Chrmn. Smith called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

**1. ROLL CALL**

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Sam Bergami, Bill Bevan, Alberta Jagoe, John Mager, Sharon Marrone, David Rubinstein, Richard Smith

ALSO PRESENT:Police Chief Mello; Deputy Chief Rojee; Sgt. Kranyak, D. Candido, Secty.

A quorum was present to conduct the business of the meeting.

**2. CONSIDERATION OF APPOINTMENTS** - none

**3. CITIZEN COMMENTS** – none

**4**. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

It was moved by Comm. Mager and seconded by Vice Chrmn. Bergami to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 14, 2022 as presented. Motion carried with Comm. Rubenstein abstaining as he was not present at that particular meeting.

**5. Consideration of Chief on Matters of Administration**

a. Chief’s General Comments – Chief Mello reminded Commissioners that the Graduation of current Recruit Academy is scheduled for 12/15, 7 p.m. at the Parsons Complex.

**6. Report on Planning and Zoning Requests**

a. Site Plan review to add 2400 sq. ft. Manufacturing Building – 138 Woodmont Road – it was moved by Comm. Rubenstein and seconded by Comm. Mager to approve Traffic Division recommendation regarding Site Plan review to add 2400 sq. ft. Manufacturing Building – 138 Woodmont Road, Motion carried unanimously.

**7. ACCEPTANCE OF REPORTS**

It was moved by Vice Chrmn. Bergami and seconded by Comm. Mager to approve the following

reports:

a. Special Investigations Unit Report

b. Detective Bureau Report

c. Crime Prevention Unit Report

d. Traffic Division and Licensing Unit Report

Motion carried unanimously.

**8, Unfinished Business –** none

**9. New Business -** none

**10. COMMENDATIONS** – Motion was made and seconded to add 10b to the agenda Unit Citations. Motion carried unanimously.

Deputy Chief Rojee presented the following:

A, Certificate of Commendation – Off. Kenton Brooks, case #8708-22 – in and incident that occurred on 11/8/2022, Off. Brooks responded to a call from a homicidal/suicidal suspect calling from a Milford residence. The individual stated he was in possession of multiple firearms. Off. Brooks was able to negotiate and de-escalate the situation and the individual surrendered and two bb guns were found in his possession.

B. Unit Citation – Officers Magnan, Brennan, Aquino, Dempsey, Napoletano and his K-9 Mack and Sgt. McNemar On 10/28/2022 Officer Magnan observed a speeding vehicle operating erratically. The driver of the car engaged the officer in pursuit. It was shortly learned that the vehicle was a stolen vehicle, carjacked by males believed to be armed. Off. Aquino engaged in the pursuit as backup and Off. Dempsey positioned himself on I-95 to be ahead of the oncoming pursuit. A spike strip was used to flatten the tires on the stolen car but the driver exited I-95 and traveled toward Orange where driver and two occupants fled from the disabled vehicle and then engaged officers in a foot pursuit. Two suspects were captured; Off. Napoletano and his K-9 Mack apprehended one of the individuals who had a loaded handgun; the third individual was captured after he was found hiding in a dumpster. Hamden police were able to tie this carjacking incident to thefts that had occurred earlier that same evening.

Chrmn. Smith asked Chief Mello if it was possible to let officers who are acknowledged like this know that the members of this Commission are proud of their efforts and extend our thanks and appreciation to them.

Deputy Chief Rojee stated absolutely he would reiterate those comments to the officers.

**11. EXECUTIVE SESSION** – **Consideration of Report of Chief of Police on matters concerning the Appointment, Employment, Performance, Evaluation, Health, or Dismissal of Department Employees**

It was moved by Vice Chrmn. Bergami and seconded by Comm. Jagoe to adjourn to executive session at 7:09 p.m. with regard to the following:

1. Consideration of the performance of one employee

Motion carried unanimously. (Commissioners in attendance, Chief Mello and Deputy Chief Rojee were present in executive session)

It was moved by Comm. Mager and seconded by Comm. Rubenstein to reconvene in public session at 8:02 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Being no further business to discuss, it was moved by Comm. Jagoe and seconded by Comm. Mager to adjourn at 8:02 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Recorded by Diane Candido

Submitted to City Clerk: December 14, 2022