


MEMORANDUM

TO: Town Council
FROM: David E. Cox, Town Manager 
DATE: February 24, 2023
SUBJECT: Town Manager's Report

The following information includes follow up from general items that were discussed at previous Council meetings as well as updates of a general nature from the departments. The items are organized by department and are intended to provide information on activities currently being undertaken by the Town's departments and those matters that are upcoming. Not all departments will be represented in each Report.

Library

- Library staff continue to develop a Summer Reading Program grant proposal for a bike safety fair. This Connecticut State Library grant is a maximum of \$2,000 if awarded. Also, staff is continuing to plan for the Summer Reading programs, including the Summer Reading kickoff event, closing event, and special summer programs. This year's nationwide theme is *Find Your Voice*.
- The Library Advisory Board and Library staff are reviewing the existing Strategic Plan for the purpose of updating and extending its applicability as the guiding principles of the Library. It is anticipated that Plan will continue to support the ongoing efforts to provide high level customer services and programing within the existing facility.
- There is a proposed bill (S.B. No. 500) being referred to the CGA's Joint Committee on Planning and Development "to require publishers of electronic books to license such books to public libraries on reasonable terms" (CGA, 2023). Currently, libraries are required to pay several times the price a regular consumer pays for the electronic version of a book in order to add it to the collection. Conversely, libraries are often able to purchase physical copies of books at a reduced price. Adoption of this bill could help reduce the cost of electronic materials and would increase the electronic materials buying power for Connecticut libraries by providing contracted prices that are more in line with the direct to consumer costs of electronic books.
- The Library worked with a leading book vendor to increase the Library's book recycling capabilities. The new vendor will accept all books that are being removed from the collection and will either keep them for specialized resale, for which the Library receives a payment, or will properly recycle them.
- The Library's Violin and Valentine's program on February 14 hosted 69 attendees, making it one of the largest specifically adult oriented programs at the Library in years. Congratulations to Adult/Young Adult Librarian Keri Blanda for organizing this successful event and thank you to all who attended. Special thanks to the Friends of the Library for sponsoring the event.

- The library was able to pass along almost 100 Valentine's Day cards made by young patrons to local older adults via a partnership with the East Hampton Senior Center.

Parks and Recreation

- The Department is working with CT DEEP for approval and to contract work on the Air Line Trail approximately ¼ mile east from the Cranberry bog toward Colchester. This location continues to be an issue with wash out on the Trail due to the high volume of runoff. The project will involve building the trail up by an additional 1.5 feet to create swales on either side and elevate the walking path out of the flow.
- The Department is working with Public Works to develop and implement a solution to another significant washout area about ¼ mile west of Forest street toward Portland on the Air Line Trail. This area may require installation of some culverts and other measures to address the water.
- The Parks and Recreation Department is honored to announce that four of East Hampton's Travel Basketball athletes were selected to play in the All-Star Game on Monday, February 20. This is the first time in the history of the travel program in East Hampton that an athlete was selected. Congratulations to Noah Salamone and Bryson Rall from the 5th grade boys team and Gianna LaFleur and Mia DonAroma from the 6th grade girls team.
- The Department is hosting its 7th annual Golf Tournament this year at Blackledge Country Club in Hebron. As usual, the tournament will continue to raise funds to help with the maintenance costs of Seamster Park Playground, but will, for the first time, support the Jeffrey Leith Memorial Scholarship. This new scholarship is offered to students of East Hampton who are graduating seniors looking to build on their career in college or the military. It was developed in honor of Jeff Leith who was a beloved member of the Town's Park and Recreation Advisory Board and who gave back to so many of East Hampton's youth each day. Jeff was well known in Hawks football as the president of the association and one who donated a lot of his time to build the program to what it is today. Attached is the flyer for this event.

Police

- On February 21, members of the Department, along with the BOE Armed Security Officers (ASO's), conducted Active Shooter Training at the Middle School. It was a very productive and informative training session and another one will be scheduled sometime in June.
- Pursuant to the Police Accountability Bill and other statutes, the Department is required on an annual basis to submit reports to the Police Officer Standards and Training Council and other State agencies to document the Department's Use of Force, Pursuits, and Biased Based Policing. The reports are included in this Report. It is important to point out that the Biased

Based Policing report is prepared using the officer's assumption of race/ethnicity based on observation and may vary from the person's identification of themselves if asked. Officers are not permitted to ask race or ethnicity of those they stop. Further, one should note that in this report, both Hispanic and Middle Eastern are subcategories under the general headings of White and Black, which causes the percentage totals to add up to a figure greater than 100%.

