



TOWN OF RIDGEFIELD
Police Department

Town of Ridgefield Police Commission Meeting Minutes
Thursday, October 9, 2025 at 7:00 pm
Meeting Location: Town Hall Annex, 66 Prospect Street
UNAPPROVED

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Sharon Dornfeld (Chair), John Frey & Ralph Money

BY PHONE: Issy Caporale (Secretary)

ALSO PRESENT: Chief Jeff Kreitz, Major Nick Fowler & Amy Platt

These minutes are a general summary of the meeting and are not intended to be a verbatim transcription.

Meeting called to order by Chair Sharon Dornfeld at 7:02 pm.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Ralph Money to approve the September 18th meeting minutes and the October 2nd Special Meeting Minutes. Seconded by John Frey. Motion carried 4-0.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

No members of the public were in attendance.

3. COMMISSION CORRESPONDENCE

A. Voicemail

- Commissioner Caporale provided a summary of requests/concerns to Chief Kreitz and Major Fowler, including:
- A resident of Florida Hill Rd. asked when new lines would be painted on the road after the recent paving.
- A resident of Playground Rd. requested increased no-parking enforcement.
- Madeline Dr. resident wants the speed lowered from 25 mph to 15 mph.

B. Written Correspondence

- Hwy Use Permit for Main St. Tree Lighting on 11/28/25 – Approved by the Commission.
- Request from Bob Jewell for approval on the community sign located on the Fairfield County Bank property at 150 Danbury Rd. Chief Kreitz confirmed there are no site line issues or concerns from RPD, and the Commission expressed no concerns.



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4. OLD BUSINESS

- **Public Safety Building Update / Public Hearing Recap**
 - Two information sessions took place earlier this month, as well as the 10/8 Public Hearing with mixed feedback.
 - Moved by Ralph Money and seconded by John Frey, the Commission went on the record with the following statement: At its regular monthly meeting on October 9, 2025, the Ridgefield Board of Police Commissioners voted unanimously to support the new Public Safety Building and encourages Ridgefield voters to Vote Yes on the November 4th referendum question.
- **CT-DOT 0174-0475 will replace existing pedestrian & school crossing signage on Rte. 116 in Spring 2026**

5. NEW BUSINESS – No new business to discuss

6. CHIEF'S REPORT

A. Traffic / Sign Report

- Repaired the Stop Sign at Stonecrest Road/ Ridgecrest Rd
- Repair 25 MPH Speed Limit sign Peaceable St
- Replaced the Stop Sign at Spectacles Ln
- (2) No Thru Truck/7 Ton Limit signs were installed on each end of Rockwell Rd
- Installed solar sign on Ridgebury Rd
- Repaired 30 MPH Speed Limit sign on Farmingville Rd
- Installed Solar Sign on Farmingville Rd
- Installed Solar Sign on Rt 7 Danbury Rd
- Installed Solar Sign on Rt 116 North Salem Rd
- Repaired the Stop sign at Farrar Lane / Tackora Trail
- Replaced 2 25 MPH Speed Limit signs on Pin Pack Rd.
- CT DOT will do the initial installation on traffic signs on Town roads that intersect State roads. If they are damaged or need replacement, it will be the Town's responsibility to fix/replace. This will require that compatible sign parts be purchased.
- Sgt Seibert has begun his training as sign officer, including the required classroom and field training. The Commission extends their best wishes to Sgt. Seibert as he takes on these additional duties.



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- The Commission wants to thank Sgt. Caswell for his contributions to the Town's public safety while serving as sign officer.

B. Training & Public Relations Report – Submitted by Cpt. Brian Durling

September Trainings Attended:

Sept. 2-5	Ofc. O'Connor attended Car Safety Technician training in Milford.
Sept. 3	HR-218 Firearms training was conducted for retired RPD officers.
Sept. 5	Firearms training for 14 officers at Wooster Mountain Range
Sept. 8	Cpt. Durling attended Railway Safety specifically geared towards the Depot Rd. at Branchville station project.
Sept. 10-11	Det. Ryan attended Cell Phone Tower Search & Digital Currency Investigation training at the Greenwich Police Dept.
Sept. 16	Sgt. McMahon attended Lethality Assessment Protocol training as the department's new domestic violence liaison officer.
Sept. 15-19	Ofc. Burke attended in-service training at the Bristol Police Dept in furtherance of his Field Training requirements.
Sept. 16	Admin staff attended the Annual Bailey Seminar & New Laws Update in Southington, CT.
Sept. 17	Ofc. Zaffina graduated from the 386 th class of the CT Municipal Police Academy .
Sept. 23 & 30	Sgt. Seibert attended (2) Roadway Safety courses, in preparation to take over as the department's new sign officer.
Sept. 24	Lt. Knoche & Sgt. DiFalco were re-certified as Intoxolizer Instructors through the State of Connecticut.
Sept. 25-26	(8) Officers completed Emergency Medical Responder Re-certification , instructed by Cpt. Smith, Sgt. Caswell, and Ofc. Pagliuco.
Sept. 29-Oct. 2	Cpt. Durling and Sgt. Caswell attended the PA State Police's Collision Reconstruction Seminar in Pocono Manor, PA.

Community Policing & Public Relations Event:

During the month of September, the Department participated in 17 community policing and public relations events, including engaging residents, local business owners, staff and residents of Ballard Green, and performed several car seat installations. Social media was used to highlight Ridgefield Safety Day, National Police Woman's Day, car seat safety, Public Safety Building information sessions, introduce new staff, and share monthly department stats. Some of the events Officers participated in included:



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- 1) Det. Ryan **presented a safety seminar** to residents of Ridgefield Station on protecting themselves from becoming a victim of scams and fraud.
- 2) On September 21st, RPD hosted the annual **Ridgefield Safety Day** in conjunction with the PBA, Ridgefield Professional Firefighters & Ridgefield Volunteer Firefighters. The free event took place at ERMS and was well-attended by the public with several live demonstrations.
- 3) Sgt. DiFalco and Det. Vasquez participated in a **Regional Car Safety Seat** event, hosted by the New Milford Police Dept.
- 4) Members of the Admin staff hosted **Public Safety Building Information Sessions** during the month of September to help educate the public and answer questions about plans for the new facility.

C. Department Statistics

- Chief Kreitz shared the Department's monthly statistics.

D. Miscellaneous

- RPD has acquired a pre-owned motorcycle for the fleet, paid for with private funds.
- Chair Dornfeld suggested we do additional social posts re: helmet requirements for e-bikes and bicycles.
- (4) fixed License Plate Readers will soon be installed throughout Town.
- Chair Dornfeld requested an update on the flashing light at Copps Hill Plaza. Chief Kreitz confirmed the State DOT has approved the light will flash daily between 12am and 8am.
- On Saturday, 10/11, there will be a table displayed at the Fall in Love with Ridgefield event on Main St. where residents can learn more about the proposed public safety building.

7. UNION PARTICIPATION – No Union business to discuss

With no further business, Chair Dornfeld moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:46pm. Ralph Money seconded the motion. Motion approved.

REMINDER: Next meeting Thursday, November 13, 2025 at 7:00 pm