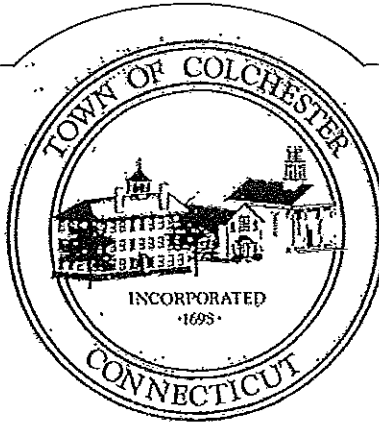


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**Police Commission Minutes  
Regular Meeting  
Monday, July 27, 2015  
6:30P.M. – Town Hall  
Room 2**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Commissioner's Rob Parlee, Ed Fusco, Jenny Langdon and Sue Dubb

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Commissioner Steve Caron

**OTHERS PRESENT:** First Selectman S. Soby, Board of Finance Chairman R. Tarlov and Sgt. M. Martinez

**1. Call to Order**

Commissioner Parlee called the Monday, July 27, 2015 meeting to order at 6:30p.m.

**2. Additions to Agenda**

None

**3. Citizen's Comments**

David Pare, 10 Pine Road, expressed concerns about width of Pine Road not made to accommodate large trucks, safety of children and grandchildren in the area where trucks are passing and proposed a limited access "No Thru Trucks" for the area.

State Representative Linda Orange, 52 Standish Road, has been working with residents of the neighborhood on Pine Road and would like to see "No Thru Trucks" posted for that portion of Pine Road.

Diane Jacques, 14 Pine Road, stated her son counted 30 trucks today between 7:00am and 4:30pm and shared the same concerns as Mr. Pare.

Deborah Dapkus, 18 Pine Road, stated her concerns that the road is very unsafe with blind driveways, speed limit (25mph) are not observed, noise pollution, excessive dust and no place for pedestrians/cyclists or vehicles to move over if two vehicles need to pass.

First Selectman Soby pointed out that we need to look at any trucks on the area being discussed and determine the purpose of trucks using that portion of the road, i.e., services such as garbage vs use of the area as a shortcut or routine passage as we want to ensure that we are not impacting local businesses in that area.

Commissioner Parlee proposed that this item be moved forward for study by the State of CT and that the larger area be studied to ensure that issue is not moved from one area to another. Commissioner Parlee will forward matter to Town Engineer, Sal Tassone, for referral to State of CT.

4. **Officer's Comments**  
None
5. **Review Correspondence**  
Letter/petition received from residents of Pine Road (see attachment #1).
6. **Approve minutes: June 22, 2015 Police Commission Meeting**  
Commissioner Fusco **MOTIONED** to approve the June 22, 2015 Police Commission meeting minutes as written. **SECONDED** by Commissioner Langdon. Commissioner Fusco abstained. All other members present voted in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**
7. **Budget Review (Commissioner Fusco)**
  - a. **Report Regarding 24 Hour Police Coverage (Commissioner's Caron and Dubb)**  
Discussion tabled to next meeting due to Commissioner Caron's absence.
8. **Appropriation and Transfer**  
None
9. **Resident Trooper Report (Sgt. Martinez)**  
Sgt. Martinez read the June monthly report (attachment #2).
10. **Local Traffic Authority**
  - a. **Discussion on Pine Road**  
Discussion was had under item #3 Citizens comments.
11. **Old Business**
  - a. **Discussion on Charter**  
Tabled to next meeting
12. **New Business**  
None
13. **Chairman/Commission Member Comment**  
Chairman Parlee shared some information about a neighborhood awareness program to help promote better control of speeding and other issues within individual neighborhoods. He believes there is a grant funding available to assist with implementation of this program. Chairman Parlee stated he will research further and present at a future meeting. Commissioner Fusco welcomed Sgt. Martinez as the new Resident Trooper. Commissioner Dubb thanked both Selectman Soby and Chairman Tarlov for their insight into the budgetary process regarding moving forward with expanding the Colchester Police Department ranks.

**14. Adjourn**

Commissioner Fusco **MOTIONED** to adjourn at 7:37 p.m. **SECONDED** by Commissioner Langdon. All members present voted in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Attachment**

Letter/petition from Pine Road residents (attachment #1)

Resident Trooper Report (attachment #2)

Respectfully Submitted,

S. Dubb/G. Santos

To: Stan Soby, First Selectman, Town of Colchester  
Adam Turner, Town Planner, Town of Colchester  
Re: Request to designate Pine Road "No Thru Trucks"  
Date: 13 July 2015

07-20-15 P02:55 IN

We are requesting your help to work with Colchester's Local Traffic Authority (LTA) in designating the length of Pine Road as a **NO THRU TRUCK** route for the protection and safety of the public.

We feel that at all times large trucks on Pine Road create a hazard.

Even members of the Colchester Planning & Zoning Commission know the dangers. At the Town Meeting where the permit for application SE#15-024 was approved, P&Z member John Novak described how he drove down Pine Road in his own car with his children, and realized the road was dangerously small for sand and gravel trucks. He said he would prefer no trucks on Pine Road. Another commission member agreed immediately, saying he would like to see no trucks allowed on Pine Road. A third commission member suggested a letter to you, the First Selectman, requesting that Pine Road be declared a No Thru Truck route.

We agree wholeheartedly that Pine Road is too small for such thru trucks. For example, when the garbage collection truck stops on the road to empty the cans at the end of each driveway, other vehicles are hard-pressed to pass. If a 7-ton dump truck comes careening around the corner of Rt. 149 and Pine Road, as Mr. Przekopski did more than a dozen times on Saturday June 20, there would be no escaping a collision, short of the dump truck swerving onto private property, where oftentimes, children are playing.

**No Thru Trucks**, please!

Sincerely,  
The Residents of Pine Road



# State of Connecticut



Resident Trooper Supervisor  
Sgt. Martin Martinez # 124

## Connecticut State Police Colchester Resident Troopers' Office

Colchester Police

TO: Colchester Police Commission

RE: Monthly Report for June 2015 (July 27, 2015 meeting)

- I. **Monthly activity: statistics – previously submitted**
  - a. S.R.O. activity – CARD classes on hold pending summer vacation.
  - b. Staff meeting held with all Officers on July 15, 2015.
  - c. All personnel on full duty, except for Ofc. Owens (light duty).
- II. **Equipment:**
  - a. Vehicles-
    - All vehicles in service
    - The new vehicle went to GOODRICH SOLUTIONS, LLC. on July 21, 2015 to be outfitted
  - b. New duty weapons are in use, all officers qualified in the use by range staff.
  - c. In car video/MDT-  
I am in the process of checking all of the MVR cameras in the vehicles because I was informed that some were not working properly.
- III. **Officer Training:**
  - a. Department Firearms trainers conducted qualifications in new weapons, all completed.
  - b. POSTC recertification training for all of our Officers is current.
  - c. Ofc. Brown will be attending COLLECT Training Recertification on August 27, 2015.
- IV. **Initiatives:**
  - a. RX Drug drop box. – over 689 lbs. of prescription drugs have been dropped off to date.
  - b. Officers are conducting visibility/enforcement patrols at numerous locations within the town.
  - c. In staff meeting Officers were advised that the JRB should be utilized when possible in lieu of the Juvenile Justice System.
- V. **Notable Investigations:**
  - a. The burglary investigation of DH Marvin & Son is under investigation by the Detective Unit.

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