



# NEWINGTON POLICE COMMISSION MEETING



There was a meeting of the Newington Police Commissioners on **Thursday, February 5, 2026** at the Newington Police Department.

PRESENT: Chairman Brenda Blonigen, Commissioner Bob Siede, Commissioner Dave Obertanec, Chief Michael Bilodeau, Executive Administrator Taylor Fiore

## I CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Blonigen **called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm**

## II MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING(S)

On a **MOTION** by Commissioner Obertanec and **seconded** by, Commissioner Siede the **Commissioners voted unanimously to accept the minutes from the January 6, 2026 meeting as written.**

## III POLICE COMMISSION INFORMATION

**Other Police Commission Information: The Commissioners reviewed and approved expenditures to date. Commissioner Siede motioned to approve January expenditures at a cost of \$4,375.23. Commissioner Obertanec seconded. All in favor.**

## IV OLD BUSINESS

### A. HB-1085

- a. Chief and Commissioner Siede went to Concord to show their opposition to house bill 1085 in regard to how police commissions operate. The police commission in Newington is an elected body to govern the police department and our opposition of the bill is based on taking away some of that governance.

### B. New Police Station

- a. Chief and Chairman Blonigen attended a meeting with a consulting group for the Newington Selectmen in regard to the changes going on in town with the procurement of the Fox Run Mall space by Torrington. With new infrastructure in town, how will it affect the services of the town, i.e. Police, Fire, etc. The town discussed impact fees that can be assessed once construction begins. A percentage of the impact fees would help fund a new Police or Fire Station. These fees would be based on many factors like housing, quantity of stores and how many people that will draw into town. The police commission will reach out to the Fire Board of Engineers to discuss a safety complex or if they want a Fire Station separate from the Police Station.

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A. N/A

## VI (If Applicable) Non-Public Session RSA 91-A:3 II(c)

A. Discussed the status of two officer candidates.

## VII NEXT MEETING DATE/TIME/LOCATION

The next meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, March 3, 2026 at 4:00 p.m.** at the Newington Police Department.

## VIII ADJOURNMENT

On a **MOTION** by Chairman Blonigen and **seconded** by Commissioner Obertanec, **the Commissioners voted unanimously to adjourn at 5:41 pm**

by Executive Administrator Taylor Fiore