

City of West Haven, CT
Board of Police Commissioners
Minutes of the meeting held Tuesday, June 20th, 2023

The regular meeting of the West Haven Board of Police Commissioners was called to order at 7:01 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>	Absent
Carl Flemmig, <i>Deputy Chief</i>	Present

Agenda

Commissioner Suggs MOVED to add Item 8.5 under New Business regarding a rescheduled date for the Juneteenth Celebration to be held on Saturday, July 22nd, 2023 from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The celebration 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 Butler. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Carrano MOVED to add Item 11.4 under Executive Session regarding Policy; SECONDED by Commissioner Butler. 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 June 6th, 2023; SECONDED by Commissioner Suggs.

2. Public Input

Lieutenant D'Amato spoke on behalf of Officer Susan Carboni and congratulated her for her retirement after 25 years of service to the West Haven Police Department. He stated that her knowledge of the booking system in the union was pivotal for his training to understanding the system himself. He also commended her incredible management of the impound lot, among many other things, which made her a tremendous asset to the agency. He finished by

congratulating Officer Carboni on her upcoming retirement and stating how much she would be missed.

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

3.1 Attendance Report - May 2023

3.2 Animal Control Report - May 2023

3.3 Traffic Management Report - May 2023

3.4 Letter of Appreciation - Family of Randy Kaoud, Funeral Escort

4. Report of the Chief - None

5. Report of the Deputy Chief

Deputy Chief Flemmig gave the following report:

“With tonight’s two anticipated hirings and one retirement we will be staffed at 114 Officers. We are minus 7 Officers at POSTC, 2 Officers on FTO, 1 Captain, 1 Sergeant and 4 Officers out Injured/Light Duty/FMLA and 1 Officer at K9 School, which leaves us at a total of 98 available Officers. Two Officers on FTO will be available around July 10th, 2023. Four Recruits will graduate POSTC on July 13th, 2023. Tonight’s 2 anticipated new hires will start at POSTC on Friday, July 7th, 2023.”

Commissioner Carrano asked if digging on Beach Street had already begun; Deputy Chief Flemmig responded stating that it had already begun and that the area would not be available for the fireworks. Chairman Collins requested that detour “Street Closed” signs be placed at the end of Captain Thomas Boulevard in order to deter people from parking in the small neighborhood streets above Beach Street. Deputy Chief Flemmig agrees, stated he will also assign an officer to this location.

6. Report of the Committees - None

7. Old Business - None

8. New Business

8.1 Retirement of Officer Susan Carboni - (Effective July 2nd, 2023)

Deputy Chief Flemmig gave the following report:

“Officer Susan Carboni is a 25-year veteran of the West Haven Police Department and is currently assigned as the Property Officer where she is responsible for the logging and storage of all our evidence. She has served in this position for the past 7 years and has performed her duties admirably. Prior to this assignment she was a School Resource Officer for several years where she excelled working with the youth of our community and keeping our schools safe.

Officer Carboni was highly respected by the rank and file and throughout her career. She consistently demonstrated a high level of professionalism and a commitment to duty, which always reflected positively upon our agency and we will not forget the positive impact she had on us.

Sue, I want to express my deep appreciation to you for your support and dedicated service to the West Haven Policy Department and citizens of our community. I wish you and your family continued success as you start this next phase of your life. Congratulations.”

Commissioner Butler MOVED to approve the retirement of Officer Susan Carboni, effective 7/2/2023; SECONDED by Commissioner Carrano. Motion carried unanimously.

8.2 Removal of R&L Auto from City Tow List - Table to Executive Session

8.3 Closer To Free Ride - Saturday, September 9, 2023

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

8.4 Action on Applicant Interviews - Start Date July 5, 2023 - Table

8.5 Juneteeth Celebration - Reschedule Date Saturday, July 22, 2023

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

9. Pension Board

Commissioner Wright MOVED to have retirement of Officer Susan Carboni approved as of July 2nd, 2023 which she will receive as a prorated pension payment for 29 days; SECONDED by Commissioner Suggs. Motion carried unanimously.

10. Commissioner’s Report - None

11. Executive Session

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

- 11.1 Discussion of R&L Auto Removal
- 11.2 Police Applicant Interviews

11.3 Street Crime Report - May, 2023

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

The Commissioners entered Executive Session at 7:13 p.m.

12. Return to Regular Session/Adjournment

At 8:25 p.m., the Commissioners returned to regular session and adjourned by a motion by Commissioner Butler; SECONDED by Commissioner Suggs. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Christy Collins
Recording Clerk