

Wilton Police Commission



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**POLICE COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING  
6 JUNE 2020**

**NOTE: THESE MINUTES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE AND APPROVAL AT  
A FUTURE MEETING OF THE POLICE COMMISSION**

**CTO**

Chairman Don Sauvigne called the meeting to order at 4:06 p.m. In attendance electronically were Commissioner David Waters, Commissioner Matt Mason, Chief John Lynch, Captain Thomas Conlan and Captain Robert Cipolla.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comment was received.

**MINUTES**

Commissioner Waters made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 11, 2020 regular meeting, the May 18, 2020 executive session special meeting and the May 18, 2020 special meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Mason. Motion carried 3-0.

**DISCUSSION OF MONTHLY REPORTS**

Monthly reports were reviewed and discussed.

The Activity Report for May was reviewed. The Commissioners noted that activities reported are consistent with prior years, and noted that motor vehicle accidents were down, likely because there was less traffic on the roadways.

The Commissioners noted the number of MV Stops for May and acknowledged the light traffic.

The Detective Bureau report for May did not present any issues.

The MAC Report for May was reviewed. There were no issues, and the activities of the Department were satisfactory. The Commissioners noted the intent of ConnDOT to install video detection equipment at the Route 33/Old Ridgefield Road intersection. The Commission, as the Local Traffic Authority, asked Chief Lynch to contact ConnDOT in response to a request from a resident to consider a rectangular rapid flashing beacon (“RRFB”) on Route 107 by New Street.

The SRO Report for May was reviewed and the Commissioners noted no issues.

The Overtime Report for May was reviewed. The Commissioners noted that there was some impact from potential COVID exposure that resulted in furloughs, but this cost may be recouped from either the State or from FEMA.

The K-9 Report for May was reviewed and the Commissioners noted no issues, and commended the K-9 patrol for assisting in getting a gun off the street.

### **REPORT OF CHIEF LYNCH**

Chief Lynch reviewed with the Commission the letters of thanks and the donations that had been received. The Commissioners expressed their appreciation for the efforts of the officers of the Department which generated positive interactions with the public.

Chief Lynch reported the significant community support with respect to the COVID epidemic and as a result of the unrest in Minneapolis. He noted that difficult questions have been raised and open dialogue has started, and the Department is seeking to become more transparent and to be responsive to the concerns of the public.

Captain Conlan reported that Officer Whitman has just about completed POST despite COVID delays, and that field training will need to be set up but in the interim he is working the desk and getting experience.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **A. Building Committee**

Commissioner Waters reported that there has been no activity.

#### **B. Recruitment Update**

Captain Conlan reported that the next academy will commence on June 12, 2020 and it will be commuter, not in residence, with some virtual training.

#### **C. Dispatch Update**

Chief Lynch reported that all is working well in Dispatch at this time.

#### D. Budget Update

Chief Lynch reported that the Department is doing well this year and that there will be minor cuts next year that should not be problematic. The annual purchase of vehicles that normally occurs in February is delayed because factories have been closed due to COVID.

#### E. COVID Update

Chief Lynch reported that the EOC is meeting on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, and fortunately no one at Town Hall has tested positive for COVID. The Department's assistance at graduations and school events has been appreciated. Phase II openings and camps are challenging. PPE supplies are being maintained in adequate quantities for now.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### A. Traffic Control Signals – State Project

Commissioner Sauvigne will sign the State form on behalf of the Commission as the Local Traffic Authority.

#### B. Major Traffic Generator Approval – 60 Danbury Road

Commissioner Mason recused himself from discussion of this matter. The Commissioners, acting as the Local Traffic Authority, reviewed the request and found there to be no issues with the proposed change in use and the traffic impact resulting from the change.

#### C. Discussion of Wilton Walk for Peace

This matter was discussed in Chief Lynch's report.

### **REPORTS OF THE COMMISSIONERS**

The Commissioners congratulated the Chief and the Department for a job well done in very difficult and challenging times.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comment was received.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 4:44 p.m. the meeting went into Executive Session to discuss pending legal matters and personnel matters. The Commissioners invited Chief Lynch, Captain Conlan and Captain Cipolla to participate in the Executive Session. At 4:58 p.m. the Commission came out of Executive Session. No action was taken in the Executive Session.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

At 5:00 p.m., a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Commissioner Sauvigne seconded by Commissioner Waters and passed 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,  
David F. Waters, Acting Recording Secretary