

Wilton Police Commission



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**POLICE COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING
12 OCTOBER 2020**

**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 4:16 p.m. In attendance electronically were Commissioner David Waters, Chief John Lynch, Captain Thomas Conlan and Captain Robert Cipolla.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Captain Conlan reported that no public comment had been received.

**DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION ON MATTERS DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE
SESSION**

There was no discussion or action on those matters discussed in the Executive Session Special Meeting that preceded this Special Meeting.

MINUTES

Commissioner Sauvigne made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 21, 2020 Executive Session Special Meeting and the September 21, 2020 Special Meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Waters. Motion carried 2-0.

DISCUSSION OF MONTHLY REPORTS

Monthly reports were reviewed and discussed.

The Activity Report for September was reviewed. The Commissioners noted that domestic matters were down.

The Commissioners noted the number of MV Stops for September continues to be lower than in prior years and acknowledged that until the Department is closer to full staffing this will remain the case.

The Detective Bureau report for September did not present any issues. The Commissioners noted that pistol permits are up, and Captain Conlan reported that delays in State processing are affecting timing of the permits.

The MAC Report for September was reviewed, and there were no issues. The continued community interactions with car seat installations and similar contacts is beneficial.

The SRO Report for September was reviewed and the Commissioners noted no issues. The work of the SROs is challenging due to the hybrid learning model, and school arrivals and dismissals are also taking attention.

The Overtime Report for September was reviewed. The Commissioners noted their concern with the increased overtime hours, but acknowledged that this is to be expected with the current reduced personnel until new officers are incorporated into the schedule, and also resulting from isolation of officers after travel due to COVID-19.

The K-9 Report for September was reviewed, and there were no issues. The Commissioners noted their appreciation of the K9 in community involvement.

REPORT OF CHIEF LYNCH

Chief Lynch reviewed with the Commission the letters of thanks and the donations that had been received, and expressed the thanks of the Department for the tremendous support from the community. The Commissioners noted that Officers Brandon Harris and Christopher Ventura were recipients of the MADD Awards and expressed their congratulations and thanks for work well done. Chief Lynch reported that the Department and other departments in the region are forming a group to address car thefts, and they will be encouraging residents to lock their cars, remove valuables, etc.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Building Committee

Commissioner Waters reported that there has been no activity.

B. COVID Update

Chief Lynch reported that the number of infections is holding steady, and is mostly 20-30 year olds. The core group of the EOC continues to meet on Mondays, and other meetings are held as needed, notably for school transition. Approximately 350-360 residents participated in the flu clinic recently.

C. Hiring New Recruits

Captain Conlan reported that the grades of the recruits going through the Academy are good. There has been interest expressed from potential lateral hires for the current open position.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Newtown Turnpike Traffic Survey

The Commissioners, acting as the Local Traffic Authority, reviewed the analysis performed by Lieutenant Hartman of a citizen's request for three-way stop signage at the intersection of Newtown Turnpike and Cavalry Hill Road. The Commissioners agreed that the recommended stop bar on Cavalry Hill Road, signage on Newtown Turnpike, brush removal by DPW, discussion with the resident to the south about removal of a bush, and use of the portable speed sign were appropriate. Commissioner Waters made a motion that the Commission adopt the analysis performed by Lieutenant Hartman. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sauvigne and carried 2-0.

REPORTS OF THE COMMISSIONERS

There were no comments from Commissioners.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was received.

ADJOURNMENT

At 4:35 p.m., a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Commissioner Sauvigne seconded by Commissioner Waters and passed 2-0.

Respectfully submitted,
David F. Waters, Acting Recording Secretary