

Seymour Police Department
Board of Police Commissioners
Regular Meeting
Wednesday, August 13, 2025

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DATE: 8/18/25
TIME: 8:00AM
TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE

Members Present: Steven P. Kulas, David Bitso and Robert J. Koskelowski

Members Absent: John Duke and Kyle Kelley

Also Present: First Selectwoman Annmarie Drugonis, Deputy Chief Michael Fappiano, Sergeant Uliano, Sergeant Friedlander, Sergeant Saksa, Commander Duda, Retired Commander David Parratt, Officer Gallo, three Candidates and members of the public

1) Meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m.

2) Pledge of Allegiance

3) Public Comment: Joseph Goncalves of 11 Molsick Road, Seymour CT and Jessica Kiskurno of 12 Molsick Road, Seymour CT spoke about speeding on their street. Jessica stated that they live in the middle of a cul-de-sac off of Bunting Road and there is a speeding problem which starts on Bunting Road and requested that we need to do something to slow people down because it is very dangerous. Jessica requested a flashing light like Skokorat Street has by the school. Joseph requested some type of sign to be put up on the other side of the Stop Sign such as, "No Outlet", "Slow Children at Play" or "Slow Down Kids and Pets at Play". Commissioner Bitso stated that he will have Deputy Chief Fappiano follow-up on their requests to assess the area. Deputy Chief Fappiano asked Joseph and Jessica if they would be okay with a sign posted on their front lawn and they both said "yes". Richard E. Peck 184 Church Street, Seymour CT asked Deputy Chief Fappiano about an uptick of commercials promoting self-protection especially on Byrna guns, tear gas and pepper spray with no permit required. Is there any concern in the police community about the sudden uptick of carrying these devices and are there any requirements? Deputy Chief Fappiano stated there are concerns because of the similarities to natural firearms. It's becoming a bigger topic and definitely a concern and we will need to research it.

4) Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting on July 9, 2025

Motion to accept minutes from July 9, 2025 by Kulas/Koskelowski

Motion Passed 3-0

5) Management Report:

Deputy Chief Fappiano stated that everything looks good in the new budget for the first month of the fiscal year. The vacancies have changed. There were two in the Meriden Police Academy and currently there is one because one decided it was not for them. There are two conditional offers pending the background investigations. Seymour Police Department went through the mandatory psychological wellness checks on July

22, 2025. The Police Accountability Act calls for 20% of a municipal department to undergo wellness checks and we had eight officers go through it and it must be done every five years per officer. We had a retirement luncheon for Nadia Staffieri who is remaining on part-time. Chief Bucherati attended a Board of Selectpersons meeting on July 8, 2025 to discuss the speeding grant and Maple Street and Pearl Street traffic. Deputy Chief Fappiano discussed with Chief Bucherati and the DOT about correcting speeding concerns. On July 3, 2025, POST notified the Seymour Police Department that it has achieved both Tier 2 and Tier 3 Accreditation. The next step is showing proof of compliance. On the 4th of July weekend, we stopped 54 vehicles, issued 8 infractions, 46 warnings and there was one crash on a private property and there were no DWI's. The speeding grant is going well and we have received positive results. On July 8, 2025, we received the two speed signs in from a grant from the State of CT. One is on Maple Street where the concerns were from the last meeting and the second one is on Washington Avenue and we should receive feedback in the next few weeks. We had a retirement luncheon for Commander Parratt and we wish him well in his retirement. The DEA Supervisor reached out to Chief Bucherati and stated that the officer assigned is doing a great job. We had the Junior Police Academy with SRO Officer Tomasella on July 14, 2025 and we had two sessions because of so much interest. Both sessions were a success. On July 15, 2025, Chief Bucherati and Deputy Chief Fappiano interviewed several candidates and selected three to go before the Board of Police Commissioners for consideration this evening. We have received several complaints on door to door solicitors. Our officers have been instructed to make sure they have the proper permit and to make sure they are complying with our procedures and we have issued some infractions. We have three Sergeants here this evening to be interviewed by the Board of Police Commissioners for the open Commander position. On July 30, 2025, Chief Bucherati attended a Regional Planning Meeting regarding emergency sheltering plans at the Ansonia High School.

6) Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Koskelowski congratulated the three Sergeants that passed the exam for the Commander position soon to be called Lieutenant in the future and all did an outstanding job. Commissioner Kulas encouraged management to look into the speed cameras to stop people from speeding and to generate some money. Deputy Chief Fappiano stated that they are evaluating it because there was a change in the Charter. There are a few locations they have in mind for the speed cameras to be placed.

7) Old Business:

- a. Patrol Reports – no comments
- b. Detective Reports – no comments
- c. K-9 Reports – no comments
- d. SRO Reports – Officer Tomasella is returning to the middle school. We have to do some evaluating since we are short officers for the high school.
- e. CPO Reports – no comments
- f. Car Reports – no comments

8) New Business:

- a. Executive Session – Commander Interviews

Motion to go into Executive Session at 6:46 p.m. for Commander interviews with the Board Members, Deputy Chief Fappiano and First Selectwoman Annmarie Drugonis by Koskelowski/Kulas

Motion Passed 3-0

- b. Discussion/Possible Action on Executive Session RE: Commander Interviews
Motion to come back from the Executive Session of Commander Interviews at 7:28 p.m. by Koskelowski/Kulas with no votes or actions taken.

Motion Passed 3-0

Motion to promote Sergeant Uliano from Sergeant to the Commander or Lieutenant position by Koskelowski/Kulas and get sworn in when Chief Bucherati returns from his vacation.

Commissioners made comments and thanked all of the Candidates and stated it was a very difficult decision and all were pleased with their test results.

Motion Passed 3-0

- c. Executive Session

Motion to go into Executive Session to interview the three Candidates at 7:29 p.m. with the Board Members, Deputy Chief Fappiano and First Selectwoman Annmarie Drugonis by Koskelowski/Kulas

Motion Passed 3-0

- d. Discussion – Possible Action on Executive Session RE: Candidate Interviews
Motion to come out of Executive Session at 8:26 p.m. by Koskelowski/Kulas with no votes or actions taken.

Motion Passed 3-0

Motion to extend conditional offers to Applicant number 1 and Applicant number 3 and have Deputy Chief Fappiano follow-up by Kulas/Koskelowski

Motion Passed 3-0

9) Correspondence: - no comments

10) Other Business: - no comments

11) Union Business: - no comments

12) Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Koskelowski asked about union business and who represents the union and Officer Gallo stated it is Officer Quilty and stated that they have nothing going on with the union. Commissioner Koskelowski asked about the Police Tournament and Officer Gallo stated it is September 12, 2025.

13) Adjournment

Motion to adjourn meeting by Koskelowski/Kulas

Motion Passed 3-0.

Meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.