

City of West Haven, CT
Board of Police Commissioners
Minutes of the meeting held Tuesday, October 5, 2021

The regular meeting of the West Haven Board of Police Commissioners was called to order at 7:00 PM 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 Carrano MOVED to accept the agenda as presented; SECONDED by Commissioner Wright. Motion carried unanimously.

1. Minutes for Approval

Commissioner Carrano MOVED to accept the minutes of September 21, 2021 as presented; SECONDED by Commissioner Wright. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Public Input

Prior to beginning the public portion, 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 not reflected on the agenda could wait for the next meeting or could be addressed to the Commissioners at 200 Sawmill Road.

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

The following monthly report:

- 3.1 Traffic Report – Month of August, 2021

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4. Report of the Chief

Chief Perno mentioned that he would like to meet with the Chair of the Personnel Committee as soon as possible to discuss a reorganizational chart for the police department.

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 Promotions

Lt. Christopher Zitnay to the rank of Captain
Sgt. Anthony Pacileo to the rank of Lieutenant
Officer Kevin Bowerman to the rank of Sergeant

Deputy Chief Flemmig offered the following remarks:

Lieutenant Chris Zitnay

Lieutenant Chris Zitnay has been a member of the West Haven Police Department for approximately 19 years and he has received numerous awards and commendations throughout his career. Lieutenant Zitnay has served in several special assignments including the Street Crime Unit and on the Special Response Team. For the last two years he has excelled as the SRT Commander using his leadership skills to create a tight knit, hard-working, cohesive unit that has exceeded Chief Perno's and my expectations.

Lieutenant Zitnay is highly respected by the rank and file and his job knowledge and experience has made him an excellent Shift Commander. As a member of the Command Staff his input is highly valued and he has been an integral part in fulfilling our department's missions and goals. I am confident as Captain of the Uniformed Services Division he will continue to have a positive influence on those under his command and his leadership, hard work, and dedication will be an asset to our agency going forward.

Chris congratulations on your new promotion.

Sergeant Anthony Pacileo

Sergeant Anthony Pacileo has been a member of the West Haven Police Department for approximately 27 years. He has received numerous awards and commendations throughout his career, including an award where he apprehended an armed carjacking suspect and recovered the vehicle. He has excelled in several special assignments including the DARE Unit, Court Liaison Officer and as the Hiring Sergeant.

Sergeant Pacileo is well liked by the rank and file and his jovial personality and calm demeanor paired with his experience and job knowledge has made him an excellent supervisor, who always gets the best out of his subordinates. As a Shift Commander I am confident he will have a positive influence on those under his command and his hard work and dedication will be greatly appreciated by the Patrol Division Captain, Chief Perno, and I.

Anthony congratulations on your new promotion.

Officer Kevin Bowerman

Officer Kevin Bowerman has been a member of the West Haven Police Department for approximately seven years. He is a hard worker who takes pride in his job and often serves as a mentor to the junior officers working alongside him in Patrol, offering guidance and advice to assist them in the performance of their duties. He is well liked and respected by both the rank and file and his clam demeanor paired with his experience and job knowledge will make him an excellent supervisor, who will get the best out of his subordinates. Officer Kevin Bowerman will have a positive influence on those he supervises, and his hard work and dedication will be appreciated by the Command Staff.

Officer Bowerman has been assigned to several units including Patrol Division, Community Resource Officer Unit, and as a School Resource Officer. The experiences and job knowledge he obtained in these assignments will serve him well in this next phase of his career, as a Patrol Sergeant.

Kevin congratulations on your new promotion.

Commissioner Butler MOVED to promote Lt. Christopher Zitnay to the rank of Captain, Sgt. Anthony Pacileo to the rank of Lieutenant, and Officer Kevin Bowerman to the rank of Sergeant; SECONDED by Commissioner Wright. Motion carried unanimously.

9. Pension Board – No Report

10. Commissioners Reports – No Report

11. Executive Session

Commissioner Carrano MOVED to enter Executive Session to discuss the following monthly report:

11.1 Street Crime Report – Month of August, 2021.

Motion was SECONDED by Commissioner Butler. Motion carried unanimously.

The Commissioners entered Executive Session at 7:14 PM.

12. Return to Regular Session/Adjournment

At 7:14 PM, the Commissioners returned to regular session and adjourned by a motion from Commissioner Carrano; SECONDED by Commissioner Butler. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Briana Hojo
Recording Clerk