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**POLICE COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING  
11 MARCH 2019**

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A FUTURE MEETING OF THE POLICE COMMISSION**

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Chairman Don Sauvigne called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. In attendance were Commissioner David Waters, Commissioner Matt Mason, Chief John Lynch, Captain Robert Cipolla, First Selectwoman Lynne Vanderslice (arrived 7:09 p.m.), Director of HR, Labor Relations and Administrative Services for the Town of Wilton Sarah Taffel (arrived 7:09 p.m.) and Patti Temple, Co-Chair of the Police Department-Town Hall Building Committee (arrived 7:10 p.m.).

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 6:30 p.m. the meeting went into Executive Session to interview a potential new officer of the Department. The Commission invited Chief Lynch and Captain Cipolla and the interviewee to participate in the Executive Session. At 7:01 p.m. the interviewee left the Executive Session. At 7:07 p.m. the Commission came out of Executive Session. No action was taken in the Executive Session.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Consideration of Hiring of New Police Officer Recruit by the Department**

Commissioner Waters made a motion to offer Nicholas Sarno an offer of employment as a police officer of the Department, subject to the usual conditions and background follow up research, with a commencement date of employment determined at the discretion of the Chief upon the satisfactory completion of such conditions and the earliest available time. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Mason. Motion carried 3-0.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comment was received.

### **MINUTES**

Commissioner Mason made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 11, 2019 regular meeting and the February 20, 2019 special meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Waters. Motion carried 3-0.

A motion was made by Commissioner Sauvigne, seconded by Commissioner Waters, to scramble the agenda to discuss the building committee report. Motion carried 3-0.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **A. Building Committee Report**

First Selectwoman Vanderslice reported that there are proposals pending in the current legislative session that, if enacted, would encourage or force regionalization of certain functions such as Dispatch. It is a very fluid situation as to what functions may be the focus, what the incentives/consequences would be, etc. Ms. Vanderslice further reported that there is some interest from nearby municipalities in creating certain regionalized services but that all discussions are preliminary. There are complications to regionalization that include multiple collective bargaining units, coordination of timing and construction with the other municipalities, etc. The ramifications to the Building Committee are that it is highly unlikely that the Town will have the clear direction necessary to put the bonding of the new facility before a Special Town Meeting in November 2019.

### **DISCUSSION OF MONTHLY REPORTS**

Monthly reports were reviewed and discussed. The Commission noted that the number of MV Stops for February was low, and Chief Lynch noted that there have been shift coverage issues which have limited the number of vehicle stops.

The Activity Report for February was reviewed. The Commission noted that activities reported are consistent with prior years. The Detective Bureau report for February did not present any issues.

The MAC Report for February was reviewed. There were no issues, and the activities of the Department were satisfactory.

The SRO Report for February was reviewed and the Commission noted no issues.

The Overtime Report for February was reviewed and the Commissioners noted that the overtime hours are consistent with the prior year.

Chief Lynch reported that the accreditation process has been successfully completed. The Commission recognized the Chief and the Department, notably Sergeant Rangel, for the significant effort involved in completing this process and noted the benefits to the Town that accreditation provides.

There was no K9 Report for March.

### **REPORT OF CHIEF LYNCH**

Chief Lynch reviewed with the Commission the letters of thanks and the donations that had been received.

### **OLD BUSINESS (CONTINUED)**

#### **B. Budget**

Chief Lynch reported that the proposed budget has been presented to the Board of Selectmen and he is cautiously optimistic that no adjustments will be required.

### **NEW BUSINESS (CONTINUED)**

#### **B. Officer Ventura – Release from New Hire Probation Effective April 2, 2019**

Chief Lynch informed the Commission that Officer Christopher Ventura will complete the minimum probationary period as a new-hire officer of the Department on April 2, 2019, and recommended that the Commission remove him from new-hire probationary status on that date assuming there is no negative change in his status. Commissioner Waters made a motion to remove Officer Ventura from new-hire probationary status effective April 2, 2019 provided the Chief determines that there has not been a negative change in circumstances. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sauvigne. Motion carried 3-0.

### **REPORTS OF THE COMMISSIONERS**

No further comments were received from the Commissioners.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comment was received.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION (CONTINUED)**

At 8:15 p.m. the meeting went into Executive Session to discuss pending legal matters and personnel matters. The Commission invited Chief Lynch and Captain Cipolla to participate in the Executive Session. At 8:40 p.m. the Commission came out of Executive Session. No action was taken in the Executive Session.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

At 8:41 p.m., a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Commissioner Sauvigne seconded by Commissioner Mason and passed 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,  
David F. Waters, Acting Recording Secretary