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NORTH BRANFORD BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting Minutes of January 12th, 2026

Monday, January 12th, 2026
5:00 p.m.

North Branford Police Headquarters
Meeting/Training Room

Chairman Pietrandrea called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

1. ROLL CALL

Chairman, Victor Pietrandrea
Vice Chairman David Palumbo
Commissioner John Pollock - Absent
Commissioner Fred Augur
Commissioner Jake Manner
Chief James Lovelace
Deputy Chief Michael Pendleton
Liaison to Town Council, Marie Diamond
Liaison to Town Council, Walter Goad

2. SALUTE TO THE FLAG

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. Regular Meeting of November 10th, 2025

Vice Chairman Palumbo moved, seconded by Commissioner Augur to approve the minutes of November 10th, 2025. The motion was carried unanimously.

4. REPORTS

a. Chairman

Chairman Pietrandrea stated that during the last couple of weeks, the heat went down again so the HVAC system still is not working properly. The unit outside that is making noise is now out of warranty.

Vice Chairman Palumbo stated he will be discussing several of the issues with the committee tonight. I hope to have some answers tonight.

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b. Clerk - none

c. Chief

i. Server for cameras

Chief Lovelace stated that this was pre-planned as we did not want to potentially lose any critical data when we moved into the new facility. The first step in this process is to replace the first server and transfer the stored data. We have funds in the radio project which is where these funds are coming from. Once this is completed, we will be looking at a second server based on an evaluation and the needs of the department.

ii. Statistics for Police

Chief Lovelace stated that our new dashboard is live. It is giving 99% of what we do. There are some items that will not be released due to juveniles, etc. This new interactive dashboard was established to provide the community with up-to-date information and transparency. Chief Lovelace asked the board, Are you still going to want the paper stats?

It was determined that the chief will bring some samples back for February meeting for the commission to determine what they want to see.

iii. Budget 26-27 fiscal year

Chief Lovelace stated that we are in the middle of the budget. We are about 90% complete, but baseline, we are at about a 3.5% to 4% increase due to contractual agreements.

Chief Lovelace stated that he received an email about how the budget is getting formulated and presented. The Town has not presented the changes to the administrators yet, so I am not sure how this new plan will look but I will keep the BOPC updated as it progresses. As you know I stay on top of the fiscal budget from the onset and keep track of any shortfalls or changes to operational needs so we are prepared for the next budget process.

5. OLD BUSINESS – None

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. Increase of Outside Vehicle Use Charge

Chief Lovelace stated that we were made aware that we are lacking in what we charge for the extra duty assignment. We currently charge \$25 an hour for any roadside work. I would like us to change to what the agencies around us are doing. Of that \$25, half goes into gas/maintenance and half goes to a new vehicle account. We surveyed the neighboring agencies and the high is \$75 and the low is \$25.

Much discussion to place with the cost of the increase.

Vice Chairman Palumbo moved, seconded by Commissioner Augur to increase the roadside work charge from \$25 to \$50 an hour per car with the gasoline/maintenance remaining at the \$12.50 and the remainder \$37.50 to go to the replacement car account effective for 2/1/26. The motion was carried unanimously.

B. Review of Tow Truck Policy

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Chairman Pietreandrea stated that we have been having some issues with the response time to the tow trucks. We need to have companies that are following the policy set by the board.

Chief Lovelace stated that the policy is written that it is a strict 3 tow companies at a time.

It was determined that Chief Lovelace will review the policy, contact the current towing companies and any other applicants who wish to be evaluated to be on the tow list. Chief Lovelace stated the information received will be presented to the board for their review and determination.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

A. Recognition of excellence Officer Trivino-Martinez from North Branford Fire Department

Chief Lovelace stated that Officer Trivino stated that he was recognized for the unresponsive worker back in the summer. He initiated CPR which was critical to saving his life.

B. Commendation letters to Sgt. Lemmons, Corporal Pacelli, Officer Deko & Officer Bernstein from Ashley Phan

Chief Lovelace stated Ashley Phan has an organization We are One and she was thanking Sgt. Lemmons, Corporal Pacelli, Officer Deko and Officer Bernstein for their work on this.

C. Thank you to Lt. Anderson & Police Department from Jerome Harrison PTO
Lt. Anderson brought a truck down for touch a truck and the PTO thanked him.

D. Thank you to Officer Pane from Ronald Onofrio

Chief Lovelace stated that Ronald Onofrio thanked Officer Pane for the way he handled the call with his mother in laws passing.

8. STATEMENTS from citizens and press - None

9. TRAFFIC AUTHORITY

A. No Parking sign Caputo Road – Request of Assistant Town Manager Rory Burke

Chief Lovelace stated that the resident in Town requested no parking signs on Caputo Road for a car that has been parked there. I do not believe at this time this is an issue, I would like to table this so we can monitor this a bit longer.

Vice Chairman Palumbo moved, seconded by Commissioner Augur to table the no parking signs on Caputo Road.

B. CT DOT – Installation & Revision of Traffic Control Signals – Route 17 (Middletown Avenue) at Village Street

Chief Lovelace stated that the CT DOT is showing the 90% plan for Route 17 and

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Village Street. I have sat through a number of these meetings. At this time, I do not have any issues with the plan. They are removing the lines that trigger the lights and it will be a camera. With your approval I will send to the Town Manager for approval.

Commissioner Augur moved, seconded by Commission Manner to move forward with the 90% plan. The motion was carried unanimously.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted;



Fred Augur
Fred Augur, Clerk
Board of Police Commissioners