

New Paltz Police Commission Meeting

June 13, 2023, 7:00pm

Town of New Paltz Community Center

3 Veterans Drive, New Paltz, NY

I. Meeting Details

Chairperson: Cindy Sanchez

Secretary: Haley Nechamkin

II. Roll Call

Present:

Cindy Sanchez

Tara Fitzpatrick

Steve Ford

Chief Lucchesi

Absent:

Karrie Rahaman-Bunce

Janice Butcher

Esi Lewis

III. Call to Order

7:08pm.

Announcements:

- Monthly conversations with the police: Wednesday 6/21 at 6 o'clock

Approval of Agenda:

Tara moves to approve today's agenda. Steve seconds. All in favor. Motion passed.

Steve moves to approve May 9th Minutes. Tara seconds. All in favor. Motion passed.

IV. Public Input/Community Comments:

- Edgar Rodriguez from the New Paltz Coalition for Community Safety and Well-Being: Asked the commission if they are considering having a second public input at the end of

each commission meeting. Also asked the commission to formally acknowledge some of the things that have been sent to them and handed out copies of the reports that have been emailed—it is a model for reimagined community safety and well-being.

Tara motions for Tom Jelliffe's input from 6/13 to be accepted as part of the record. Steve seconds. All in favor. Motion passed.

V. Old Business

No old business to review.

VI. New Business

Review of revised NPPD Policies 107.0 Persons in Crisis and 147.0 Sexual Harassment:

- 107.0: The revisions being made to this policy reflect more of a collaboration with Mobile Mental Health. Added section 958- relates to involuntary transportation and evaluation.
- 147.0: Updated language specific to how certain situations should be handled. Other changes have to do with more annual officer training around these issues.

Discussion regarding recommendations of Reform and Reinvention Committee (From NPPRRC Report):

- NPPD officers to fit the criteria of the "Ideal Officer" (Page 35)
 - Understanding is that the community would like a more diverse population of officers hired, a more "modern" police force. NPPD is a young agency—a lot of people have retired in the last few years. Recommendation has been taken into consideration and is a part of active conversations. Further considerations: lots of current training for all officers, part-time vs. full-time officers, etc.
- Officer Interaction with Civilians (Page 38)
 - Right to Know Policy in place since July 2020 to provide business cards in various situations (car accidents, disturbance calls, arrest support, etc). Overall, the department does this. Someone not getting a business card is the exception, not the rule.

Monthly Report:

- 4 Defensive Action calls
- 1 Commendation
- New patrol vehicle serviced
- Ulster County's Police Chief Awards- May 24th- 2 recognitions for the NP Police Department
- Officer Miller ended Crisis Intervention Training and Trainer Course

VII. Other Items

No additional items at this time

VIII. Move to Executive Session

Steve motions, Tara seconds to go into Executive Session.

IX. Return from Executive Session

Tara motions, Steve seconds for return from the Executive Session at 8:23pm.

- Cindy moves to forward to the Town Board for approval of the hiring of Conrad Rosales and Yazmine Cabrera as full-time police officers. Tara seconds. All in favor. Motion passed.

X. Adjournment

Cindy motions, Tara seconds to adjourn at 8:50pm. All in favor. Motion passed.