

**POLICE COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 10, 2020**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Police Commission was called to order by Chairman Cosgrove at 7:00 P.M. in the Chief of Police's Conference Room and via Zoom Meeting. In attendance were Commissioner Michael Long, Commissioner Terry Fogarty, Commissioner Jenna Caulfield, Chief Nicholas Boulter, Lt. Fred Sifodaskalakis, and Lt. Thomas Sheehan.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. CORRESPONDENCE

Commissioner Fogarty read the summary of letters received since the last meeting of the Commission on July 13, 2020.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

After a motion was made by Commissioner Fogarty and seconded by Commissioner Caulfield, it was unanimous:

VOTED: To approve the minutes of the July 13, 2020 Regular Meeting.

5. PUBLIC AUDIENCE

None

6. OLD BUSINESS

a. Deputy Chief Position

The announcement for the Deputy Chief opening has been posted online and will remain open until August 16th.

Personnel Search Committee

The Chair announced the appointment of a Personnel Search Committee to recommend a candidate to fill the position of Deputy Chief. The command staff of the Simsbury Police Department consists of a Chief, the Deputy Chief and three lieutenants all of which are considered executive level positions, and the committee is exempt from the definition of "meeting" under FOIA and the notice requirements thereunder.

b. Body Cameras and In-Car Cameras

A law was passed to mandate both body cameras and in-car cameras. State funding which would provide approximately 30% of the cost has been proposed.

7. REPORTS

a. Chairman's Report

None

b. Chief's Report

i. General

- 1 dispatcher will be completing training soon; other recently hired dispatcher has resigned. Looking to fill open vacancy
- 1 officer has been out on injured leave
- Still trying to fill 3 officer vacancies; hoping to present Police Commission with possible candidate next meeting

ii. Consolidated Monthly Report – June 2020

- Noted that vehicle stops were lower compared to last year

iii. Preliminary Monthly Activity Report – July 2020

- No comments

8. NEW BUSINESS

a. Use of Force Policy Review and Practice

The draft policy will be updated and distributed to the Police Commission for review.

b. Private Duty Fund

Chief Boulter gave an overview on the actions of the July 21st Board of Finance meeting regarding the Private Duty Fund.

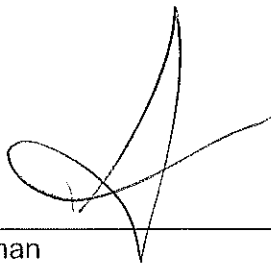
c. Storm Response

The department called in extra personnel for Tropical Storm Isaias. Dispatch received a surplus of calls during the storm. Officers responded to numerous trees and powerlines down. About 50% of the town was out of power by the end of the storm; today 1% of power is still out.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Long made motion to adjourn at 7:41 P.M., seconded by Commissioner Fogarty. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,



Edward Cosgrove, Chairman

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