

Seymour Police Department
Board of Police Commissioners
Regular Meeting
Wednesday, April 8, 2026

Members Present: David Bitso, Tom LaPaglia, John Duke, Robert J. Koskelowski and Kyle Kelley

Members Absent: None

Also Present: Chief John Bucherati, Inspector Joseph Matusovich, Sergeant Kevin Saksa, Officer Andrew Satkowski, Officer Megan McFarland, Officer David Parratt, Officer David Gallo and two members of the public.

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 March 11, 2026

Motion to accept regular minutes from March 11, 2026 by Duke/Koskelowski

Motion Passed 5-0

Motion to move 8. New Business a. Award Presentation to Sergeant Saksa, Officer Satkowski and Officer McFarland to number 5 before Management Report by Koskelowski/Kelley.

Motion Passed 5-0

5) New Business

a) Award Presentation to Sergeant Saksa, Officer Satkowski and Officer McFarland

Sergeant Saksa and Officer Satkowski were awarded the Distinguished Service Award and probationary Officer McFarland received a Letter of Commendation for their dedicated efforts in pursuing and apprehending a suspect wanted in connection with the March 28, 2026 murder of a Bridgeport firefighter.

Motion to go back to the regular agenda by Koskelowski/Duke

Motion Passed 5-0

6) Management Report

Chief Bucherati stated that the budget is good except for overtime being \$165,000 over as of this report. We are short two officers after the addition of Officer Looche. Officer McFarland and Officer J. Tomasella are doing well on FTO. On March 3, 2026, we held a meeting with all Field Training Officers (FTO) regarding one recruit and the decision was made to end the training and separate with the recruit. After discussion with Annmarie Drugonis, the First Selectwoman, it was determined that we will not be going forward at this time with the proposed move to dispatch to

Northwest. Chief Bucherati and Deputy Chief Fappiano attended the Board of Education (BOE) meeting and spoke about school security in an executive session with BOE members and the Superintendent. The Board of Selectpersons voted down the dispatch transition to Northwest and voted down the vehicle leasing program. We will begin training our officers in dispatch. Chief Bucherati attended a meeting at Newport Health with the Fire Department and EMS to address the increasing call volume. Also, Chief Bucherati attended a public forum for the budget discussion at the Town Hall. Chief Bucherati and Deputy Chief Fappiano conducted entry-level interviews with ten candidates. Chief Bucherati updated and disseminated policy concerning automated license plate readers which is required for accreditation and updated the Civilian Complaint form. The Sergeant's written exam was held at headquarters and no one passed and there are no plans for an immediate re-test at this time. Chief Bucherati attended the Senior Department Head meeting at Town Hall and attended the First Selectwoman's budget presentation. Chief Bucherati and Deputy Chief Fappiano attended the graduation for recruits McFarland and J. Tomasella. Chief Bucherati put out a memo restricting the use of front line cars for road jobs due to several vehicles out for repairs. Chief Bucherati, Deputy Chief Fappiano, Lieutenant Uliano and Inspector Matusovich attended the FBI Regional Command College. On March 28, 2026, Sergeant Saksa, Officer Satkowski and Officer McFarland apprehended a suspect wanted for murder after a brief pursuit. Chief Bucherati sat on an Oral Board for Yale University Police Sergeants.

7) Commissioner Comment

Commissioner Kelley asked about the School Resource Officer (SRO) position at the high school and if anyone goes there and Chief Bucherati stated they will look into it in the summer and patrol has gone there for several calls for service. Commissioner Koskelowski asked about the administration fees and suggested to transfer funds to purchase a car.

8) Old Business:

- a. Patrol Reports – no comments
- b. Detective Reports – no comments
- c. K-9 Reports – Officer Herrera will start looking and evaluating dogs next week. Chief Bucherati stated that they put in a grant application to get the dog donated.
- d. SRO Reports – no comments
- e. Car Reports – Commissioner Kelley commented on the cars that Officer C. Tomasella uses. Chief Bucherati stated they do not use it that much and would like to get a new car this year. Commissioner Koskelowski asked about cars going into service and Chief Bucherati stated that the Chevy is in for service now due to replacing the motor and now it is back in for a heater core repair.

9) New Business:

- b. Executive Session – Candidate Interviews

c. Possible Action on Executive Session

Postponed to another date number 9 New Business Executive Session b. and c.

10) Correspondence: Commissioner Kelley asked about the speed cameras. Chief Bucherati has not spoken to anyone and it can be put on the agenda to discuss at the next meeting. There are a lot of processes to implement it and we will need feedback on it. The best place for speed cameras would be in the school zones and on Maple Street. The money would go to the town because it is a town violation. Something would need to go before legal and there must be a public hearing. There also needs to be an appeal process with the attorney. The funds would be collected online and paid to the company who owns the cameras.

11) Other Business: No Comments

12) Commissioner Comments: Commissioners commended the officers on a job well done on the apprehension of the murder suspect of the Bridgeport firefighter on March 28, 2026.

13) Union Business: Officer Parratt stated they are not going to be holding their annual golf tournament this year and will do a flyer for donations as a fundraiser.

14) Adjournment

Motion to adjourn meeting by Koskelowski/Duke

Meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Motion Passed 5-0