

**City of West Haven, CT
Board of Police Commissioners
Minutes of the meeting held Tuesday, June 3rd, 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

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>	Present
Joseph Perno, <i>Chief of Police</i>	Present
Carl Flemmig, <i>Deputy Chief</i>	Present
Steven B. Johnstone, <i>City Council Liaison</i>	Absent

Agenda

Commissioner Wright MOVED to accept the agenda without amendments; SECONDED by Commissioner Suggs. Motion carried unanimously.

1. Minutes

Commissioner Carrano MOVED to accept the minutes from the previous meeting on May 20th, 2025; SECONDED by Commissioner Wright. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Public Input

Lieutenant D'Amato, Vice President Local #895, announced that on June 3rd, 2025, the City and the Union officially signed the pension agreement, finalizing what had started with a temporary agreement (TA) 2 years prior, noting that the pension is already working as intended, with minimal staff losses during the TA period. Lieutenant D'Amato extended gratitude to all involved, including the Rossi administration which started the process, the Borer Administration for completion, the Commissioners, Chief Perno, Deputy Chief Flemmig, and all others. Empower, which administers retirement plans for WHPD, will help transition any Officers and offer guidance in choosing between pension and 401(k). Assistance has been offered by Dave Moran to help Officers plan for their future; coordination between Commissioner Wright and Dave Moran requested.

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 – April 2025
- 3.2 Letter of Appreciation – Ms. Clara Belinda
- 3.3 Letter of Appreciation – Ms. Debbie Murphy

4. Report of the Chief

Chief Perno announced officially that the temporary agreement has been officially finalized today for pension, praising its completion as a tremendous morale booster and marketing tool to be used in recruitment.

5. Report of the Deputy Chief

Deputy Chief Flemmig reported that the West Haven Police Department is currently staffed at 119 Officers with 14 unavailable and 105 available.

6. Report of the Committees – None

7. Pension Board – None

8. Old Business – None

9. New Business

9.1 Fireworks – July 3, 2025, rain date July 5, 2025

Commissioner Carrano MOVED to accept Item 9.1 Fireworks to be held on July 3rd, 2025 with a rain date of July 5th, 2025; SECONDED by Commissioner Suggs. Motion carried unanimously.

9.2 Boat Ramp – Hump & Fencing Installing

Commissioner Suggs MOVED to accept Item 9.2 for boat ramp hump and fencing installation; SECONDED by Commissioner Wright. Motion carried unanimously.

10. Commissioner's Report

Commissioner Suggs commented on the two Letters of Appreciation noted in Item 3.2 and 3.2, stating that the letters were extremely heartfelt and that it was very nice to hear the way the WHPD and WHFD handled these extremely delicate situations.

11. Executive Session

Commissioner Wright MOVED to enter Executive Session to discuss the following:

11.1 Personnel

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

The Commissioners entered Executive Session at 7:12 p.m. and returned to public at 8:10 p.m.

12. Adjournment

At 8:10 p.m., Commissioner Suggs MOVED to adjourn; SECONDED by Commissioner Carrano. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Christy Collins
Recording Clerk