

Wilton Police Commission



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POLICE COMMISSION MEETING 15 FEBRUARY 2011

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Chairman Mark Ketley called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. In attendance were Commissioners Matt Mason and Chris Weldon, Chief Michael Lombardo, Deputy Chief Robert Crosby, AJ Buzzeo (The Wilton Daily) and Claire Furano

MINUTES

A motion was made by Commissioner Matt Mason and seconded by Commissioner Weldon to approve the Minutes of the January 10, 2011 and the January 18, 2011 Special Meetings, which passed 3-0.

DISCUSSION OF MONTHLY REPORTS

The Commission reviewed, discussed and accepted the monthly reports.

Chief Lombardo noted that the number of MVAs is down significantly from the same time period last year and attributes this mainly to there being fewer vehicles on the roads due to excessive snow this winter.

The issue of snow removal by private contractors was discussed. It is an infraction to plow snow from property into the roadway. If this is done, the homeowner should contact the contractor to return and address the issue.

The number of Domestic Violence calls in January has almost tripled over the number of DV calls in January 2010. There were no repeat calls. Breach of Peace calls have almost doubled over the same time period last year. The Commission also reviewed a summary chart of criminal activity in Wilton for the last 10 years to see if there were any trends of which they were unaware. Most notable, EMS calls have significantly increased but appear to have leveled off and DV calls have jumped in the past two years.

The MAC Report was reviewed and discussed. Chairman Ketley commented that the report is extremely useful. He also emphasized to the Chief that it is important to continue to find ways for extra enforcement particularly on the side roads.

Lt. Brennan will conduct a traffic survey on Grumman and Whipple in response to a resident request for a speed hump. Commissioner Mason suggested reviewing the speed hump policies of surrounding towns and revisiting our policy.

The residents request for a No Thru Truck zone designation on Westport Road has been denied since the Town of Westport has expressed they have no interest in the matter. The request to the State for this designation must come from both towns congruously. We are waiting for an answer from the State on the Westport Road site line issues.

There is a noticeable improvement in traffic back-up at the Olmstead / Route 7 intersection.

Chief Lombardo will contact the State DOT about the light on Route 7 and 33 upper.

Letters of thanks and jobs well done were reviewed. Chief Lombardo thanked DPW Foreman for assisting in locating two missing children. Officer Calorossi assisted a resident. Custodian Bob Whiteside was mentioned for his good work. Officer Anna Tornello will be honored by the Police Commissioners Association at an awards dinner in March.

Donations have been made to the Wilton Police Fund:

- \$ 9.70 – Mr. Edward Runge, 77 Chicken Street
- \$50.00 – Mr. & Mrs. Charles King, 20 Cannon Road

NEW BUSINESS

Election of Officers:

Chairman Mark Ketley nominated Commissioner Chris Weldon for the position of Chairman of the Police Commission. Chairman Ketley made a motion to approve Commissioner Chris Weldon as the Chairman of the Wilton Police Commission effective February 18, 2011. It was seconded by Commissioner Matt Mason and passed 2-0-1, with Commissioner Weldon abstaining.

Commissioner Chris Weldon nominated Commissioner Matt Mason for the position of Vice Chairman of the Police Commission. Commissioner Chris Weldon made a motion to approve Matt Mason as the Vice Chairman of the Wilton Police Commission effective February 18, 2011. The motion was seconded by Chairman Mark Ketley and passed 2-0-1, with Commissioner Mason abstaining.

Chief Lombardo presented Chairman Ketley with a chair and thanked him for his 10 years of service, support and friendship on the Police Commission and expressed that he would be sorely missed. Commissioner Mason echoed the Chief's comments and

recognized Commissioner Ketley for his contributions to the department. Commissioner Weldon also expressed his gratitude for Commissioner Ketley's friendship and guidance while on the commission.

Chairman Ketley thanked everyone and expressed his appreciation for the experience, enjoyment and friendships while serving on the commission and also thanked Chief Lombardo for the chair that will be placed in his office.

REPORT OF THE COMMISSIONERS

There were no reports from the Commissioners.

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:26 p.m., a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Commissioner Weldon, seconded by Chairman Commissioner Ketley and passed 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,



Claire Furano
Recording Secretary