Public Works

- Public Works staff are continuing efforts to address and protect against future wash out issues on gravel roads with roadside treatments. This work will continue on and off as weather permits until asphalt plants open again in the springtime.
- The community may notice that the Department has made significant effort in the last several weeks to clean up and secure the buildings at 13 Summit Street and 1 Watrous Street. Additionally, staff is preparing the small addition to the north end of the 1 Watrous building for potential demolition. This demolition is a solution to the issue of the failed collapsed roof system in this part of the building, which is unsafe, allows weather and other access and impacts the ability of the building to be secured. The area to be taken down is approximately 500 square feet and is irregularly shaped. The demolished material will remain on site and will be covered with stone and other material so it will present an acceptable appearance while plans are developed for reuse of the building. It is anticipated that this section of building could be taken down in the next few weeks.

Youth and Family Services

- One of the Department's interns is currently working on updating Juvenile Review Board (JRB) paperwork. The Department will begin handing out brochures and a one-page description of the program to families at the initial intake for this program, which provides alternatives to traditional punishments for certain youth offenders. The Department will also be updating its website to include additional information related to the JRB and its process. The Department is also developing a community-service program that can be used as a component of the restorative justice efforts.
- The Department will be presenting a parent and youth program on March 20 at the library. The program will explore why scare tactics do not work as a means to change youth behavior. Parents will learn alternative strategies to use when talking with their children about choices.
- On March 24, the Department Youth Services team will join the Prevention team at the East Hampton High School wellness day. The Prevention team has arranged for approximately nine organizations to set up booths for the students to visit and learn about programs and opportunities geared toward them. Organizations include Yale Quit Vaping Program for teens, Team Fitness in East Hampton, East Hampton Public Library, East Hampton Ambulance, the

Benny Fund, Change the Script, Mother's Against Drunk Driving (MADD), East Hampton Prevention and East Hampton Youth Services. Also, motivational youth speaker, John Morello, will speak for one hour in the morning. (<https://www.johnmorello.com/the-shows>).

Town Manager/Other

- Effective with this Report, the COVID Status Report from Chatham Health District (CHD) will no longer be included. Those interested in reviewing this information may view the report on the Health District's website at (<https://www.chathamhealth.org/>).

DC

cc: Management Staff

Thursday
MAY 18 2023 10am

8:30am Registration Shotgun Start



GOOLF

TOURNAMENT

Blackledge Golf Course

\$130 = Golf + Cart + Dinner + 2 drinks
or \$50 Dinner Only

Proceeds Benefit



**and the Jeffrey Leith
 Memorial Scholarship**

**Platinum Sponsor: \$1,000 and Up
 TITLE SPONSOR**

- ☉ Team Admission to Tournament
- ☉ Logo on Banner Displayed During Registration, Tournament and Dinner
- ☉ 24"x18" Fairway Sign with Logo on Two Holes During Play
- ☉ 1 Promotional Item in Player Gift Bags
- ☉ Logo and Sponsorship Mention in Media and Ads
- ☉ Logo on Golf Carts Participating in Tournament

Gold Sponsor: \$800 - \$999

- ☉ Admission to Tournament for Two Players
- ☉ Logo on Banner Displayed During Registration, Tournament and Dinner
- ☉ Logo on Beverage Carts
- ☉ Logo and Sponsorship Mention in Media and Ads
- ☉ 24"x18" Fairway Sign with Logo on One Hole During Play

Silver Sponsor: \$400 - \$799

- ☉ Logo on Banner Displayed During Registration, Tournament and Dinner
- ☉ 24"x18" Fairway Sign with Logo on One Hole During Play

Contest Sponsor: \$100/ea

- ☉ **Longest Drive** - Identified on Banner Displayed During Play, Registration and Dinner
- ☉ **Closest to Pin** - Identified on Banner Displayed During Play, Registration and Dinner
- ☉ **Putting Contest - Prior to Start of Tournament** Identified on Banner Displayed During Play, Registration and Dinner



