeting accepted as written.

Chairperson Dornfeld requested a motion to accept the minutes of the May 16, 2025 Police Commission Special Meeting. Commissioner Money made a motion and Commissioner Frey seconded the motion.

All in Favor

Minutes of May 16, 2025 Police Commission Special Meeting accepted as written.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Christopher Rees, from 4 Mountain View Avenue, presented to the Police Commission a picture showing his concern where the sidewalk at the corner of Island Hill Avenue and Danbury Road is in need of repair. He stated that it is ruined showing pieces of the blacktop out onto Danbury Road. The Police Commission agreed the area needs to be fixed. Chief Kreitz stated he would follow up with Jake Muller and then call Christopher to follow up.

3. COMMISSION CORRESPONDENCE**A. Voicemail**

The voicemail received for the month of May concerned a missing stop sign at Colonial Lane/North Salem Road, and an unnecessary construction sign at Copps Hill Road/Danbury Road area. Commissioner Dornfeld stated that there was also a crosswalk request however she needs to follow-up with the caller.

B. Written Correspondence

The two Highway Use Permits were signed by Chairperson Dornfeld-

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| - Summerfest | 07/26/25 | 0900-1600 |
| - Southwest Café Margarita 5k | 07/26/25 | 1900-2030 |

4. OLD BUSINESS**A. Public Safety Building Update**

Updated plans were delivered to the Chief this week for review.

5. NEW BUSINESS**A. 29 Prospect Street Request to Allow Truck Traffic to Exit onto Grove Street via Existing Driveway**

A request was made to Planning & Zoning to allow the larger delivery trucks to exit from Ridgefield Supply onto Grove Street. Chief Kreitz stated he would follow up with the request and visit the site with the applicant.

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
May 2025**

Training Attended:

- May 1-2:** Ofc. Vasquez and Ofc. Kay completed the two-week Fairfield County Detective Conference at the Newtown Police Department.
- May 5-9:** Ofc. Bloom attended Peer Support training.
- May 5-6:** Ofc. Luis and Ofc. Theodore attended Advanced Roadside Interdiction and Detection training at the Danbury Police Department.
- May 12-16:** Lt. Van Wattum attended FBI-LEEDA's Command Leadership Institute at the New Britain Police Department.
- May 13:** Det. Dardis and Ofc. Clark attended Glock armorer school in Reading, PA.
- May 14-15:** Ofc. Conrad and Ofc. Vincent attended the CLEAR Deflection Academy.

P/R Events:

- May 7:** The Citizen's Police Academy held its last class and graduation.
- May 22:** Officers coordinated and hosted the annual Memorial Ceremony at the Lounsbury House.
- May 26:** The honor guard and other department members participated In the Memorial Day Parade.
- May:** Damien Hegarty conducted his RHS internship with the Ridgefield Police Department.

Upcoming Events:

The Department will be hosting a Promotional and Awards Ceremony on June 4 at the Lounsbury House.

A total of 23 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
- Officer McKnight performed several K-9 demonstrations
- Multiple Social Media posts were put out
- Memorial Day Parade
- Several Rides to School

Chief Kreitz stated after several requests, the State DOT is planning on installing Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons on Main Street near the Aldrich Museum and on Danbury Road near Starbucks and Adam Broderick Salon & Spa at both mid-block crosswalks.

B. Department Stats

Chief Kreitz reported the total number of incidents for the month of May 2025 was 1,717. He highlighted some of the statistics for the month.

7. UNION PARTICIPATION

None.

**Commissioner Money made a motion to adjourn at 7:38pm.
Commissioner Frey seconded the motion.**

Motion carried unanimously,

Respectfully Submitted,

Sharon Dornfeld
Police Commission Chairperson