

Colchester Police Commission
Regular Meeting Minutes
Monday, May 21, 2018
6:30 PM – Town Hall
Room 2

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John Vaillancourt
TOWN ENGINEER

1. Meeting was called to order at 6:33 PM with Commissioners Marvin, Vaillancourt and Dubb in attendance.
2. No additions to the agenda.
3. **Citizen's comments:** No citizens present.
4. **Officers Comments:** No officers present
5. **Review Correspondence:** Commissioner Dubb shared an email from Town Engineer, Sal Tassone that he forwarded. The email was addressed to Tracey Fogarty at DOT regarding discussion with Southeastern Connecticut Council of Government representative Katherine Rattan, regarding installation of bike route signs along Route 616. Mr. Tassone was providing his approval for such signs, contingent on DOT approval. Mr. Tassone noted that the same route was due for a State DOT 2018 VIP paving project and requested that the sign placement approval be expedited to avert misplaced pavement markings.

A second email communication came from former Commissioner Parlee that had been sent to him from UCONN CT Technology Transfer Center regarding an upcoming training for those who serve as traffic authority within CT. The training is free and being offered 6/26 in Thomaston and on 6/27 in Hebron. Commissioner Dubb asked that any Commissioners who wish to attend please do so.

A third email was related to State Project No. 0172-0443. This project relates to traffic signals in Colchester. This project is currently out to bid and will likely be approved by late September. The project will not be performed during the winter months, so will likely begin in spring 2019, but with no guarantee that Colchester will be first on the list.

6. **Approval of Minutes** from April 23, 2018. Motion made by Commissioner Vaillancourt and seconded by Commissioner Marvin. Motion passed unanimously.
7. **Budget Review.** Budget has been finalized and will go to Town Meeting on 6/5/18 and to referendum on 6/19. First Selectman Shilosky stated that the town had received an unsolicited opportunity from a company that specializes in scheduling for police departments. A presentation is expected some time next week. The cost is about \$2,500/year. The program should help reduce the amount of overtime incurred by the police department.
8. **Appropriations and transfers:** None.
9. **Resident Trooper Report:** Read and noted.
10. **Local Traffic Authority:** Commissioner Dubb received a call from a resident on Elm Street last week regarding the placement of the "No Parking" sign near the Dublin Village property. The resident stated that she was having difficulty with her neighbor's tenant parking in her driveway. She asked why the sign was placed. I advised her that both the Town Engineer and the Director of Public Works had been involved in the decision to place the sign and that concerns about

vehicles parking in that area were evaluated and that the sign was placed based on that evaluation.

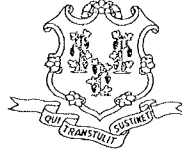
11. **Old Business:** First Selectman Shilosky was asked if the commission's request for another meeting with Sgt. Martinez had been requested in the interest of improving relations between the Commission and the Colchester PD. First Selectman Shilosky stated that the request had been made. He also stated, "It would be a waste of your time and ours."
12. **New Business:** None.
13. **Citizen's Comments:** None.
14. **Chairman/Commissioner Comments:** Commissioner Vaillancourt asked the First Selectman if anyone had applied for the vacant position on the police commission. He stated that nobody had applied. The commissioners pointed out that the vacancy had not been placed in the typical request in the Rivereast newspaper. He stated that he would make sure it was placed.
15. A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Commissioner Marvin and seconded by Commissioner Vaillancourt. Meeting was adjourned at 6:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan H Dubb
Chair of Colchester Police Commission



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 April 2018 (May 21, 2018 meeting)

- I. **Monthly activity: statistics – previously submitted**
 - a. As of this date, I have one Officer on light duty status.
 - b. Stats for March, (Attached)
- II. **Equipment:**
 - a. We have received our new Ford 2018 SUV and it has been assigned to Officer Craig Scheel.
- Officer Training:**
 - a. All our Officers have been POSTC recertified.
- III. **Initiatives:**
 - a. RX Drug drop box. – It should be noted that during 2018 we have had 67.6 pounds of Pharmaceutical Prescription Drugs dropped off at our facility.
 - b. Officers are conducting visibility/enforcement patrols at numerous locations within the town. The Speed Trailer has been deployed at numerous locations throughout the town and it was recently deployed on Pleasant Street in Colchester.
 - c. Officer Goss utilized “Josie” on seven searches within the town of Colchester.
 - d. Notable Investigations: None to report.

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