

Seymour Police Department
Board of Police Commissioners
Regular Meeting
Wednesday, May 13, 2026

Members Present: Tom LaPaglia, John Duke and Robert J. Koskelowski

Members Absent: David Bitso and Kyle Kelley

Also Present: First Selectwoman Annmarie Drugonis, Chief John Bucherati, Deputy Chief Michael Fappiano, Inspector Joseph Matusovich, Lieutenant Matthew Butler, Officer David Gallo and several members of the public.

- 1) **Meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m.**
- 2) **Pledge of Allegiance/Moment of Silence in honor of National Police Week**
- 3) **Public Comment:** Connor Benson of 16 Shari Drive, Seymour, CT spoke about strongly opposing the License Plate Readers and Speed Cameras and stated he has documents to back up his research and handed them to the Police Commissioners. Chief Bucherati stated that if they decide to proceed, there will be a future public hearing.
- 4) **Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting on April 8, 2026**
Motion to accept regular minutes from April 8, 2026 by LaPaglia/Koskelowski
Commissioner Koskelowski asked for clarification about item 10 in the April 8, 2026 minutes regarding the collection of the funds for speed cameras. Chief Bucherati stated that the funds would be collected online by the company who owns the cameras and then the company will send it to the town.

Motion Passed 3-0

5) Management Report

Chief Bucherati stated that we are approaching the end of the fiscal year and the budget is good except for overtime being \$200,000 over. There are two officer vacancies and we will work on filling those positions after the fiscal year. Officer McFarland and Officer Tomasella are doing well on their FTO. Officer Marinella will begin training after he graduates from the Milford Police Academy on May 20, 2026. Officer Chacho will graduate in July. Officer Looke will finish FTO on May 14, 2026. Chief Bucherati attended the budget meeting on April 7th and the Senior Staff meeting on April 8th. On April 6th, CONN OSHA inspected the police department and no major issues were found. On April 13th, Officer Justin Quilty was arrested by the CT State Police and he formally resigned on April 14th. Deputy Chief Fappiano completed his internal review which will be forwarded to POST requesting decertification. There were many media inquiries about the case. The Town of Seymour held the first budget referendum and no problems were reported. We had a meeting with Altumint, the leading vendor of automated traffic enforcement, to look

into beginning the process. The grant for the new K9 was approved and we hope to take delivery soon. Officer Herrera will begin his training in the next few months. Commissioner Koskelowski asked about the automatic enforcement cameras and the locations. Chief Bucherati stated he can go into the process now or discuss under New Business and everyone agreed to discuss under New Business. Commissioner Koskelowski asked about the CONN OSHA inspection and if mold was found and if so, requested it be tested if found. Commissioner Koskelowski asked if they can transfer the funds from the Administrative Fees to cover the overtime and Chief Bucherati stated he is working on that.

6) Commissioner Comment

Commissioner LaPaglia stated that since he is new to the Board and has been a resident, he didn't realize there was so much police activity in the Town of Seymour. Commissioner Koskelowski asked about 18 wheelers driving on Pearl Street because it's a narrow road. Chief Bucherati stated that it's not prohibited and there is a tractor trailer training facility school in town. Inspector Matusovich stated that their GPS may be taking them that way.

7) Old Business:

- a. Patrol Reports – no comments
- b. Detective Reports – no comments
- c. K-9 Reports – no comments
- d. SRO Reports – no comments
- e. Car Reports – no comments

Motion to accept the reports by Koskelowski/LaPaglia

Commissioner Koskelowski stated that patrolmen, detectives, K9 Officer and School Resource Officer are all doing a great job.

Motion passed 3-0

8) New Business:

a. Discussion and Possible Action regarding Automated Traffic Enforcement
Chief Bucherati stated that there is a lot of work that goes into the process and we have done some research and met with a bunch of companies and other municipalities are starting to get them online and there are pros and cons. There are a lot of steps to go into the process. It is a multi-month project and we will need to have a company come in and do speed studies. We would like them on Maple Street and in the school zones. We must come up with a plan to get the statistics and must have a public hearing and then it must be voted on by the Board of Selectpersons. Ansonia is starting it and stated it's more work than expected and Fairfield just got online in school zones only and in the first two weeks they had 69,000 violations and that means an officer must view each of those and approve them. We are asking if the Board would want to move forward on this. If we do not, then we will not pursue it. There is a lot of speeding in town and we will get negative feedback. Commissioner Duke stated that data is used effectively and that there are many warning signs where the speed cameras are located. Chief Bucherati stated that we would need to do a site survey and install the signs. Commissioner Duke stated that he would like to start the process. Commissioner LaPaglia stated there is too much

speeding going on, but there are many hills throughout Seymour. Commissioner Koskelowski stated that Maple Street and the school zones are a good place for speed cameras, but many roads are impossible to drive 25 m.p.h. on. Chief Bucherati stated that violations are given after 10 m.p.h. over the speed limit. Commissioner Koskelowski stated that he would like to move forward with the speed cameras, but does not want to move forward with the license plate readers. Inspector Matusovich stated that officers cannot just run plates unless they have a reason to run it in COLLECT. Commissioner Koskelowski asked if the town violations get reported to the insurance companies and Chief Bucherati stated it does not get reported to insurance companies at this time.

Motion to move forward with the Speed Camera research by Koskelowski/LaPaglia

Motion Passed 3-0

9) Correspondence: No Comments

10) Other Business: No Comments

11) Commissioner Comments: Commissioner Duke requested that the United States flag be replaced on the pole in front of the Seymour Police Department building.

12) Union Business: No comments

13) Adjournment

Motion to adjourn meeting by Koskelowski/LaPaglia

Meeting adjourned at 6:57 p.m.

Motion Passed 3-0