

**City of West Haven, CT**  
**Board of Police Commissioners**  
**Minutes of the meeting held Tuesday, June 6th, 2023**

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

**Attendance**

Raymond Collins III, <i>Chairman</i>	Present
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

**Agenda**

Commissioner Suggs MOVED to add Item 8.4 under New Business regarding a Juneteenth Celebration to be held on Saturday, June 17th, 2023 from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. which would require Rockview Street after Emma Street to Kilborn Street, Tile Street and Kilborn Street to be closed from 10:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m.; SECONDED by Commissioner Carrano. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Wright MOVED to add Item 9.1 under New Business; SECONDED by Commissioner Butler. Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Perno MOVED to add Item 11.2 under Executive Session regarding Personnel; SECONDED by Commissioner Wright. Motion carried unanimously.

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

**1. Minutes**

Commissioner Butler MOVED to accept the previous minutes from the meeting on May 16th, 2023; SECONDED by Commissioner Wright.

**2. Public Input**

Chairman Collins asked if any person from the public wished to speak. Lee Hill stood to address the board regarding a traffic issue she has been experiencing near her home on Savin Avenue between Leete Street and Atwater Street. Lee Hill stated there are often accidents near her home

in this area that involve reckless drivers speeding from Bassett Street onto Atwater Street which have resulted in damage to parked cars and even her neighbors' homes. She presented photos of multiple incidents and a petition signed by her neighbors. Chairman Collins thanked Lee Hill for her due diligence on reporting this issue to the Board; Chief Perno stated that he would bring this matter to the Traffic Division.

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

### **3. Communications - None**

### **4. Report of the Chief**

Chief Perno reported that planning for the West Haven Fireworks on July 3rd, 2023 had its first meeting; street closures and manpower plans will be the same as they were in 2019. More information will be shared after the next meeting on June 20th.

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

Deputy Chief Flemmig offered the following report:

“With tonight’s anticipated hiring, we will be staffed at 113 Officers. We are minus 6 Officers at POSTC, 2 Officers on FTO, 1 Captain, 1 Sergeant and 5 Officers out Injured/Light Duty/FMLA and 1 Officer at K9 School, which leaves us a total of 97 available Officers.

Two Officers of FTO will be available around July 10th, 2023.

Four recruits will graduate POSTC on July 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

We have 1 Officer and 1 Detective retiring in July 2023.

Tonight’s anticipated new hire will start at Milford Academy on Friday, June 23rd, 2023.

We have two seats for POSTC starting in the beginning of July 2023 and we have 2 applicants to possibly fill those seats.”

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

### **7. Old Business - None**

### **8. New Business**

#### **8.1 Fireworks - July 3, 2023; rain date July 5, 2023.**

Commissioner Butler MOVED to accept; SECONDED by Commissioner Suggs. Motion carried unanimously.

**8.2 St. John Parish (Corpus Christi Procession) - Sunday, June 11, 2023 at 3:00 p.m.**

Commissioner Butler MOVED to accept; SECONDED by Commissioner Suggs. Motion carried unanimously.

**8.3 Action on 11.1 - Table**

**8.4 Juneteenth**

Commissioner Wright MOVED to accept; SECONDED by Commissioner Suggs. Motion carried unanimously.

**9. Pension Board**

David Moran from Raymond James provided a pension update, stating that the total portfolio's market value is \$116 million. The rate is currently averaging 6.08%, target for year end is 6.9%. End of fiscal year is June 30th, 2023.

**10. Commissioners Report - None.**

**11. Executive Session**

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

**11.1 Police Applicant Interviews**

**11.2 Personnel**

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

The commissioner entered Executive Session at 7:27 p.m.

**12. Return to Regular Session/Adjournment**

At 8:10 p.m., the Commissioners returned to regular session and adjourned by a motion by Commissioner Carrano; SECONDED by Commissioner Suggs. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Christy Collins  
*Recording Clerk*