

**RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING SPECIAL APPROPRIATION FOR THE
PURCHASE OF BODY CAMERAS FOR THE DARIEN POLICE DEPARTMENT**

WHEREAS, the Chief of Police has requested funding for body cameras and a data retention system for the Police Department; and

WHEREAS, the State of Connecticut encourages the use of body cameras; and

WHEREAS, use of body cameras is considered to be a law enforcement best practice; and

WHEREAS, after due consideration, the Board of Selectmen believes that this program will benefit the department and the community; and

WHEREAS, funding will be required in the current fiscal year for operating costs of \$49,344 and capital expenses of \$37,798;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Darien Board of Selectmen hereby recommends a special appropriation totaling \$87,142 to the Board of Finance and Representative Town Meeting for this purpose.