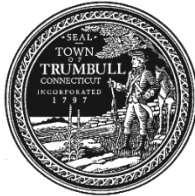


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RULES & RESEARCH COMMITTEE
MINUTES
JANUARY 26, 2026

CALL TO ORDER: The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:21 p.m. All present joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL: The clerk called the roll and recorded it as follows:

PRESENT: Joy Colon, Chairman, Jennifer Winschel, Vice Chairman, Bill Mecca, Steve Spillane, Tony Scinto, John Foreman, Matt Dunn, Alternate, Brian Walsh, Alternate

ALSO PRESENT: First Selectman Vicki A. Tesoro, Chief Administrative Officers Cynthia Katske and Kathleen McGannon, Town Attorney Dan Schopick, Finance Director Maria Pires, Town Council Chairman Ashley Gaudiano, Chief of Police Michael Lombardo, Assistant Chief of Police Glenn Byrnes, Public Works Director George Estrada, Director of Human Services, Michele Jakab, Superintendent of Schools Martin Semmel, Public Works Director of Operations Rich Infante, Town Engineer/WPCA administrator William Maurer, BOE Facilities Director Kevin Dion, Library Director Stefan Lynne-Nielson, Ems Chief Colin Bassett

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1. RESOLUTION TC31-20: Moved by Winschel, seconded by Dunn
BE IT RESOLVED, That the First Selectman having recommended the appointment of _____ as a member of the Police Commission, _____ be and the same is hereby appointed as a member of the Police Commission for a term extending to the first Monday of December 2030.

Moved by Mecca, seconded by Winschel to amend by inserting the name Dawn Cantafio into the blanks.

The Chair explained these are sitting members that are up for reappointment. Their terms have expired.

VOTE: Motion CARRIED 4-2 (AGAINST: Scinto and Foreman)

- It was explained under the charter when a term ends people continue to sit until their replacement is appointed and takes the oath of office. There were some extensions. It's within the purview of the first selectman to make a recommendation, and then it's up to the town council whether to appoint. The first selectman has recommended, in this case, that Dawn Cantafio replace Ray Baldwin on the commission. His term expired last month, as some of the other members had terms that expired earlier, Mr. Trefz and Mr. Magliocco. They are stepping down.
- These resolutions fill the positions for the balance of those terms. Chapter eight, section three provides that the incumbent continues to sit until replaced.
- It was confirmed that one term did expire in 2023 and that there still is a vacancy.
- It was noted in the last term democrats tried to put forward a police commission resolution for the agenda the republicans had control of the council; the resolution was not accepted.
- It was explained that the appointees would have probably continued to serve. The first selectman thought it was time to give other people the opportunity to serve.

The clerk called the roll call vote and recorded as follows:

	Aye	Nay	Abstain
Joy Colon, Chmn.	X		
Jennifer Winschel, Vice Chairman	X		
Bill Mecca	X		
Steve Spillane	X		
Tony Scinto		X	
John Foreman		X	
Matt Dunn, Alt	Not	Voting	
Brian Walsh, Alt	Not	Voting	

VOTE: Motion CARRIED 4-2 (AGAINST: Scinto and Foreman)

*It was noted all three appointees would be present at the full council meeting and suggested all three resolutions be passed to the council without recommendation.

The clerk called the roll call vote and recorded as follows:

	Aye	Nay	Abstain
Joy Colon, Chmn.	X		
Jennifer Winschel, Vice Chairman	X		

Bill Mecca	X		
Steve Spillane	X		
Tony Scinto		X	
John Foreman		X	
Matt Dunn, Alt	Not	Voting	
Brian Walsh, Alt	Not	Voting	

VOTE: Motion to pass Resolutions TC31-20, 31-21, 31-22 without recommendation as amended CARRIED 4-2 (AGAINST: Scinto and Foreman).

2. RESOLUTION TC31-21: Moved by Foreman, seconded by Spillane
BE IT RESOLVED, That the First Selectman having recommended the appointment of _____ as a member of the Police Commission, _____ and the same is hereby appointed as a member of the Police Commission for a term extending to the first Monday of December 2029.

Moved by Spillane, seconded by Mecca to amend by inserting John Walkley into blanks.

The clerk called the roll call vote and recorded as follows:

	Aye	Nay	Abstain
Joy Colon, Chmn.	X		
Jennifer Winschel, Vice Chairman	X		
Bill Mecca	X		
Steve Spillane	X		
Tony Scinto		X	
John Foreman		X	
Matt Dunn, Alt	Not	Voting	
Brian Walsh, Alt	Not	Voting	

VOTE: Motion CARRIED 4-2 (AGAINST: Scinto and Foreman)

3. RESOLUTION TC31-22: Moved by Dunn, seconded by Winschel
BE IT RESOLVED, That the First Selectman having recommended the appointment of _____ as a member of the Police Commission, _____ be and the same is hereby appointed as a member of the Police Commission for a term extending to the first Monday of December 2028.

Moved by Foreman, seconded by Winschel to amend by inserting James Zygmunt into the blanks.

The clerk called the roll call vote and recorded as follows:

	Aye	Nay	Abstain
Joy Colon, Chmn.	X		
Jennifer Winschel, Vice Chairman	X		

Bill Mecca	X		
Steve Spillane	X		
Tony Scinto		X	
John Foreman		X	
Matt Dunn, Alt	Not	Voting	
Brian Walsh, Alt	Not	Voting	

VOTE: Motion CARRIED 4-2 (AGAINST: Scinto and Foreman)

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to discuss and upon motion made by Spillane, seconded by Mecca the R&R Committee adjourned by unanimous consent at 7:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret D. Mastroni, clerk