

City of West Haven, CT
Board of Police Commissioners
Minutes of the meeting held Tuesday, March 1, 2022

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The regular meeting of the West Haven Board of Police Commissioners was called to order at 7:09 PM by Chairman Raymond Collins III at West Haven City Hall, 355 Main Street. All those present, rose and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Peter G. Collins
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Attendance

Raymond Collins III, <i>Chairman</i>	Present
Paul F. 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 Wright MOVED to accept the agenda as presented; SECONDED by Commissioner Butler. Motion carried unanimously.

1. Minutes

Commissioner Butler MOVED to accept the meeting minutes from February 1st, 2022 as presented; SECONDED by Commissioner Wright. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Public Input

Prior to beginning the public input, Chairman Collins recognized some of the individuals in attendance at the meeting. He recognized Chairman Massaro of the City Council, Police Department Liaison and Councilperson Bruneau, Councilperson Ackbarali, and Mayor Rossi.

~~Chairman Collins explained that based on past practices during awards, promotions, or retirements, the public portion would be limited to items only on the agenda. He stated that any other comments could wait for the next meeting on March 15th, or the commissioners could be contacted via email or in writing.~~

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 Presented

4. Report of the Chief – No Report

5. Report of the Deputy Chief – No Report

6. Report of the Committees – No Report

7. Old Business – None Presented

8. New Business

8.1 Officers Recognition: Firearm Involved Crimes

Chairman Collins explained that unfortunately due to the pandemic and room capacity restrictions, this ceremony has been a long time coming. He expressed that it was finally time to recognize the best of the best.

~~Certificates of Commendation were awarded to the following officers for their superior judgement and performance of duties with their involvement in firearm related crimes:~~

Sergeant Zwickler	Officer Brandon Butler	Officer Ackbarali
Detective Fazzino	Officer Vitelli	Officer Williamson
Officer Rappa	Officer Healey	Officer Abate
Officer Riehl	Detective Crasman	Officer Paul Butler

Unit Citations were awarded to the following officers for their superior judgement and performance of duties with their involvement in firearm related crimes:

Sergeant Buturla	Officer Massaro	Officer Evora	Sergeant Celentano
Sergeant Bowerman	Officer Bacon	Officer Bepko	Detective Wolf
Officer Standish	Officer Ackbarali	Detective Crasman	Sergeant Healey
Officer Paul Butler	Lieutenant Hancock	Sergeant Zwickler	Sergeant Meurice
Officer Longobardi	Detective Ciccocanti	Officer Rappa	Sergeant Hayward
Detective Pliszka	Detective Fazzino	Officer Riehl	Detective Aklin
Sergeant Stratton	Detective Vivenzio	Officer Brandon Butler	Officer Vitelli
Detective Bogert	Officer Croce	Detective Murray	Sergeant Thompson
Officer Marchitto	Officer Novella	Detective Faughnan	Detective Gabianelli
Officer Lindsey	Officer Fink	Lieutenant Kleinknecht	Officer Nielson
Officer Gakidis	Officer Aballo	Officer Abate	Officer Schaefer
Officer Roldan	Officer Gause	Officer Parillo	Officer Wydra
Officer Schappa	Officer Stutzman	Sergeant Allard	

All commissioners and board members stood and congratulated each officer on their achievements.

Chief Perno mentioned that every day he is proud of the department and the officers that work hard to keep the city safe. He explained that after looking at the data, all the hard work from the officers amounted to 44 weapons taken off the street, 35 arrests, and 1 unit of body armor. Those statistics only represent a small amount of all that the officers do on a daily basis. He explained

that he is fully indebted to their professionalism and dedication to the department, and that he is thankful to them for everything that they do.

Chairman Collins echoed Chief Perno's statement and explained that it is an honor to be on the board and to have the opportunity to listen to their stories of achievement. He emphasized their successful teamwork, coordination, and most importantly, their strong support for each other. He mentioned that the department is heading for brighter times, and that he is thankful for all that the officers do.

8.2 The Savin Rock ½ & Full Marathon – 03/26/2022

Commissioner Butler ~~MOVED~~ to accept the plans for the marathon; ~~SECONDED~~ by Commissioner Carrano. Motion carried unanimously.

9. Pension Board – No Report

10. Executive Session – None

11. Adjournment

Commissioner Butler ~~MOVED~~ to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 PM; ~~SECONDED~~ by Commissioner Carrano. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Briana Hojo
Recording Clerk