For Information or to Register:

860-267-7300

EastHamptonRec.com

Sponsorship Commitment Form

**Deadline
 MAY. 4**

Platinum Sponsor \$1000 & Up
Gold Sponsor \$800 - \$999
Silver Sponsor \$400 - \$799

Contest Sponsor \$100
Golf & Dinner \$130
Dinner Only \$50

Name _____ Email _____
 Address _____ City _____
 State _____ Zip _____ Tel _____
 Sponsorship Level (please list level or specific sponsorship commitment) _____
 Total Amount of Sponsorship: \$ _____
 Signature _____ Date _____

**Please make checks payable to East Hampton Parks and Recreation and mail to:
 East Hampton Parks and Recreation, 1 Community Drive, East Hampton, CT 06424**

Thank You!



East Hampton Police Department
1 Community Drive
East Hampton, CT 06424



Dennis Woessner
Chief of Police

February 18, 2023

TO: File

FROM: Chief Woessner

SUBJECT: Use of Force Reporting for Calendar Year 2022

During 2022 members of the East Hampton Police Department had nine (9) Use of Force incidents. All Use of Force incidents were reviewed by me and found to be within guidelines.

February 5, 2022	Welfare check	Hands on take down	Officer injured Suspect bump on head
June 28, 2022	Evading accident	Pointed handgun	No injuries
August 2, 2022	Domestic w/possible knife	Pointed handgun	No injuries
September 1, 2022	Domestic w/possible axe	Pointed handgun & Taser	No injuries
September 4, 2022	Domestic occupant came to door with gun	Pointed handgun	No injuries
September 12, 2022	Out of control female attempted to enter Brinks truck	Physically restrained	Abrasions to arm and legs/complaint of pain
October 27, 2022	Out of control person/intoxicated	Pointed Taser	No injuries
December 6, 2022	Search and Seizure Drug Warrant with possible gun	Pointed handgun/rifle	No injuries
December 30, 2022	Domestic person possibly had a knife	Pointed Taser	No injuries



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Dennis Woessner
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February 17, 2023

Police Officer Standards and Training Council
285 Preston Ave.
Meriden, CT. 06450
Attention: Annual Pursuit Report

To whom it may concern:

Per the requirements set forth in Public Act 18-161, I am submitting the Annual Pursuit Report to you. Listed below is the information for the pursuits by members of the East Hampton Police Department in 2022:

Number of pursuits:	2
Number of pursuits terminated:	2
Number of crashes:	0
Number of injuries:	0
Average age of offender:	43
Reason for pursuits, listed by frequency:	
Stolen vehicle	1
Evading Motor Vehicle accident	1
Supervisor review performed:	Yes, in both pursuits

If you need additional information please do not hesitate to contact me at 860-267-7276 or by email at dwoessner@easthamptonct.gov

Best regards,

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SUBJECT: Bias Based Policing review, per General Order 1.9

The Department’s General Order 1.9 (Biased Based Policing) requires that a committee shall prepare and forward a report of their findings and recommendations, if any, to the Chief of Police by March 1st of each year. The committee members were Officer Bankowski, Officer DeRoehn and me.

The committee reviewed the motor vehicles stops for all Department members and discovered 1,318 motor vehicle stops were made in 2022. The Department’s records management system, NEXGEN, requires that an officer complete a Traffic Stop Data Form for each motor vehicle stop made. That information is electronically reported to the Institute for Municipal and Regional Policy, at the State of Connecticut, on a yearly basis. The demographics for those stops were:

White	94.23%
Black	3.95%
Indian	.15%
Asian	1.67%
Hispanic	5.01%
Middle Eastern	.53%

In addition to the percentages listed above, the committee also looked at the motor vehicles stops made by individual officers. In both cases there was no evidence that the department or an individual officer was targeting any minority group. The committee looked at the demographics of the Town provided by the United States Census Bureau (2021 American Community Survey Results) as well as information obtained from Wikipedia for the 2020 census. The Department did not receive any complaints relating to bias based policing during 2022.

Based upon the information listed above and the committee’s review of the policies and procedures of the department, they had no recommendations for me.