Wilton Police Commission



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POLICE COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING 14 OCTOBER 2015

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Chairman Chris Weldon called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m. In attendance were Commissioner David Waters, Commissioner Donald Sauvigne, Interim Chief Robert Crosby, Captain John Lynch and Captain Thomas Conlan.

MINUTES

Commissioner Waters made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 14, 2015 regular meeting and the October 5, 2015 special meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sauvigne. Motion carried 3-0.

DISCUSSION OF MONTHLY REPORTS

Monthly reports were reviewed and discussed. The Commissioners were pleased with the continuing trend in the number of MV Stops.

The Activity Report for September was reviewed. The Commission noted that the number of reported larcenies remained low, but the number of domestic abuse claims had risen back to levels experienced in the past.

The MAC Report for September was reviewed. A resident on Westport Road who had previously requested consideration of "No Thru Truck" designation of Route 33 has again requested that consideration. The Commissioners noted that because this is a State road the State DOT would be the proper authority to make this designation, and as the Commissioners had explained to the resident in the past the State would not consider such a request without the concurrence of both Wilton and Westport. Chief Crosby will follow up with Westport to determine their position on this. Chief Cosby informed the Commission that signage has been installed on various streets to warn motorists to provide bicyclists with appropriate space on the road.

The SRO Report for September was reviewed. The Commission expressed satisfaction with the report.

The Overtime Report for September was reviewed. The Commission expressed concern with the significant increase in overtime hours during this reporting period. Chief Crosby reported that several factors were involved – the open position for evening dispatch, unexpected bereavement leave, and firearms training with the new weapons procured by the Department. The Commission discussed possible ways to alleviate significant variances in overtime hours.

The Accreditation Report for September was reviewed. Lieutenant Brennan will be meeting with State Accreditation Manager Tanner to review the requirements of the new application that has been adopted by the accrediting agency, and will thereafter be able to determine a timeline for completion of the process.

REPORT OF CHIEF CROSBY

A report on the activities of the K9 for September was reviewed and discussed. Chief Crosby reported that there had been a lot of activity during this reporting period, including a number of demonstrations of Enzo's abilities and other public interaction.

Letters of thanks and jobs well done and other miscellaneous matters were reviewed.

Letters:

- Letter from United States Senator Christopher Murphy congratulating Detective Eva Zimnoch on her promotion
- Letter from Grace Florio to Captian John Lynch praising the investigative assistance received from (then) Officer Eva Zimnoch and Officer Wojciech Brodzinski

Donations to the Wilton Police Fund:

None

Donations (Other):

None

Miscellaneous:

• Copies of grades from POST for Officer Brandon Harris, Officer Steven Zawacki and Recruit Melissa Mason

OLD BUSINESS

A. Update on Status of Body Cameras

Chief Crosby reported that the Department is experimenting with the Taser version of body camera, and that the Panasonic version is still not available for Department testing. Chief Crosby will contact the issuer of the grant funds to confirm whether the Department can contract with Panasonic but then shift to another provider if the Panasonic cameras are not acceptable or are unavailable.

B. WPD Facebook Page

Chief Crosby reported that the Department Facebook page is active and that the response has been extremely favorable.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Discussion on 85 Indian Hill Road Survey Results and/or Approval of Road Signage

The Commission, acting as the Traffic Authority, discussed a request by a resident for "Hidden Driveway" signage and a mirror at 85 Indian Hill Road. Commissioner Weldon moved to approve the installation of "Hidden Driveway" signage in this area, the specific location to be determined by the Department, and to direct DPW to trim shrubbery in the street right of way. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Waters. Motion carried 3-0. No action was taken on the request for a mirror because this type of improvement is not made by the Town, but rather by a property owner.

REPORTS OF THE COMMISSIONERS

There were no reports of the Commissioners.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 8:10 p.m., the meeting went into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters. At 8:26 p.m., the Commission came out of Executive Session. No action was taken in the Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:27 p.m., a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Commissioner Waters seconded by Commissioner Weldon and passed 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,

David F. Waters, Acting Recording Secretary