



TOWN OF ENFIELD

Minutes

PUBLIC SAFETY SUB-COMMITTEE

Wednesday, November 16, 2022, 4:00pm, Scitico Room of Town Hall

The meeting was called to order at 4:01pm by Chairman Despard.

1. Roll Call –Councilors Gina Cekala, Matt Despard and Lori Unghire; Ellen Zoppo-Sassu, Donald Nunes, Steve Bielenda, and Chief Fox, Chief Riggott, Captains Golden and Kaselouskas and Sgt. Meier.

2. Aggressive Dogs

- The Town has an ordinance (Chapter 10) concerning Aggressive Dogs. The Committee decided to refer the matter to the Town Attorney for review of the chapter as it relates to CGS 22-358; 22-359; and 22-363 to ensure compliance with the ordinance.

3. Panhandling

- The Committee referred possible signage to deter panhandling. The Committee also discussed the viability of the current panhandling ordinance. Councilor Cekala suggested the addition of the Social Services phone number. Councilor Despard liked the signs as a deterrent as opposed to opening up the ordinance. Councilor Unghire agreed that the signs could be a diversion for some people. Donald Nunes will create an Enfield specific sign design and return it to the sub-committee.

4. Traffic Calming Patterns

- Councilor Despard asked for input into traffic calming in relation to the addition of truck traffic in certain residential neighborhoods. Chief Fox provided an overview of how a traffic calming policy would work in terms of certain areas, as requested by neighbors, and then a study would need to be done. The study would be done with a look at width of streets, line painting, 3-D crosswalks, shoulders, traffic diets, rotary, curves, planters, etc. Costs would then be determined and implementation planned. The Chief will circulate a draft traffic calming policy. In terms of truck traffic, Sgt. Meier cautioned about using signage such as “No Thru Trucks,” is unrealistic and not approved by DOT – for example, if the trucks originate or terminate in Enfield, or have stops in Enfield (oil delivery, Amazon, Fedex). Sgt. Meier said there could be weight restrictions per certain roadways but EPD does not have training to enforce. The Town Manager noted that the DMV Enforcement division has been in town frequently.

4-A. AED Locations

-The motion was made to add the discussion item of AED Locations to the agenda. The motion was approved and seconded on a voice vote, approved 3-0. Chief Riggott gave an overview of the Pickleball and EHS football cardiac issues, and some of the pros and cons of having AEDs mounted in outdoor locations. Councilor Cekala suggested that it be included in the budget process and thought given to the placement of such. It was also noted that all EMS, Fire and PD vehicles have AEDs, which the Town Council members agreed increased their comfort level.



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The Town Manager noted that the matter of a Civilian Review Board was referred to the Public Safety Committee from the November 14, 2022 Town Council meeting. The committee members agreed that this should be a single topic meeting after such time that the members have had a chance to review data, accreditation requirements, the current internal affairs process, and how EPD currently disciplines its members. The Town Manager also stated that she could gather data from other communities.

Councilor Cekala asked whether the Public Safety sub-committee is the appropriate place for discussion on the process of the Complex and its Building Committee.

The meeting adjourned at 5:10pm.