

**City of West Haven, CT**  
**Board of Police Commissioners**  
**Minutes of the meeting held Tuesday, April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025**

The regular meeting of the West Haven Board of Police Commissioners was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Vice-Chairman Paul E. Butler at West Haven Police Headquarters, 200 Sawmill Road. All those present rose and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Attendance**

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| Paul E. Butler, <i>Vice-Chairman</i>                           | Present |
| John M. Carrano, <i>Commissioner</i>                           | Present |
| Christopher Suggs, <i>Commissioner</i>                         | Present |
| Deborah B. Wright, <i>Pension Board Chair and Commissioner</i> | Absent  |
| Joseph Perno, <i>Chief of Police</i>                           | Present |
| Carl Flemmig, <i>Deputy Chief</i>                              | Present |
| Steven B. Johnstone, <i>City Liaison</i>                       | Present |

**Agenda**

Commissioner Carrano MOVED to add Item 7.1 Dave Moran under Pension; SECONDED by Commissioner Wright. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Suggs MOVED to accept the agenda as amended; SECONDED by Commissioner Carrano. Motion carried unanimously.

**1. Minutes**

Commissioner Suggs MOVED to accept the minutes from the previous meeting on March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2025; SECONDED by Commissioner Carrano. Motion carried unanimously.

**2. Public Input**

Kathy Hebert, 166 Blohm Street, approached the Commissioners on behalf of the West River Watershed Coalition, which is a volunteer organization which focuses on the rehabilitation and accessibility of the West River Memorial Park in West Haven/New Haven between Route 34, Ella T Grasso Blvd, Route 1, and Marginal Drive. Hebert approached the Commissioners to request assistance in navigating this project and looked to the Board for answers/support on the following topics:

- Policing responsibilities and communication between New Haven and West Haven Police Departments
- Dumping and clean-ups
- Encampments
- Signage
- Maintenance of forestry, trails, parking lots, boats/launches, and athletic fields
- Modifications to access points
- Planning for climate change and involvement with SCCROG

Vice-Chairman Butler asked three times if any other person from the public wished to speak. There being none, he declared the public portion closed.

### **3. Communications**

#### **3.1 Animal Control Report - February 2025**

#### **3.2 Attendance Report - February 2025**

### **4. Report of the Chief - None**

### **5. Report of the Deputy Chief**

Deputy Chief Flemmig reported that the West Haven Police Department is currently staffed with 119 Officers, including 16 unavailable and 103 available.

### **6. Report of the Committees - None**

### **7. Pension**

#### **7.1 Dave Moran**

Dave Moran of Raymond James provided an update on the pension, reporting that the current value of funds available is \$135.8M and reporting no losses; the next meeting will provide a more in-depth quarterly report.

### **8. Old Business – None**

### **9. New Business**

#### **9.1 2025 Great Strides Walk-A-Thon - May 10th, 2025**

Commissioner Carrano MOVED to accept the 2025 Great Strides Walk-A-Thon on May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025; SECONDED by Commissioner Suggs. Motion carried unanimously.

### **10. Commissioner's Report - None**

### **11. Executive Session**

Commissioner Carrano MOVED to go into Executive Session to discuss the following:

#### **11.1 Personnel**

The motion was SECONDED by Commissioner Suggs. Motion carried unanimously.

The Commissioners entered Executive Session at 7:17 p.m. and returned to the public at 8:01 p.m.

### **12. Adjournment**

At 8:01 p.m., Commissioner Carrano MOVED to adjourn; SECONDED by Commissioner Suggs. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Christy Collins  
*Recording Clerk*