



# City of Groton, Connecticut

## Police and Community Together (PACT) Committee Minutes

Thursday, November 17, 2022

City Municipal Building  
295 Meridian Street  
Groton, CT 06340

Council Chambers

6:00 PM

### **I. ROLL CALL**

The following were either present in person or on Zoom: Chief Eric Jenkins, Captain Patricia Leteau, George Baloga, Doris Pulaski, Wendy Connal, and Christina- Gore.

### **II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made to accept the August 25, 2022 Minutes by Christina Gore, seconded by George Baloga. It passed unanimously.

### **III. OLD BUSINESS**

- A. Mobile Meetings- Although a meeting with Groton City businesses has been planned, it has not yet been scheduled. Wendy Connal suggested that the Bill Library could host such a meeting.
- B. Investigations – Interviews are continuing in the homicide case. A \$5,000 reward has been offered for information.
- C. Cameras – Captain Leteau reported that we have received all four of our first order. There are supply chain issues, which result in delayed delivery and higher prices, with any subsequent orders. A meeting is planned on November 22 to discuss whether a substitute camera would meet the City’s needs. Data security may be an issue
- D. COVID Test Kits/N95 Masks- Kits are still available from the City Clerk. The CDC has extended the expiration date on these kits. Some masks have been given out.
- E. Volunteer Opportunities – A food distribution will be done at St. John’s Church on Monday, November 21, and again on Monday, December 19. The blockade will be put out earlier to improve traffic flow during the distribution.

### **IV. CHIEF UPDATE**

- A. A white powder was sent to the police in an envelope, along with payment of a parking ticket. The station and city hall were evacuated, the Sub Base Hazmat group checked it out, and the FBI investigated. The powder was found to be innocuous and the person who mailed the envelope found blameless.

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- B. There was an armed robbery at the Five Corners. The robbers were caught subsequently in a combined operation by the FBI and the state police. The robbers were found to have committed about 30 other robberies in Connecticut.
- C. The police arrested a person on two counts of risk to a minor involving touching. The perpetrator had kiddie porn photos on his phone. The FBI was notified.
- D. Road work on Mitchell Street and Brandegee Avenue is complete. Night-time paving is scheduled for the Five Corners, in an effort to complete the work there by November 22.
- E. Officer William Ogradowicz has been named Officer of the Year for a second consecutive year.
- F. Interviews are in process to hire two more officers. A school crossing guard and a dispatcher are also needed.
- G. The Trick or Trunk event scheduled at Sacred Heart went off well.
- H. A Thanksgiving food giveaway at Groton Human Services was scheduled for November 19, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- I. A Stuff a Cruiser toys, food, and coat drive was scheduled for Saturday, December 10, 2022, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the City Municipal Building. Pfizer is helping with the event. Toys should not be wrapped.
- J. The Elks Christmas Party for Special Needs kids is scheduled for December 14. Santa will attend.
- K. Santa in the City is scheduled for December 17, 2022, beginning at 1:00 p.m. Santa will be cruising around the city in his convertible. A map of Santa's route is on the City's facebook page.

**V. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Alternate Meeting Months – This suggestion was discussed, as were other ways to improve participation in PACT. It was suggested that feedback meetings be held at the mobile sites that PACT had already visited, to report progress on residents' concerns. It was also suggested that members bring ideas to the next PACT meeting.

**VI. ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Wendy Connal, seconded by George Baloga. It was passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, December 15, 2022 in the City Hall Council Chambers.