

Wilton Police Commission



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MINUTES REGULAR MEETING MAY 11, 2020

**NOTE: THESE MINUTES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE & APPROVAL
AT A FUTURE MEETING OF THE POLICE COMMISSION**

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Chairman Don Sauvigne called the meeting to order at 4:06 p.m. In attendance were Commissioner David Waters, Commissioner Matt Mason, Chief John Lynch, Captain Robert Cipolla, and Captain Tom Conlan.

The meeting was conducted remotely and live streamed to the public. This was the Commission's first meeting since the coronavirus required public meetings to be held remotely.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

MINUTES

Commissioner Waters made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Sauvigne, to approve the minutes of the February 10, 2020 Regular Meeting, approved 3-0.

DISCUSSION OF MONTHLY REPORTS

The monthly reports for March and April 2020 were all reviewed and considered.

A. Activity Report

The Commission reviewed the monthly figures, noting a dramatic decline in motor

vehicle accidents and injuries due to the coronavirus pandemic and significantly reduced traffic volume.

The Commission was pleased to note the low number of domestic incidents, as nationwide there is significant concern about domestic violence given the coronavirus and stay at home orders.

MV stops were significantly down due to the current coronavirus situation, as well as staffing issues.

B. Detective Bureau

There was nothing unusual in the DB Report.

C. MAC Report

There was nothing unusual in the MAC Report.

D. School Resource Officer

There was nothing unusual to report as the schools are essentially closed.

E. Overtime Report

The Commission discussed the last two-month's overtime figures, noting that the driver is shift coverage. There was also discussion of training, some of which is being conducted remotely.

G. K-9 Report

There was positive K-9 report, with meaningful activity especially with birthdays.

REPORT OF CHIEF

The Chief noted the outpouring of support from the community, with numerous donations of PPE and food.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Building Committee

The Building Committee and plans for the new station are on hold.

B. Recruitment.

The Commission will be interviewing 6 candidates on Monday, May 18, 2020, with the

goal of filling two of the four open positions.

C. Dispatch

Dispatch is going well and monthly meetings with the FD may resume shortly. A new dispatcher had been hired, but because his training was incomplete, he is unable to start working.

D. Budget

The Chief submitted to the BOS and BOF proposed budgets at differing levels as requested.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Officer Commissioin Waters moved to accept the Chief's recommendation that Officer Gorman be released from the probationary period applicable to new officers, seconded by Commissioner Sauvigne, passed 3-0.

B & C. The Commission, acting as the Local Traffic Authority, supports referrals to DOT for traffic studies (i) regarding traffic signaling at Rt. 7 and Olmsted Hill/Cannon Rod, and (ii) a request for a crosswalk at Rt. 7 and Cricket Lane.

D. The Corona Virus Response task force meets three times a week. They are presently starting to focus on transitioning to reopening of the Town.

There is also consideration of a local ordinance to allow the equivalent of "ticketing" of persons violating social distancing and related directives.

E. The Commission, acting as the Local Traffic Authority, on motions made by Commissioner Waters, seconded by Commissioner Sauvigne, and passed 3-0, voted to accept the recommendations of Lt. Hartman for (i) a horizontal W1-2 alignment sign for both directions in the area of 47/48 Huckleberry Hill, as set forth in Lt. Hartman's report, and (ii) a hill blocks view sign on Mountain Road, again as set forth in Lt. Hartman's report.

F. The Commission was very complementary of the Annual Report prepared by Captain Cipolla, the information contained in the Report, and the outstanding performance of the Department in 2019.

REPORT OF THE COMMISSIONERS.

None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Commission did not meet in executive session

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:48 p.m., a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Commissioner Sauvigne, seconded by Commissioner Waters, approved 3 -0.

Respectfully submitted,

Matthew C. Mason
Acting Secretary