

Wilton Police Commission



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**POLICE COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING
15 APRIL 2019**

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

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Chairman Don Sauvigne called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. In attendance were Commissioner David Waters, Commissioner Matt Mason (arrived 7:34 p.m.), Chief John Lynch, Captain Robert Cipolla and Captain Thomas Conlan.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was received.

MINUTES

Commissioner Sauvigne made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 11, 2019 regular meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Waters. Motion carried 2-0.

DISCUSSION OF MONTHLY REPORTS

Monthly reports were reviewed and discussed. The Commission noted that the number of MV Stops for March was consistent with prior years.

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

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

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

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

The Commission reviewed the K9 Report for March and noted no issues.

REPORT OF CHIEF LYNCH

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

OLD BUSINESS

A. Building Committee

Commissioner Waters reported that due to several bills before the Legislature that would potentially encourage or force regionalization of certain activities, the Building Committee is limited in its ability to assess future needs. There should be greater clarity by the end of the legislative session, and in the meantime the Committee is doing background due diligence work. The First Selectwoman has indicated that she still hopes that the bonding for the project will be on the May 2020 Town Meeting agenda.

B. Recruit Update

Chief Lynch reported that Nicholas Sarno, to whom an offer of employment has been extended, has elected not to continue the employment process with Wilton. A replacement candidate will be considered at a future date.

C. FY 2020 Budget Update

Chief Lynch reported that there has been an adjustment in the Department's budget because the budget originally assumed 45 officers when in fact based upon current employment estimates the Department will have 44 officers, but that is not a change from what was actually contemplated. There is at present no further contemplated change.

D. Cobbs Mill Site Survey

The Commission, acting as the Local Traffic Authority, reviewed the analysis performed by Lieutenant Hartman of a request for a modification to the traffic pattern at the intersection of Cobbs Mill Road and Cedar Road. The Commission agreed to a change to the traffic pattern to make on lane inbound on the eastern side of the island and one lane outbound on the western side of the island, and to signage and striping as recommended by Lieutenant Hartman. Commissioner Waters made a motion that the Commission adopt the analysis performed by Lieutenant Hartman, and notify Wilton DPW of the determination. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sauvigne and carried 2-0.

E. Old Huckleberry Road Signage

The Commission, acting as the Local Traffic Authority, reviewed the analysis performed by Lieutenant Hartman of signage recommendations in furtherance of the Commission's prior determination on December 10, 2018 with respect to a through-truck ban on a section of Huckleberry Road. The Commission agreed that the recommended signage (1) warning truck drivers of an upcoming prohibition, and (2) prohibiting trucks in the designated area, is appropriate. Commissioner Waters made a motion that the Commission adopt the analysis performed by Lieutenant Hartman with respect to signage in furtherance of the prior decision of the Commission. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sauvigne and carried 2-0.

F. Pedestrian Signs

Chief Lynch reported that the State DOT has developed signage for pedestrian crossings in Wilton Center. The Commission has already approved the pedestrian enhancements in concept. No action was required of the Commission.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Old Belden Hill Speed Hump Survey

The Commission, acting as the Local Traffic Authority, reviewed the analysis performed by Lieutenant Hartman of a petition by residents for speed humps on Old Belden Hill Road. The Commission noted that the street in question did not meet three of the eight established criteria to approve speed bumps, and therefore determined that no action would be taken on this request. The Commission agreed with the recommendation of Lieutenant Hartman that selective enforcement should continue to be performed in this area.

B. 2018 Annual Report

The Commission reviewed the Department's annual report of activities for 2018 and commended the Department both for the presentation and for the activities reported.

C. SWERT Update

Chief Lynch informed the Commission that Sergeant Rangel has resigned from SWERT after eight years in the program. A replacement will be designated at a future date.

REPORTS OF THE COMMISSIONERS

No further comments were received from the Commissioners.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was received.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 7:56 p.m. the meeting went into Executive Session to discuss pending legal matters and personnel matters. The Commission invited Chief Lynch, Captain Conlan and Captain Cipolla to participate in the Executive Session. At 8:16 p.m. the Commission came out of Executive Session. No action was taken in the Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:17 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