

Wilton Police Commission



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**POLICE COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING
09 NOVEMBER 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 4:15 p.m. In attendance electronically were Commissioner David Waters, Commissioner Adrienne Reedy, Chief John Lynch, Captain Thomas Conlan and Captain Robert Cipolla.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Captain Conlan reported that no public comment had been received.

**DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION ON MATTERS DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE
SESSION**

There was no discussion or action on those matters discussed in the Executive Session Special Meeting that preceded this Special Meeting.

MINUTES

Commissioner Sauvigne made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 12, 2020 Executive Session Special Meeting and the October 12, 2020 Special Meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Waters. Motion carried 3-0.

DISCUSSION OF MONTHLY REPORTS

Monthly reports were reviewed and discussed.

The Activity Report for October was reviewed. The Commissioners noted that domestic matters were down, which Chief Lynch reported was not the case in other municipalities.

There was an uptick in car burglaries, predominantly because people were failing to lock their cars.

The Commissioners noted the number of MV Stops for October remains steady and acknowledged that until the Department is closer to full staffing this will continue to be an issue.

The Detective Bureau report for October did not present any issues. The Commissioners noted that pistol permits are significantly higher.

The MAC Report for October was reviewed, and there were no issues. Chief Lynch reported on the completion of the Route 7/Grumman Hill Road intersection project by DOT ahead of schedule. Commissioner Waters expressed thanks for the participation of the Department in Ambler Farm Day. Chief Lynch reported that the flu clinic was successful and provided a practice operation for COVID inoculations when they become available.

The SRO Report for October was reviewed and the Commissioners noted no issues. The school traffic duty is taking a significant amount of the SROs' time.

The Overtime Report for October was reviewed. The Commissioners recognized the continuing overtime demand, but acknowledged that the reason is identified based upon reduced personnel. Chief Lynch reported that there were issues arising from firearms training that resulted in COVID exposure and resulting self-isolation of some officers. The Department will maintain the minimum standards for firearm training for the time being, and will revisit the possibility of additional training in the Spring.

There was no K-9 Report for October.

REPORT OF CHIEF LYNCH

Chief Lynch reviewed with the Commission the letters of thanks and the donations that had been received, and expressed the thanks of the Department for the tremendous support from the community. Chief Lynch reported that the Town is reviewing bridge replacements on Lover's Lane and Arrowhead Road – Lieutenant Hartman is working with Wilton DPW and CTDOT to coordinate these projects, which are more complicated because of the type of work involved.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Building Committee

Commissioner Waters reported that there has been no activity. First Selectwoman Vanderslice has proposed that the Building Committee resume activities in Spring 2021 so that the project can be presented to the town for bonding at the Town Meeting in May 2022. Commissioner Waters noted that significant changes in architectural design are

likely as a result of COVID, and these can be incorporated into a future design of the building.

B. COVID Update

Chief Lynch reported that there has been a significant increase in the number of infections. It is important to wear masks and to follow the governor's new Executive Orders regarding events. The schools are starting to be affected. There is a concern with Department employee exposure. Outdoor seating at restaurants is being worked on and some standards are being relaxed by the state.

C. Hiring New Recruits

Captain Conlan reported that two of the Department recruits will graduate on November 27, 2020 and will then have twelve weeks of field training and be on the road in February. The other two Department recruits are doing well and will graduate in February and be on the road in May. The Commission will likely have potential lateral (i.e., qualified in Connecticut) and/or comparative (i.e., qualified in another state) potential new officers to interview at the next Commission meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Proposed 2021 Meeting Schedule

Commissioner Waters moved to approve the proposed Commission meeting schedule for 2021. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sauvigne and passed 3-0.

REPORTS OF THE COMMISSIONERS

Commissioners Waters and Sauvigne again welcomed Commissioner Reedy to the Commission.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was received.

ADJOURNMENT

At 4:50 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