

Old Saybrook Police Commission
Regular Meeting
May 23, 2022
MINUTES

A regular hybrid meeting of the Old Saybrook Police Commission was held on Monday, May 23, 2022. The meeting was recorded and can be viewed in its entirety at <https://youtu.be/WVvHa6Psb4>

Present: Chairman Wilcox, Vice Chairman Shippee, Secretary Notar-Francesco, Commissioners Calle, Manning, Maselli and Von Dassel. Chief Spera and Captain DePerry were present from the Department of Police Services.

I. Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance (0:22)

Chairman Wilcox called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and led those in attendance with the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. Comments from the Public (1:24)

Keith Margotta commented.

III. Discussion and Possible Action on Meeting Minutes for: (2:22)

a. April 25, 2022 Regular Meeting (2:26)

Secretary Notar-Francesco made a motion to approve the April 25, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes. Commissioner Maselli seconded the motion.

Chairman Wilcox stated that on page 4 under agenda item IX he would like “*newly amended*” removed and replaced with “*proposed*.”

The motion to approve the April 25, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes with the above change passed with a vote of 7 in favor 0 opposed and 0 abstaining.

b. May 12, 2022 Special Meeting (3:31)

Commissioner Maselli made a motion to approve the May 12, 2022 Special Meeting Minutes. Commissioner Calle seconded the motion. The motion to approve the May 12, 2022 Special Meeting Minutes passed with a vote of 6 in favor, 0 opposed and 1 abstaining (Notar-Francesco).

IV. Executive Reports (4:06)

a. FY 23 Operating Budget – Update (4:17)

The FY 23 Budget was passed.

b. FY 22 Operating Budget (4:49)

The FY 22 Budget is coming to a close. Financials will be available to the Commission in July or August.

c. Off Budget Accounts (5:46)

The Commission was advised that the \$20,000 deduction from the off budget insurance exchange account was for the new boiler that has been installed and is up and running.

d. Personnel Matters (8:28)

Patrolman Schulz is still out on paid administrative leave.

Pat Hanley is still out on family medical leave.

The Department has had three recent COVID cases in the past month amongst our patrol staff.

e. Accreditation – Legislative Update (9:27)

Chief Spera updated the Commission regarding Senate bill #135 which has become public act #22-119 which states that all municipal Police Departments must obtain tier 3 POST accreditation by 2026. Tier 3 POST accreditation is more cost effective than CALEA accreditation.

f. Fleet Update (13:24)

Six of the new vehicles are patrol ready and on the road. Chief Spera is hoping by the end of this week or early next week the Ford vehicles will be posted on the public auction site.

The Commission requested the link be sent to them when the vehicles are posted.

V. Discussion and Possible Action to Enter into Executive Session for the Purpose of Discussing an Employee Matter (15:42)

Commissioner Manning made a motion to enter into Executive Session inviting Chief Spera and Town Attorney Patrick McHale to join. Vice Chairman Shippee seconded the motion. The motion to enter into Executive Session passed with a vote of 7 in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstaining.

The Commission entered into Executive Session at 7:16 PM.

The Commission exited Executive Session and resumed public session at 7:29 PM.

VI. Discussion and Possible Action Concerning Employee Discipline (16:29)

Commissioner Manning made motion to authorize the Chair to execute the “Last Chance Agreement” as discussed in Executive Session. Commissioner Maselli seconded the motion. The motion to authorize the Chair to execute the “Last Chance Agreement” passed with a vote of 7 in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstaining.

VII. Correspondence (17:17)

There was no correspondence.

VIII. Comments from the Public (17:29)

Keith Margotta commented.

IX. Comments from the Chief of Police (18:02)

There were no comments from the Chief of Police.

X. Comments from Police Commissioners (18:09)

Commissioner Maselli commented.

Vice Chairman Shippee commented.

XI. Adjournment (22:45)

Commissioner Maselli made a motion to adjourn. The motion to adjourn was seconded by Vice Chairman Shippee. The motion to adjourn passed with a vote of 7 in favor and 0 opposed, 0 abstaining.

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted by:

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