



TOWN OF HAMDEN, CONNECTICUT POLICE COMMISSION

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Meeting Minutes: The Police Commission, Town of Hamden, held a general regular meeting on Wednesday, August 12, 2020 at 5:31 p.m. via Zoom Meeting. The following topics were discussed:

Commissioners in Attendance:

Michael Iezzi, Chair
Larry Esposito
Mitchell Strickland
Cherlyn Poindexter

Staff in attendance:

Nancy Forvil, Clerk

Others in attendance:

Chief of Police, John Sullivan
Deputy Chief of Police, Bo Kicak
Attorney, Charles Teirnan

1. Call to order/Roll Call

Chairman, Michael Iezzi called the meeting to order at 5:31 PM. A roll call was conducted by the Commission Clerk, Nancy Forvil. Chairman, Michael Iezzi, Commissioners Cherlyn Poindexter, Larry Esposito and Mitchell Strickland were present. Chief of Police, John Sullivan, Deputy Chief of Police, Bo Kicak and Attorney, Charles Teirnan were also present.

2. Approval of minutes of July 15, 2020 and August 5, 2020

Commissioner Mitchell Strickland made a motion to approve the minutes of July 12, 2020 and August 5, 2020. Larry Esposito seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor.

***Chairman Michael Iezzi made a motion to abstain Commissioner Cherlyn Poindexter's vote to approve the August 5, 2020 minutes due to her absence. Larry Esposito seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor.**

3. Report of the Chairman- (Attorney, Charles Teirnan provided the case report involving Officer Devon Eaton)

The case is currently pending from the appellate court. The police union has brought an action to stay in proceedings before the board regarding the disciplinary hearing case involving Officer Devon Eaton. The Town of Hamden has filed a brief and the Police Union has filed a reply brief. The Town of Hamden has until August 24, 2020 to file a brief in reply to the Union's brief. There are new counsels representing the Town of Hamden in case. Once the brief is filed there will be a scheduling order entered in on when the argument on the appeal will be heard. From there a decision will be made.

4. Public comments on agenda action items

1. Stocky Clark, Hamden, CT, Concerns regarding police reform in diversifying patrols
2. Elaine Dove, Hamden, CT, Concerns regarding Use of Force Guidelines and Police Services.
3. Christina Crowder, Hamden, CT, Concerns regarding updates to Use of Force Policy

5. Correspondence

6. Department Report

7. Review of department activity

- a. Review of the Hamden Police Department Organizational Chart

Commissioner Mitchell Strickland made a motion to approve the Hamden Police Department Organizational Chart. Larry Esposito seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor.

- b. Review of Hamden Police Use of Force Policy & Medical Collection Disposal Program Policy

Commissioner Cherlyn Poindexter made a motion to table the Hamden Police Use of Force Policy based on the act, Bill No. 6004 (Police Accountability). Larry Esposito seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor.

Commissioner Cherlyn Poindexter made a motion to approve the Medical Collection Disposal Program Policy. Larry Esposito seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor.

8. Executive Session

(There were none)

9. Adjournment

Commissioner Cherlyn Poindexter made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Larry Esposito seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor. The meeting adjourned at 5:40 PM.