



City of Groton, Connecticut

Police and Community Together (PACT) Committee Meeting Agenda

Zbierski House
1 Beach Pond Road
Groton, CT 06340

6:30 PM

Thursday, June 16, 2022

I. ROLL CALL

Mayor Keith Hedrick, Chief Eric Jenkins, Wendy Connal, Holly Butler, Frank Jennette, George Baloga, Gweneviere Depot, Paul Norris, Doris Pulaski, and 49 members of the Eastern Point area community. A list of those who attended is attached.

The meeting was called to order at 6:34 p.m. by Chief Jenkins, as Mayor Hedrick could only attend following the Parking Study meeting.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Wendy Connal to accept the May 19, 2022 Minutes. The motion was seconded by George Baloga. The motion passed unanimously.

III. OLD BUSINESS

A. Mobile Meetings –

The next mobile meeting will be held at location in the Fort Griswold area. A later mobile meeting will be held with the business community. A later meeting is planned with the churches.

B. Investigations-

There are some new leads on the Bridge Street shootings.

A motor vehicle stop resulted in recovery of a stolen handgun.

A search for a stolen vehicle was made, and a stolen vehicle was recovered.

An attempted armed robbery occurred on Clarence B. Sharp Highway. The robbers had followed a car from a Massachusetts casino and crashed their car into the car of the person they intended to rob. The police arrested the two thieves and recovered \$6,000 in chips and a Rolex watch.

C. Cameras –

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Both grants for a total of eight cameras have been approved. The police are still investigating obtaining license plate readers so that speeders can be ticketed. The cameras will also be used to monitor traffic at critical locations, like the Thomas Road evacuation route and the major roads to Electric Boat.

D. COVID Test Kits/N95 Masks –

The city has approximately 180 COVID test kits. If anyone needs one and cannot make it to City Hall, please call the police and the Chief will arrange to have a kit delivered to you.

E. Volunteer Opportunities –

There will be upcoming food distributions at St. John’s Church. Volunteers are always needed. Please call Wendy Connal or Frank Jennette if you would like to help.

IV. CHIEF UPDATE

Other than the investigations report, Chief Jenkins reported statistics for police activity in the City since January 1, 2022.

The police have been involved with the following during that time:

- 24 domestic arrests
- 56 vehicle arrests, including driving under the influence
- 18 assault arrests
- 25 warrant services
- 4 armed person arrests
- 4 burglary arrests

V. NEW BUSINESS

The Cartells will perform at Washington Park on Friday, June 17, 2022.

A Juneteenth Celebration will be held at City Hall on Saturday, June 18, 2022

A scheduled tour of the Water Treatment Plant will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. If anyone would like a tour at a different time, please call to schedule it.

There will be a Beatles singalong on June 21, 2022 at 6:30 pm for adults at the Bill Library. A singalong for children will be held there at 10:00 a.m

Eastern Point opens June 18, 2022. A concert will be given by the F’ing Blues Band on Sunday, June 19, 2022 at 6:30 pm.

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A discussion with the assembled citizens ensued.

Several wanted to have more effort from the police at limiting speeding in the Eastern Point area, especially because of safety concerns. The area is very popular with people walking and biking. Mayor Hedrick discussed the relative merits of speed bumps and speed tables to limit speed, but reminded everyone that Eastern Point Road is a state road, and so Groton City cannot install speed tables on it, nor can it change the speed limit there. A citizen petition could request a speed limit change from the state.

Chief Jenkins also reminded people that the state does not allow police to engage in car chases after stolen cars or speeders, especially if a juvenile is involved.

Several wanted the beach to be locked earlier than its current closing time of 11:30 pm. It is necessary to leave it open that late since Zbierski House is rented out till 11:00 p.m. some days. The Chief and the Recreational Director agreed to look at an option for earlier closing on days Zbierski House is not rented. If citizens see the gate unlocked after 11:30 p.m., please call the police.

Several wished there to be no parking allowed in the curving road section of Shore Avenue opposite the Griswold Park area.

Several wanted parking restricted opposite the Shennecossett Beach Club on Beach Pond Road.

Several wished Shore Avenue to be made a one-way street, with parking allowed on only one side of the street.

There was a discussion of the signage on Meech Avenue, another area where parking might be limited to one side of the street.

George Baloga asked for a PortaPotty to be placed behind the pumping station.

Kevin Neilson asked that signs be put on the rails at Eastern Point Beach parking area, reminding people to turn off their headlights when leaving the car running.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at about 8:10 pm.

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Roberta & Craig Mittleman
Pamela & Jim Orlando
Judy & Fran Sullivan
Kelly Morrison & Eric Conture
Belzy Tompkins
Lynne Rogers
Harlan Shakun
Martha Dow
Carol Polifroni
Sherrie Neilson
John & Joan Frykenberg
Marshall Levy
Joyce Gardner
Martha Hinchey
Josephine Porter
Marilyn Maginnis
Susan Joy
Dom & Sherry Bassi
Cheryl & Peter Auerbach
Phil Barness
Nancy Shaw
Brian Clinton
Barry Tuohy
Tony & Andrea Skiff
Kevin Neilson
Mark Maugle
Karen H Valente
George Gauthier
Gretchen Gauthier
Sarah Welchel
Devon Robarge
Bill Robarge
John Johnson
Karen Bennett-Aristi
Gerardo Aristi
Loretta Levy
Francine Sproul
Deborah & Jim Eskra