



City of Groton, Connecticut

Police and Community Together (PACT) Committee Meeting Minutes

Thursday, March 16, 2023

City Municipal Building
295 Meridian Street
Groton, CT 06340

Council Chambers

6:00 PM

I. ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m. The following were either present in person or on Zoom: Mayor Keith Hedrick, Chief Eric Jenkins, Captain Trish Lieteau, Wendy Connal, Gwen Depot, Holly Butler, Frank Jennette, Doris Pulaski, and Juliette Parker

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made to accept the February 16, 2023 Minutes by Mayor Hedrick, seconded by Holly Butler. The motion passed unanimously.

III. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Mobile Meetings - A meeting at Eastern Point Beach is proposed for April 20 at 6:30 p.m. at Zbierski House. An email will be sent to those who attended the previous meeting at the beach, inviting them to attend. A notice of the meeting will be posted to Facebook.
- B. Investigations – There are no new updates on the investigation of the homicide that occurred a year ago.
- C. Cameras – The cameras have not yet arrived. The best positions for the cameras are still being investigated so that all evacuation routes from the city are covered
- D. COVID kits and KN95 masks are available at the front desk. Their availability has been posted to the Facebook page.
- E. Hiring Practices – A document describing hiring practices is in the process of being written and circulated for approval.
- F. Pedestrian Concerns – Mr. Karn’s concerns (which he expressed at the February meeting.) about pedestrian problems at the Five Corners and about parking problems that are expected to result from increased EB hiring are discussed at biweekly meetings between Mayor Hedrick, Chief Jenkins, and Michael Vieira from EB. Mr. Vieira has reported that EB is doing reeducation of their employees in a newsletter, to insure compliance with City laws and regulations.
- G. Volunteer Opportunities – A food distribution was done February 24, 2023, 12:30 P.M. to 2:00 P.M, at St. John’s Church. It went well. This month’s food distribution will occur at St. John’s Church, March 24, 2023, 12:30 – 2:00 PM.

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IV. CHIEF UPDATE

- A. The department collaborated with the Connecticut Probation Department on a narcotics case. Probation was revoked for a person who was found with narcotics with intent to sell. Cocaine, blank capsules, and narcotics factory items were found at the 21 year old subject's home.
- B. The department collaborated with the Liquor Commission over an underage drinking operation
- C. A case of SIDS, resulting in an infant death, occurred. Emotional support was given to the family.
- D. The City Police Department Egg-stravaganza is scheduled for April 8, 2023, at 10 a.m. Four fields of eggs will be set up for children to find.
- E. Little League Opening Day is scheduled for April 15, 2023, at 9:30 a.m.
- F. The City Police Budget has already been OK'd by the City Council. A public hearing on the budget will occur at Thrive 55, March 29, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. The Town Council will deal with the budget on April 15, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. The mini RTM and full RTM reviews will follow.
- G. The police union is holding a Spaghetti Dinner as a fundraiser to help offset medical expenses for an officer who has a sick child. The event will be held at the Elks Lodge, on April 1, 2023, from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m.
- H. Statistics: Since the last report, there have been 762 calls for service, 377 self-initiated checks, 141 motor vehicle stops, 66 medical calls, including 9 emotional support calls, 114 warnings issued, 184 parking tickets in the EB area, 51 arrests, 9 accidents, and 30 tickets and infractions.

V. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Free gun locks are still available in the City Hall lobby and the police lobby.
- B. Vaccine is still being offered at the City's Farmers Markets by L&M.
- C. Holly Butler asked about the status of the old Claude Chester School area intensive survey
- D. Parking tickets will be issued in the City in Resident Only parking areas as well as in the EB area. A hearing officer to hear contests of parking tickets is needed. Contests will be heard once a month.
- E. No speed bumps are planned for the Eastern Point Beach area, due to projected problems with emergency response and fire truck response.
- F. There is a great deal of goose poop being deposited on sidewalks in the Eastern Point Beach area. It was suggested that Parks and Recreation bring the goose-repelling dog in well in advance of the beach opening, and if possible, before the geese nest in the area.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Doris Pulaski, seconded by Frank Jennette. It was passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

The next meeting will be at Zbierski House, on April 20, 2023, at 6:30 p.m.