

Town of Ridgefield Police Commission Meeting Minutes
Thursday, June 11, 2026 at 7:00 pm
Meeting Location: Town Hall Annex, 66 Prospect Street

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Sharon Dornfeld (Chair), Issy Caporale (Secretary), Ralph Money, Stephen Riebling

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: John Frey

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 at 7:01 pm.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Ralph Money to approve the May meeting minutes. Seconded by Issy Caporale. Motion carried 4-0.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

A. Andrea Beebe of 378 Main St. shared safety concerns about cars running stop signs and red lights in town.

3. COMMISSION CORRESPONDENCE

A. Voicemail – None

B. Written Correspondence

- 1) Chair Dornfeld received an email from a resident of Pilgrim Hill concerned about heavy traffic volume in the morning. Chief Kreitz confirmed there is a plan to capture traffic data in that area later this summer.

4. OLD BUSINESS – None

5. NEW BUSINESS

A. August BOPC meeting

Motion made by Stephen Riebling to cancel the August 13th regular meeting. Seconded by Ralph Money. Motion carried 4-0.

6. CHIEF'S REPORT

A. Traffic / Sign Report – Submitted by Sgt. Matthew Seibert

Sign Repair/Maintenance:

- Reinstalled Route 116 Electronic Speed Sign
- Installed 20 MPH signs on Madeline Drive
- Replaced 25 MPH sign E/B on Topstone Road
- Reinstalled Keep Right Sign at Farmingville/Limekiln
- Repaired Bailey Ave Stop Sign.
- Replaced Arrow on Ridgebury Road at Pope's Corner
- Reinstalled Keep Right Sign at Florida Rd/Branchville Road

- Removed rusted signs from Old Redding Road
- Removed graffiti from Stop Sign at Simpaug/Route 7
- Adjusted location of Electronic Speed Sign on Farmingville Road
- Approximately 131,000 Linear Feet of Double Yellow Lines were painted around town.

Traffic Complaint Investigations:

- A resident requested a review of sight line issues at 373 Limestone Road; Town Highway was contacted to prioritize the area for mowing.
- An application was submitted to State DOT to move the electronic speed sign that was previously installed near 746 Danbury Road to the area of 137 Ethan Allen Highway.
- Chief Kreitz, Captain Raines, Jake Muller, and Sgt. Seibert met with concerned residents from the Ritch Drive neighborhood in regards to traffic volume on the road during morning traffic commuting hours. The T2 Center at UCONN was contacted to place a traffic counter in the area and various signage was discussed about being implemented. Once signage is installed, the Police Department will contact Waze and other navigational apps to update their software.

The Connecticut Department of Transportation (CTDOT) notified the police department that it is tentatively planning to install centerline rumble strips (CLRS) on U.S. Route 7 in Redding and Ridgefield.

Sgt. Seibert attended a Road Safety Assessments for Local Roads workshop, and will work with the Chief to prepare an application for CT DOT to conduct an assessment of Route 7 north/Route 35 intersection.

B. Training & Public Relations Report – Submitted by Cpt. John Knoche

During the month of May, 875 security checks were performed of nearby schools, businesses, religious institutions, neighborhoods and vacant properties. While on foot patrols, Officers engaged with business owners and employees along Main Street to gather input.

Foot patrols also took place in and around Ballard Park and Ballard Green. Officers spoke to residents, while at the same time, monitoring activity. It has been a positive interaction with the businesses, as well as residents. We continue to monitor for areas of improvement.

A total of 34 public relations events took place during the month, including: the Department's Annual Memorial Ceremony, the Town's GRADD Ceremony, Touch-a-Cruiser at the Jesse Lee Church Spring event, tours of the police department, safety demonstrations at schools, ride-alongs, and educational sessions about ways to protect yourself from fraud/scams.

Fourteen Officers attended one or more trainings during the month of May.

Upcoming Events:

- 1) Junior Police Academy (JPA) begins July 20, 2026.

C. Department Statistics

- Chief Kreitz shared the Department's monthly incident statistics.

D. Miscellaneous

- The Memorial Day Ceremony, parade, Ridgefield Triathlon & the annual Town Party all went well with no issues reported.
- Chair Dornfeld shared an email that Kirk Carr sent to the Public Safety Facilities Committee regarding a needs assessment. On June 18th, members of the BOPC and Chief Kreitz have been invited to attend the Public Safety Facilities Committee meeting to hear what the committee has ready to share.

7. UNION PARTICIPATION – No Union business was discussed.

With no further business, Stephen Riebling moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:41pm. Ralph Money seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

REMINDER: Next meeting Thursday, July 9, 2025 at 7:00pm