

City of West Haven, CT
Board of Police Commissioners
Minutes of the meeting held Tuesday, May4, 2021

The regular meeting of the West Haven Board of Police Commissioners was called to order at 7:00 PM by Chairman Raymond Collins III at West Haven Police Headquarters, 200 Sawmill Road. All those present, rose and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Attendance

Raymond Collins III, <i>Chairman</i>	Present
Paul E. Butler, <i>Vice-Chairman</i>	Present
Keith Sweeney, <i>Commissioner</i>	Present
Christopher Suggs, <i>Commissioner</i>	Present
Deborah B. Wright, <i>Pension Board Chair and Commissioner</i>	Present
Joseph Perno, <i>Chief of Police</i>	Present
Carl Flemming, <i>Deputy Chief</i>	Present

Agenda

Commissioner Collins moved to accept the agenda as presented; seconded by Commissioner Butler.

1. Minutes for Approval

Commissioner Sweeney moved to accept the minutes of April 20, 2021; seconded by Commissioner Butler.

2. Public Input

Chairman Collins asked if anyone from the public wished to address the board. Willard Parker of 33 Dawson Avenue West Haven, CT complained about his neighbor's dog at 28 Arlington Street. Parker said he has lived there for 23 years. His neighbor's dog barks incessantly. Parker said the last officer to respond was Officer Macchio (sp??) and the officer told him the police can't do anything. He has been calling the West Haven Police Department and Animal Control for the past 1.5 – 2 years about this issue. Another complaint is the neighbor's yard has garbage strewn around it and he fears that vermin are there. He was told that his neighbor is a retired cop and has juice. He does not know if that's true. Parker stated that every year a dog license is supposed to be renewed. A driver's license must be renewed. If the neighbor doesn't comply with the dog license requirements, then it shouldn't be renewed. Parker also stated a van is in the backyard that is full of junk. They appear to be hoarders. The dog is out in the yard barking while he's tending his yard. If not for the 6 ft. fence the dog would attach either him or his wife. Chairman Collins told Parker this is the first time he's heard of the incident and he will look into it. The Chairman asked Parker for his phone number. Parker concluded by saying his neighbor at 23 Dawson Avenue will verify his statements.

Chairman Collins then asked three times if anyone else from the public wished to speak. There being none, he declared the public portion closed.

3. Communications

The following monthly reports:

- 3.1 K-9 Monthly Ofc. Marchitto/K9 ADO – February 2021
- 3.2 K-9 Monthly Ofc. Marchitto/K9 ADO – March 2021

4. **Report of the Chief** – No report

5. **Report of the Deputy Chief** – No report

6. **Report of the Committees** – No reports

7. **Old Business** – None presented

8. **New Business** – None presented

9. **Pension Board**

- 9.1 David Moran provided a brief update on pension.

10. **Commissioners Report** – No reports

11. **Executive Session** – None

At 7:14 PM Chairman Collins made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Commissioner Butler. Motion carried unanimously.