

Seymour Police Department
Board of Police Commissioners
Special Meeting
Wednesday, June 18, 2025

COPY RECEIVED
DATE: 7/11/25
TIME: 3:41 PM
TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE
CITY OF SEYMOUR

Members Present: Steven P. Kulas, John Duke, David Bitso, Robert J. Koskelowski and Kyle Kelley

Members Absent: none

Also Present: Chief John Bucherati, Deputy Chief Michael Fappiano, K-9 Officer David Gallo and five candidates for commission interviews.

- 1) **Meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m.**
- 2) **Pledge of Allegiance**
- 3) **Public Comment:** no comments
- 4) **Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting on May 14, 2025**

Motion to approve the minutes by Koskelowski/Duke

Motion Passed 5-0

5) Management Report:

Chief Bucherati discussed that we have overspent on the overtime line and every other line is where we should be. Officer Gilloren and Officer Shook retired at the end of May. There are currently five vacancies. Chief Bucherati and Deputy Chief Fappiano met with the FOP Union Rep and E-board members to work on the contract language. Chief Bucherati submitted a letter to get grant funds to combat speeding from the State of CT DOT. Commander Parratt is retiring and there is a Commander test coming up. Chief Bucherati and Deputy Chief Fappiano attended a South Central Chief's meeting in New Haven. There were several complaints received regarding the intersection of Bungay Road/Carriage Drive. Cars ignored the detour signs and enforcement action was taken during rush hours. There was a traffic study on the intersection of Pearl/Maple and a study showed the light was needed due to the amount of traffic. On May 15, 2025, Seymour terminated the agreement with the City of Derby for private duty jobs because of contractual minimums that Derby refused to pay and being uncooperative since switching to an electronic scheduling system. Chief Bucherati and Deputy Chief Fappiano attended the Connecticut Annual Chief's Training. Seymour Police covered the Memorial Day Parade and Chief Bucherati met with Northwest CMED regarding the dispatch transition and interviewed five candidates that are in the meeting this evening for commission interviews. The commander's test will be July 24, 2025.

6) Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Bitso asked about overtime. Chief Bucherati discussed that he spoke to Finance and they will run the final numbers and will meet the first week of July

and he will attend the Board of Finance meeting at the end of July. Commissioner Bitso also asked about the dispatch transition Chief Bucherati stated that Northwest CMED came today to meet with him regarding the dispatch transition. Commissioner Koskelowski asked about the speed sign on West Street and Pearl Street and to put one on Washington Avenue. Chief Bucherati stated that they can put it back up since they gather data, but must check the budget for July. Commissioner Koskelowski requested that he wants a permanent speed sign placed there. Commissioner Koskelowski also mentioned that when officers are on private duty, the public mentioned to him that they are seeing them on their cell phones and it's happening all over the State of CT. Chief Bucherati stated that he will address it. Commissioner Kulas stated there was a giant pot hole on Cedar Street by the condominiums and commends the Seymour Police for responding to it. The intersection of Rt. 67/Franklin Street is very dangerous and needs cones placed there again or must have police enforcement. Commissioner Kulas is concerned about a large gathering event for the 175th Anniversary downtown and asked about security. Chief Bucherati stated we will hire people for the Seymour High School fireworks and was told it's more of a sidewalk sale and the downtown event will not need officers. Commissioner Kulas wanted to know what will be the long-term plan for Rt. 67 by Franklin Street. Chief Bucherati discussed that the State of CT plans to make it two lanes and it will be realigned and traffic will merge further up the road.

7) Old Business:

- a. Patrol Reports – Commissioner Koskelowski commented that there are too many pages in the package and requested documents to be printed double sided.
- b. Detective Reports – no comments
- c. K-9 Reports – no comments
- d. SRO Reports – no comments
- e. CPO Reports – no comments
- f. Car Reports – no comments

8) New Business:

- a. Executive Session Candidate Interviews
Motion to go into Executive Session to interview new hires with Board Members, Chief Bucherati and Deputy Chief Fappiano at 6:45 p.m. by Kyle/Duke

Motion Passed 5-0

All five candidates were interviewed one at a time from 6:45 p.m. to 7:59 p.m. and Board Members met with Chief Bucherati and Deputy Chief Fappiano from 7:59 to 8:24 p.m.

Motion to come out of executive session at 8:24 p.m. with no actions or votes taken by Koskelowski/Kulas

Motion Passed 5-0

9) Correspondence: no correspondence

10) Other Business:

no comments

11)Union Business:

no comments

12)Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Kulas stated that on Humphrey Street, there used to be a small electrical company and now they have a bigger business with larger trucks and the neighbors are not happy that they are blocking the street. Commissioner Duke stated he noticed an increase of police presence on Maple Street with speed enforcement and commends the Seymour Police Department. Commissioner Koskelowski also noticed the increase of police enforcement on Maple Street. Kelley stated to keep up the good work and he hears a lot of good positive feedback. Commissioner Bitso stated he saw on social media about Seymour receiving a grant. Chief Bucherati stated he received a little over \$30,000 to target speed enforcement which will be in next month's report. We used crash data from UCONN and identified the areas in town where the most speed related crashes took place which were on Maple Street, Bungay Road, South Main Street, Rt. 34 and Holbrook Road. Chief Bucherati stated that we will have thirty days to use twelve hours a day to target speed. He scheduled three different four hour blocks to work on Mondays and Saturdays throughout July and August. We will also have officers working on different days of the week to offset the extra hours at the end of their shifts.

13)Adjournment

Motion to adjourn meeting by Koskelowski/Duke

Motion Passed 5-0.

Meeting adjourned at 8:28 p.m.