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POLICE COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

May 8, 2017

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

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Chairman Sauvigne called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm. In attendance were Commissioners Sauvigne, Waters, and Mason, Chief Lynch, Captains Conlan and Cipolla, Det. Trahan, Officers Fridinger and Calorossi, and Sarah Taffel, Director, HR, Labor Relations, & Administrative Services at Town of Wilton.

STEP TWO GRIEVANCE HEARING -- OFFICER CALOROSSO DISCIPLINE

The Commission heard a grievance by Officer Calorossi regarding a written reprimand originally issued by Chief Crosby, which was then reviewed and affirmed by Chief Lynch and Captains Conlan and Cipolla.

Sarah Taffel initially explained the procedure governing the hearing including that the just cause standard applies and the Department has the burden of proof.

Captain Lynch presented the evidence in support of the written reprimand. His Union representatives, Det. Trahan and Officer Fridinger, presented Officer Calorossi's defense and Officer Calorossi spoke on his behalf. The Commission also asked questions of the interested parties.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 8:02 pm, the Commission went into executive session, on Commissioner Water's motion, which passed 3-0, to discuss the grievance. The Commission invited Sarah Taffel into the executive session. At 8:29 pm, the Commission came out of executive session, no action having been taken.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no members of the public present at the meeting, and no public comment was received.

MINUTES

Commissioner Mason made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 17, 2017 regular meeting, which was seconded by Commissioner Walter and approved 3-0.

DISCUSSION OF MONTHLY REPORTS

The monthly reports were reviewed and all was considered to be in order.

The Commission noted there are presently six traffic studies underway.

While overtime was up last month for a variety of reasons, the Commission noted that overtime is 1582 hours less this fiscal year than last fiscal year due to the Department being at near full staffing and careful monitoring of overtime by the Chief and his staff.

REPORT OF THE CHIEF

The Chief noted that Town vote in favor of proceeding with next steps towards a new police station.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

REPORT OF THE COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Waters gave a brief update on the Police Facilities Committee.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no members of the public present at the meeting, and no public comment was received.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 8:51 pm the Commission and went into executive session. Chief Lynch, Captains Conlan and Cipolla were invited into the executive session to discuss the status of union negotiations and personnel issues, specifically the administrative sergeant position.

At 8:58 pm, the Commission came out of executive session, no action having been taken.

PUBLIC SESSION

Commissioner Waters motion to accept the Chief's recommendation to promote Officer Anna Tornello to the position of Sergeant, seconded by Commissioner Mason, passed 3-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 9:03 pm, the Commission went into executive session to deliberate further on the pending grievance.

At 9:19 pm, the Commission came out of executive session, no action having been taken.

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:20 pm the, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Commissioner Mason, seconded by Commissioners Waters, passed 3 -0.

Respectfully submitted,

Matthew C. Mason, Acting Secretary