

Seymour Police Department
Board of Police Commissioners

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Regular Meeting

Wednesday, June 10, 2026

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

Members Absent: None

Also Present: Chief John Bucherati, Deputy Chief Michael Fappiano, Inspector Joseph Matusovich, Officer David Gallo, two candidates and several members of the public.

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

2) Pledge of Allegiance

3) Public Comment: Monika Szirtes of 31 Roberts Street, Seymour, CT spoke about her concerns on getting Automatic Speed Cameras and strongly opposes them. Monika also expressed concerns about the technology companies that collect the data and what they will do with it. Monika asked if we will move forward with them and how it is beneficial and how the company uses the data in arrests and if it could be illegal. Kevin Atterberry of 31 Roberts Street, Seymour, CT spoke about the same concerns as Monika Szirtes because he builds websites and develops apps and wants to know about changing the policy on who is handling the data. Kevin expressed concerns about data storage, usage and access of data. Chief Bucherati stated that if they decide to proceed, there will be a few public hearings in the future.

4) Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting on May 13, 2026

Motion to accept regular minutes from May 13, 2026 by Koskelowski/LaPaglia

Motion Passed 4-0-1

5) Management Report

Chief Bucherati stated the budget is near the end of the fiscal year and is over budget by \$252,000. We are currently down two full-time officers. On May 13, 2026, Supernumerary Officer Michael Bouchard retired. We have one detective on workman's comp and another officer out on short-term disability. Officer J. Tomasella is out on his own and Officer McFarland will be done with FTO in a few weeks. Officer Loock is on his own and Officer Marinella is on FTO. There will be a new Sergeant's test in July. Chief Bucherati attended the AXON road show held at the CT Police Academy. There was a quarterly supervisors meeting and other issues were addressed. Chief Bucherati attended New Haven Chief David Zanelli's swearing in. Chief Bucherati did an air interview with the Valley Independent. There was a very large meeting regarding the farm with MacConnie Court and due to the publicity and the anticipated large turnout, an officer was hired. Chief Bucherati attended the CPCA Annual Chief's Training at Mohegan Sun. The Seymour Police

Department did firearms training at the outdoor range. Retired Sergeant Ed Konnik passed away and we provided an honor guard at the wake. The budget referendum took place and no issues were reported. Chief Bucherati, Deputy Chief Fappiano and Inspector Matusovich attended recruit Marinella's graduation at the Milford Police Academy. The Memorial Day Parade took place and no incidents were reported and the new route went smoothly and there will be a meeting with the parade committee to work out any issues. There were several meetings both in person and online with Automated Traffic Enforcement companies. Chief Bucherati nominated Officer Marino and Officer Soares for their outstanding DUI enforcement stats. Officer Marino had 48 arrests and Officer Soares had 20 arrests in calendar year 2025.

6) Commissioner Comment

Commissioner Kelley would like to know why supervisors are working on the desk consistently? They should be available on the road. Officer C. Tomasella has been going to events on his own time and would like to commend him for that.

Commissioner Koskelowski stated that we collected \$423,000 plus for administration fees this past year and would like to request a transfer and Chief Bucherati stated that he already requested it. Commissioner Duke, Commissioner Bitso and Chief Bucherati informed the public that there will be future public hearings regarding the speed cameras.

7) Old Business:

- a. Patrol Reports – no comments
- b. Detective Reports – no comments
- c. K-9 Reports – no comments
- d. SRO Reports – Commissioner Koskelowski stated that Officer C. Tomasella is very busy at the Middle School and does an outstanding job on duty and off duty. Commissioner Bitso stated that the SRO is very busy.
- e. Car Reports – no comments

8) New Business:

- a. Executive Session for New Candidate Interviews

Motion to go into Executive Session for New Candidate Interviews with the Board Members, Chief Bucherati, Deputy Chief Fappiano and Inspector Matusovich by Duke/Koskelowski at 6:41 p.m.

Motion Passed 5-0

Motion to return from Executive Session for New Candidate Interviews at 7:05 p.m. by Kelley/LaPaglia

Motion Passed 5-0

- b. Discussion and Possible action on Executive Session

Motion to make a conditional offer of employment to candidate number one by Koskelowski/LaPaglia

Motion Passed 5-0

Motion to make a conditional offer of employment to candidate number two by Duke/Koskelowski

Motion Passed 5-0

9) Correspondence: Chief Bucherati stated that he received a written note of commendation regarding Officer D. Martin and her assistance in removing a pony and keeping the people safe. Commissioner Duke stated there are also several nice comments on the Seymour Police Department Facebook page. Officer Baldwin visited the Helping Hands Family in Shelton and everyone did a nice job at the range.

10) Other Business: No Comments

11) Commissioner Comments: Commissioner Koskelowski asked about the second page of the transportation agreement and Chief Bucherati stated he will get that for him.

12) Union Business: No comments

13) Adjournment

Motion to adjourn meeting by Koskelowski/Duke

Meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Motion Passed 5-0