

MINUTES OF THE SUFFIELD POLICE COMMISSION
Zoom Meeting Held – July 22, 2020
Virtual meeting recording available under Police on Town Website

Commissioners: Chairman Kenneth Pascoe, Vice Chairman Jack Quinn, Jason Trombly, Jeff Davis, and Clerk Joseph Blake

Also Present: Chief Richard Brown, and Captain James Canon, First Selectman Melissa Mack, and Recording Secretary Karen Doyon

Absent: Anthony Greco

Chairman Pascoe called the meeting to order at 7:00pm, and recognized five commissioners present along with Chief Richard Brown, Captain James Canon, First Selectman Melissa Mack, and recording secretary Karen Doyon. Coordinating the Zoom meeting, Kris Lambert.

Public Comment:

- Dr. Kristina Hallett of 1211 Newgate Road, West Suffield asked that the Commission and the Police Department provide a statement as to their commitment to making Suffield and anti-bias, anti-races community. In addition, she asked that she be added onto the agenda for the next regular police commission meeting.
- Anne Hornish of 584 Thrall Avenue echoed what Dr. Hallet stated. In addition, she asked for a response to her letter submitted last month regarding the press release by the CT State Fraternal Order of Police, and this topic be added to next month's regular meeting agenda.
- Amy Hawkins of Fifty-seven, Third Street echoed what Dr. Hallet and Anne Hornish stated. Appreciative of the support provided by the police department.
- Kevin Goff of 475 Thompsonville Road thanked the police department for their service, hard work, and efforts during this environment.

Discussion of FY 2020/2021 Chief / Department Goals:

Chief Brown offered four highlights [for the board to consider] for the 2020/2021 Chief/Department Goals. They were as follows:

- Continue progress on the Daigle Study.
- Bill from legislators LCO No. 3471, "An Act Concerning Police Accountability."
- Traffic calming concerns in Town.
- Enhancing Community Policing.

Clerk Blake offered his time to serve/represent the commission should a committee present itself.

Discussion of Status of Operational Study Recommendation:

Chief Brown updated the First Selectwoman and Police Commission on the status of the Management Operations Study provided by the Daigle Law Group. Dialogue and an opportunity to discuss and make additional inquiries was provided.

Previous Meeting Minutes:

Chairman Pascoe asked for a motion. Commissioner Davis made to motion to approve the special meeting of June 18, 2020 as submitted, seconded by Clerk Blake. With nothing further, the motion carried 5-0-1. Vice Chairman Quinn abstained because he was not in attendance.

Chairman Pascoe asked for a motion. Commissioner Davis made the motion to approve the regular meeting of June 24, 2020 as submitted, seconded by Clerk Blake. With nothing further, the motion carried 5-0-1. Vice Chairman Quinn abstained because he was not in attendance.

Traffic Authority Update – South Stone Street

Additional discussion ensued from the June 24, 2020 regular meeting, regarding speed tables located on South Stone Street. Chairman Pascoe asked for a volunteer to chair the subcommittee. Commissioner Trombly offered to volunteer his time to serve on the committee. First Selectman Mack stated that she came across documents/history of the installed tables from South Stone Street and would provide them to the Commission and Town Engineer Gerry Turbet. Chairman Pascoe concluded with remarks to First Selectman Mack that he would be in touch with her to discuss initiating a committee.

Adjournment:

With nothing further, a motion was made and seconded to adjourn the July 22, 2020 regular Suffield Police Commission meeting at 08:26 pm.

Chairman, Kenneth Pascoe