



I. ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Chief David Burton

Roll call of PACT members: Mayor Jill Rusk, Chief David Burton, Captain Trish Lieteau, Holly Butler, Frank Jennette, Wendy Connal, Bruce DeFrehn, Doris Pulaski and Juliette Parker

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Captain Lieteau to accept the minutes of the December 18, 2025, Special Meeting. The motion was seconded by Frank Jennette and passed unanimously.

III. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Mobile Meetings – No mobile meetings are scheduled at this time.
- B. Investigations – There are no current investigations that can be shared with the public at this time.
- C. Cameras – After a review of all the responses to the RFQ were made, a vendor for the speed cameras has been selected by the Mayor and Council. The chosen vendor is Dacra Tech. Dacra Tech has responded to our attorney about some areas of concern. A meeting is planned for January 22, 2026. The next step is to review our data with the State. Installation can begin 120 days after that; it is estimated that will be some time in July 2026.
- D. Volunteer Opportunities:
 - a. A United Way food distribution will take place at the St. John's Church on Friday, January 23, 2026, from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m.
 - b. There will also be Pop-up Distributions at Thrive 55 Active Living Center, 102 Newton Road, Groton, every other month. The next distribution will take place March 11, 2026, from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Service is walk-up only. There must be at least one person from each household present to receive food. You must bring your own bags.

IV. CHIEF UPDATE

The Chief Update was given by Chief David Burton:

- A. The Budget process for this year has begun. The Budget will be presented to the Council January 20, 2026. It will be presented to the Committee of the Whole and the Mayor on January 26, 2026. There will be an increase of 2.99% to cover contractual increases in salary, Cost of Living Increases, increased staffing (including expenses for Canine Officer Ewing), and increases in the price of items like ammunition.
- B. K-9 Ewing is now in service and has had some work in the areas outside the City of Groton, particularly in narcotics detention.
- C. A Nuclear Safety Grant, connected with Millstone, will be used to improve the Emergency Operations Center, to upgrade sound equipment and acquire motorized displays.
- D. Hiring – One new dispatcher has been hired. An applicant for the other dispatcher position is in background check. There are two applicants for positions as police officers.

PACT COMMITTEE

MINUTES

January 15, 2026

The department is short one officer now and will be short two officers after January 30, 2026, when Officer LeSage retires.

- E. The anniversary of Officer William Snyder, Sr.'s line of duty death, January 16, 1994, will be recognized again this year.

V. NEW BUSINESS

- A. The next meeting is scheduled for February 19, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn was made by Juliette Parker, seconded by Wendy Connal. The motion passed unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 5:53 p.m.