

POLICE COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

11 JANUARY 2016

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Don Sauvigne called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm. In attendance were Commissioners Sauvigne, Waters, and Mason, Chief Crosby, and Captains Lynch and Conlan.

NEW BUSINESS

The Agenda was scrambled and the Commission considered the Chairmanship of the Commission given that former Chairman Weldon was no longer on the Commission. Commissioner Mason moved that Commissioner Sauvigne be made Chairman of the Commission. The motion passed 2-0, with Commissioners Mason and Sauvigne voting in favor and Commissioner Waters abstaining.

MINUTES

Commissioner Waters' motion to approve the minutes of the December 21, 2015 meeting, was seconded by Commissioner Sauvigne, approved 3-0.

DISCUSSION OF MONTHLY REPORTS

Monthly reports were reviewed and considered. The Commission observed that the number of motor vehicle stops, both in December and for the year 2015 were excellent. Stops have increased due to a number of factors, including a DUI grant and more officers being on the road as more of our new officers are on the street having completed their field training.

The MAC report reflected the PD's response to citizen complaints/requests for selective enforcement in certain areas, as well as good efforts for community outreach.

With respect to Traffic Studies, in its capacity as the Traffic Authority, Commissioner Sauvigne's motions, seconded by Commissioner Waters, passed 3-0 that:

1. A crosswalk not be installed across from the Toll Brothers development at 127 River Road because it did not satisfy the relevant criteria in the PD's Crosswalk Regulations Guide, but agreed and supported additional signage.
2. In accordance with the NVRT's request, that crosswalks be installed at the intersections of (i) River Road and Horseshoe Road and (ii) Horseshoe and Wolfpit Road, except for the recommendation for a "No Turn on Red" sign on Wolfpit and Horseshoe Road, and recommended that the PD consult with the State on this issue.

Regarding the Accreditation Report, Commissioner Waters observed that many of the proofs are the same for several different standards and it is worth investigating whether other departments or the State have already developed cross-references, and if not whether we could join with other departments and develop cross-references so as not to reinvent the wheel.

REPORT OF CHIEF

Chief Crosby provided his report, including of 19 letters from community members supporting the PD, as well as several donations as set forth in his report.

OLD BUSINESS

Commissioner Waters' motion to approve the 2016 calendar for Commission meetings, which was seconded by Commissioner Sauvigne, passed 3-0.

Regarding 241 Danbury Road, Commissioner Waters' motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Sauvigne, to authorize the Chief to send a letter to the Office of State Traffic Administration indicating that the Commission, acting as the Traffic Authority, concurs with the assessment that the proposed development at 241 Danbury Road will not have a substantial impact to the State Highway system, passed 2-0 with Commissioner Mason recusing himself.

NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Waters' motion that Officer Patenaude be removed from probationary status, seconded by Commissioner Sauvigne, passed 3-0.

REPORTS OF COMMISSIONERS

The Commission discussed the passing of Sgt. Tunney and the beautiful service in Stamford remembering his life as one of Wilton's finest, and certainly one of its most popular officer.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 8:16 p.m., the Commission went into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters.

At 8:40 p.m., the Commission came out of executive session, no action was taken.

Commissioner Waters' motion to accept the Chief's recommendation to promote Patrol Officer and Acting Sergeant Rangel to Sergeant, seconded by Commissioner Sauvigne, passed 3-0.

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:00 pm, Commissioner Waters' motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Mason, passed 3-0.

Respectfully Submitted,



Acting Secretary Matthew C. Mason