

WINDSOR LOCKS POLICE COMMISSION  
Minutes of Meeting  
January 14, 2026

**“These minutes are not official until approved at a subsequent meeting.”**

<b>Commissioners present:</b>	Jamie Tarbell, Timothy McGrath, Roy Zettlemyer, Luis Vazquez, Robert Crochetiere and Douglas Glazier
<b>Commissioners absent:</b>	None
<b>Also Present:</b>	Chief Eric Osanitsch

- 1) Call to Order –Chairman Tarbell called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm
- 2) Pledge of Allegiance – Observed
- 3) Correspondence - None
- 4) Public Input –

Linda Palmer – 15 North Main Street – Ms. Palmer asked about an email address for the Police Commission. She also complained about the amount of time it is taking to get responses to her numerous FOI requests that she has sent to the Police Commission, Chief of Police, Board of Finance and Board of Selectmen.

Eric Verona – 14 Arbor Lane – Mr. Verona has issue with the outcome of his internal complaint which was investigated and completed. At last month’s meeting, the Chief stated that her case is now in the hands of the court. Mr. Verona then said to the Chief that he graduated in 1983 and that “1983 is coming to this town if you don’t help me”.

William Rousseau – 407 Elmwood Drive – Mr. Rousseau introduced himself as a 25-year veteran of the WLPD to the new commission members. He asked those new members to challenge the WLPD budget, especially overtime. He once again stated that he could do a better job than our current Chief.

Chief Osanitsch responded to Public Input by once again explaining the rules of the uniform, bodycams and FOI requests. He added that if you have FOI requests regarding court appearances, you can also get that information at the Court. Chairman Tarbell stated he would check on the Commission’s email.

- 5) Approval of 12/17/25 meeting minutes

Motion: To approve the minutes of the 12/17/25 meeting minutes

Douglas Glazier

Seconded by Luis Vazquez

Motion Passed 6-0

**6) Budget Update –**

- a. Current FY 25/26 update – Chief Osanitsch stated that their packets include the current budget, but it is not as up to date as it should be. Changes in Personnel in the Finance Department have caused delays in the updating of the report.
- b. FY 26/27 budget process update – Chief Osanitsch stated the new budget packets from Finance went out this week. We are scheduled to present our budget on February 24. We will most likely have a special meeting to present the proposed budget to the Commission prior to the meeting on the 24th. We will try to combine that meeting with the hiring of a new officer. The Chief then explained to the Commission that back in 2013 we were budgeted \$310,000 for overtime and we utilized \$460,000. Since 2013, salaries have gone up 62.6%. Using the same man hours of overtime that we utilized in 2013, the overtime budget today would be \$780,000. In 2021, the Board of Finance reduced our overtime budget down to \$210,000 knowing full well we would go over that amount. This was done intentionally by the Board of Finance with the hope that the overall budget would cover the overage. The problem today is that budgets are so tight, there is no “extra” in the overall budget. Talks on how to present a realistic overtime budget number are ongoing.

**7) New Business – None**

**8) Old Business –**

- a. Elm St @ Volunteer intersection – The state has assigned an Engineer to review this intersection. Chief Osanitsch feels it will be springtime before we see any work getting done here.
- b. New Hire Update – We are in the process of testing a certified officer with anticipation of bringing him before the Commission in February.
- c. Staffing Update – We have one officer position and one dispatcher position still open. We are being asked by Selectman Savino to hold off on hiring due to next year’s budget constraints.
- d. Speed Camera Update – We are actively researching speed cameras and are talking with other communities that use them.

**9) Commissioners Comments – Douglas Glazier questioned public input and wanted to know the rules of engagement for Public Input. Commissioner Tarbell said the Commissioners can ask follow-up questions, but the Commission is not mandated to answer every question asked.**

**10) Adjournment**

MOTION: To adjourn at 6:45pm.  
Douglas Glazier  
All in Favor, Motion Passed 6-0

Seconded by Luis Vazquez

Respectfully Submitted,

Sharon Pfaffenbichler, Recording Secretary