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**POLICE COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING
8 JULY 2013**

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Chairman Christopher Weldon called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. In attendance were Commissioners Donald Sauvigne and David Waters, Chief Michael Lombardo, and Captain John Lynch.

MINUTES

Commissioner Sauvigne made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 10, 2013 meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Waters. Motion carried 3-0.

DISCUSSION OF MONTHLY REPORTS

Monthly reports were reviewed and discussed. It was noted that the number of MV stops was remaining constant and in good order. Captain Lynch is spearheading an effort to further increase patrol attention to distracted driving, particularly improper cell phone use while driving. The Commission also noted in the activity report that the Burglary rate is slightly elevated due to recent home burglaries which was consistent with what other neighboring towns have recently experienced. The Chief will be preparing a letter for publication advising citizens to be diligent in locking and alarming their homes.

The MAC report was reviewed with particular attention to traffic control. Selective enforcement was conducted on several streets and in particular on Westport Road where the speed trailer has been deployed on several occasions. With respect to recent complaints from a Westport Road resident, Chief Lombardo reported that he has made contact with "Mapquest" and will be writing to "Google Maps" regarding whether they are purposely routing truck traffic from I-95 to Route 33. A resident of Westport Road had met with the Police Commission a couple of months back expressing concern about speed and truck traffic on Westport Road (Route 33). During that meeting, the Westport Road resident was asked to get together with several of her neighbors as well as residents of the town of Westport on the road and to report back to the Chief and the Commission on the interest on pursuing it further with the State of Connecticut. To date, neither the Chief nor the Commission has heard anything back from this resident on this issue.

The SRO report was reviewed. There were no exceptional items identified, but school safety vigilance remains a priority for the department.

REPORT OF CHIEF LOMBARDO

Letters of thanks and recognition and other miscellaneous matters were reviewed. Letters are documented in the meeting agenda packet.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Fund Raising Considerations:** Chief Lombardo reported on the discussions regarding potential fund raising activities for the K-9 Program, the Wilton Police Gift Fund, and Wilton Police Explorer's Post. Several notable citizens have been approached regarding the creation of an exploratory committee to address these needs. The reception has been good with further activity to be taken on potentially putting together an outside committee to take up this task.

OLD BUSINESS

- **School Zone Designation on Route 7 in the area of Wilton High School:** The Commission and the Chief followed-up their discussions on the safety concerns in the area of the High School and The Wilton Y. Chief Lombardo officially has written to the State DOT requesting this area be designated as a School Zone with the speed limit reduced to 30 MPH during school hours. The State has confirmed receipt and has turned the request over to the Division of Traffic Engineering. The Chief is still awaiting word from other potential funding sources who share a common concern with the area. The goal is to have the designation completed prior to September 1, 2013.

REPORT OF THE COMMISSIONERS

There were no reports of the Commissioners.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 7:36 p.m. the meeting went into Executive Session to consider personnel issues and for the purpose of continuing the interview process. The Commission came out of Executive Session at 8:51 with no action having been taken in the Executive Session.

OLD BUSINESS (CONTINUED)

The Commissioners noted that in addition to the candidate interviewed this evening, the Commission interviewed a number of candidates in the past two hiring sessions that were held in recent months. A motion was made to extend to Scott Spezzano a conditional offer of employment as a police officer of the Department subject to successful completion of further testing requirements, with a commencement date of employment determined at the discretion of the Chief upon the satisfactory completion of such conditions and the earliest training class opening. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Waters. Motion carried 3-0. Officer Greg Phillipson, who had presented the candidate to the Commission and joined the meeting, was advised of the Commission's decision so that the candidate could be advised of the Commission's action.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:59 p.m., a motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Sauvigne seconded by Commissioner Waters and passed 3-0.

Respectively submitted,

Donald. H. Sauvigne
Commissioner WPD