

Minutes of RTM Public Health and Safety Committee  
Special Joint Meeting with  
RTM Finance and Budget Committee

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September 19, 2016

Purpose of the meeting: To hear a presentation by Chief of Police Duane Lovello regarding the Resolution recommending a Special Appropriation for the purchase of body cameras for the Darien Police Department.

In attendance: Mac Patrick, Kate Haueisen, Colin Kelly, Laura Mosher, Gary Swenson, and Brian Rayhill.

Absent: John Dweck, Cassandra Hegarty, Nina Miller and Bill Peters.

Jack Davis of the Finance & Budget Committee called the meeting to order at 7:30.

Chief Lovello has requested funding for body cameras and a data retention system for the Police Department. He explained that with the prevalence of cell phones, the public has an expectation that everything is recorded. Body Cameras will provide transparency for the Police Force in their dealings with the public. The use of Body Cameras is considered to be a law enforcement best practice. The State of Connecticut encourages the use of body cameras. They are already in use in several communities.

The PH&S committee voted 6 in favor, 0 opposed.

The PH&S committee heard a brief presentation by TGS&A Chairman Frank Kemp regarding the “Blight Ordinance” that is slated to come to the RTM in October 2016.

Mac Patrick motioned for approval of the minutes from the June 6, 2016 meeting. All approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Mosher