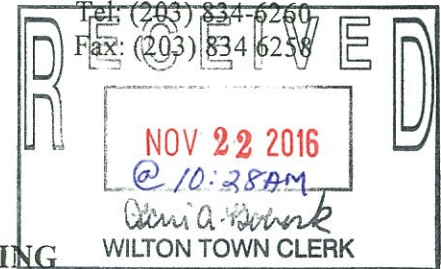


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**POLICE COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING
11 OCTOBER 2016**

**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 7:04 p.m. In attendance were Commissioner David Waters, Commissioner Matt Mason (by telephone), Chief Robert Crosby, Captain John Lynch, Captain Thomas Conlan, Director of Human Resources Sarah Taffel (arrived 7:46 p.m.) and members of the public.

MINUTES

Commissioner Sauvigne made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 12, 2016 regular meeting and the August 8, 2016, September 14, 2016 and September 21, 2016 special meetings. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Waters. Motion carried 3-0.

DISCUSSION OF MONTHLY REPORTS

Monthly reports were reviewed and discussed. Chief Crosby noted that the number of MV Stops for September remains consistent and at the level that the Department contemplates.

The Activity Report for September was reviewed. The Commission noted that domestic complaints were slightly elevated. Narcotic investigations are already higher this year than they were for all of 2015, which is partially attributable to increased manpower leading to more motor vehicle stops, and partially as a result of good detective work.

The MAC Report for September was reviewed. Chief Crosby informed the Commission that the Department is performing interviews to fill the MAC position. There were approximately twelve traffic-related citizen complaints this month alone and the MAC officer will investigate these types of matters among others.

The SRO Report for September was reviewed. Due to the start of the school calendar the SROs are very busy.

The Overtime Report for September was reviewed. The Commission commended the Department on the significantly reduced overtime hours reported in September, with some of the overtime cost subject to reimbursement or SEU grants.

The Accreditation Report for September was reviewed. The Commission expressed satisfaction that the contemplated timetable is being met.

There was no K9 Report for September because K9 Baso is still in training.

REPORT OF CHIEF CROSBY

Chief Crosby noted the upcoming participation of the Department in domestic violence awareness at the Wilton YMCA, the successful "Stroll with the Patrol" on the Norwalk River Valley Trail and the upcoming Tip a Cop at Cactus Rose. The Commission commended the Department on these outreach activities.

OLD BUSINESS

A. K9 Status

Chief Crosby informed the Commission that K9 Baso has passed all training requirements, and that he is certified for human tracking. This is particularly valuable to the Department if someone wanders away from home, which has occurred with some frequency in Town.

B. Discussion on Dispatch

Chief Crosby reported that the process developed with the Fire Department to enhance the communications between the two departments is working well, and representatives of the two departments meet weekly.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Sergeant Sisenstein Release from New Sergeant Probation Status Effective 8/23/16

Chief Crosby informed the Commission that Sergeant Stephen Sisenstein has completed the minimum probationary period as a new sergeant of the Department as of August 23, 2016, and recommended that the Commission remove him from new sergeant probationary status as of that date. Commissioner Waters made a motion to remove Sergeant Sisenstein from new sergeant probationary status effective August 23, 2016. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sauvigne. Motion carried 3-0.

B. Body Worn Cameras

Chief Crosby informed the Commission that a number of the body worn cameras are now being used but that in order to use the full complement an upgrade in software is required. An additional software requirement will allow for redaction, for example of the identity of a victim, and it is hoped that the State will acquire this software and make it available to police departments.

C. NRV T – Stroll with the Patrol

Chief Crosby informed the Commission that the “Stroll with the Patrol” event was well received by persons on the Norwalk River Valley Trail.

D. Traffic Survey Discussion – Route 7 and Catalpa Road

The Commission reviewed the analysis prepared by Lieutenant Cipolla. The Commission noted that this is an area of high congestion with a number of commercial driveways, it also is an area where speeding occurs and there have been a number of accidents, and it is controlled by the State DOT because Route 7 is a state road. Commissioner Sauvigne made a motion to support the following recommendations of the Department and to convey them to CTDOT: that the stop sight distance be reviewed to verify whether border hedges create a roadside obstruction, and to review whether the posted regulatory speed limit of 40 mph should be reduced in this area. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Mason and carried 3-0.

E. Discussion on Dogwood Lane Line of Sight

At the request of a resident who reported that motorists have a restricted line of sight at the intersection of Dogwood Lane and Grumman Hill Road and who expressed concern with the speed of vehicles in this location, and following an investigation by Lieutenant Cipolla, the Commission approved the change of signage from the existing “Slow” warning sign to a sign indicating an intersection by a vote of 3-0.

F. Traffic Survey – High Ridge Road/West Meadow Road

The Commission reviewed a request of several residents who reported that there is a danger from speeding vehicles in the area and asked for speed humps, stop signs and “No Through Truck” signs. Chief Crosby explained to the members of the public present that this area met seven of the eight established criteria for consideration of speed humps but the one standard not met was that this location is a primary emergency vehicle access route, so as a matter of safety speed humps were not recommended for this location. In addition, Lieutenant Cipolla’s analysis confirmed that the intersection does not meet the minimum vehicle volume threshold and accident criteria so multi-way stop signs are not warranted. The “No Through Truck” limitation would not address the concern because virtually all large vehicles in this location are going to or from a location in Wilton and

therefore the prohibition would not apply to them. The Commission did recognize that there are no posted speed limit signs and approved the placement of 25 mph speed signs at both ends of High Ridge Road, and further approved the placement of a sign indicating an intersection if the intersection sign is deemed appropriate in the discretion of the Department, by a vote of 3-0.

G. Traffic Survey Discussion – 142 Hurlbutt Street

The Department received a complaint from a resident that a neighbor's fence obstructed the sightlines from his driveway and Lieutenant Cipolla conducted an investigation, but the fence in question has been removed by the neighbor and the Commission therefore took no action on this request.

REPORTS OF THE COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Waters reported to the Commission that he had been made aware of an increased sensitivity by the Town to ensuring that FOIA requirements are properly met, including the timely posting of meeting minutes.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 7:51 p.m., the meeting went into Executive Session to discuss employee performance and pending claim or litigation. The Commission invited Sarah Taffel, Director of Human Resources of the Town of Wilton, to participate in the Executive Session. At 8:50 Commissioner Mason left the meeting. At 9:00 p.m., the Commission came out of Executive Session. No action was taken in the Executive Session.

OPEN SESSION

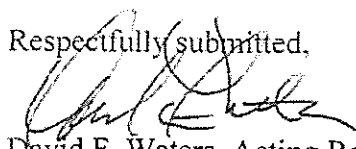
A. Consideration of Action Items with Respect to Personnel and/or Pending Claim and/or Litigation Matters

Commissioner Sauvigne moved to approve the issuance of a letter from the Commission to Chief Crosby as addressed in the Executive Session and to approve the course of action to address a complaint as discussed in the Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Waters. Motion carried 2-0.

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:04 p.m., a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Commissioner Waters seconded by Commissioner Sauvigne and passed 2-0.

Respectfully submitted,



David F. Waters, Acting Recording Secretary