

**POLICE COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 12, 2022**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Police Commission was called to order by Chairperson Jenna Caulfield at 5:04 P.M. in the Board of Education Conference Room of the Simsbury Town Offices. In attendance were Chairperson Jenna Caulfield, Commissioner Terry Fogarty, Commissioner Michael Long, Chief Nicholas Boulter, and Deputy Chief Chris Davis. Absent was Commissioner Tenesha Grant and Commissioner Travis Schweizer.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. After a motion was made by Commissioner Fogarty and seconded by Commissioner Long it was unanimous:

VOTED: To approve the minutes of the July 11, 2022 Regular Meeting.

- b. After a motion was made by Commissioner Long and seconded by Commissioner Fogarty it was unanimous:

VOTED: To approve the minutes of the August 30, 2022 Special Meeting.

4. OLD BUSINESS

Commissioner Long requested that moving forward, we move "Old Business" to after "Reports" on the agenda.

5. REPORTS

a. Chairperson's Report

- i. July 11th Chairperson Caulfield, along with Chief Boulter and Deputy Chief Davis, attended the dignitary day for the Cadet Academy. It was impressive to see our cadets perform in the various activities.
- ii. The first week of August was the Junior Police Academy culminating in an end of program picnic. Chairperson Caulfield and Commissioner Fogarty were both in attendance. It was impressive to see what these Jr. Police did with not just the Police Department, but all the different first responders and guests from outside agencies throughout the week.
- iii. On September 7th the Police Department hosted the annual Senior Picnic, where both Chairperson Caulfield and Commissioner Fogarty were in attendance.
- iv. Chairperson Caulfield was able to observe and participate in the Police's active shooter training that took place over the summer. Chairperson Caulfield noted that she was impressed with the in-depth knowledge and the level of planning that went into this training. As a town resident and also a mother of children in the school system it was very reassuring.
- v. Administrative- Looking for more details on Commissioner Fogarty's replacement. Commissioner Fogarty will reach out to the appropriate person(s).
- vi. Facility Report- A draft report was received and we currently looking to set up a meeting.

- vii. Staffing study- The committee has set up interviews with 4 of the 5 firms that submitted RFPs.
- viii. On Wednesday, September 14th a ceremony is being held to recognize the police officers, fire personnel, and dispatcher involved in the rescue of two residents and their dogs during the July 6th house fire on Bushy Hill Road.
- ix. Wednesday, October 12th is our next Police Commission Meeting.

b. Chief's Report

i. General

- **Personnel-** We have had multiple officers on leave over the last several months. One officer has returned to duty on a modified status after several months of leave for a medical reason. Another officer has returned to full duty from a work-related injury. A third officer has returned to work after a one-month leave due to a non-work-related injury. We are fortunate to have those officers back. We look forward to a full return from one on modified duty and the two officers from patrol that are still on medical leave. Tina DeTatto, the accreditation specialist and Stefanie Corbeil, the Animal Control Officer, have both started in their full-time positions. Tina started last week and Stephanie started today.
- **Catalytic Converters-** We have had 37 reported catalytic converters thefts from vehicles since we began tracking them at the end of August 2021. Our last two were in August this year (two Acura sedans)
- **Motor Vehicle Thefts Update-** Total of 5 car thefts this calendar year (9 last year same period).
- **Bear Activity-** The month of August was busy with bear activity. We had a total of 37 complaints, (19) of which were merely sightings, (11) incidents in which bears were found inside a dumpster or eating trash from residential trash bins, (5) reported bear entry/attempted entry into a dwelling, and (2) reports of damage caused to the exterior of residences.
- **Upcoming Events-** We had a very successful Senior Picnic last Wednesday with approximately 175 seniors attending. There was a large turnout from the police department, Commissioners Caulfield and Fogarty, and many town staff and elected officials. We had a guest join us this year, Robin Batchelder. Robin is the Farmington Valley Global Messenger for CT Special Olympics and a multi-sport athlete. She made herself available to the group to talk about Special Olympics and how to provide support to the athletes.
This Wednesday evening, there is a public recognition ceremony for our police officers, a dispatcher, and firefighters for their actions during a house fire on July 6 on Bushy Hill Road. Those actions led to the safe rescue of the occupants and their pets. The ceremony is at the Main Fire House, 871 Hopmeadow Street at 7 PM and we hope to see you there.

We will be planning for the Citizens Police Academy and looking forward to it because we have not been able to have it due to the pandemic.

ii. Consolidated Monthly Report – May 2022

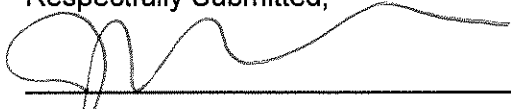
iii. Preliminary Monthly Activity Report – June 2022

7. NEW BUSINESS

8. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Fogarty made a motion to adjourn at 5:29 P.M., seconded by Chairperson Caulfield. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Jenna Caulfield', written over a horizontal line.

Jenna Caulfield, Chairperson

/jw