

Wilton Police Commission



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**POLICE COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING  
14 DECEMBER 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 4:25 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 November 9, 2020 Executive Session Special Meeting and the November 9, 2020 Special Meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Reedy. Motion carried 3-0.

**DISCUSSION OF MONTHLY REPORTS**

Monthly reports were reviewed and discussed.

The Activity Report for November was reviewed. The Commissioners noted that the number of motor vehicle accidents with injuries has increased, due to less traffic on the roads but greater speed.

The Commissioners noted the number of MV Stops for November 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 November did not present any issues. The Commissioners noted that the number of pistol permits is significantly high.

The MAC Report for November was reviewed, and there were no issues.

The SRO Report for November 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 November 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 possible COVID exposure and resulting self-isolation of some officers.

The K-9 Reports for October and November were reviewed and there were no issues.

### **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 noted with gratitude a significant donation to the Wilton Police Fund. Chief Lynch reported that the number of stolen cars is still problematic, and largely the result of residents not taking measures to lock their vehicles and remove the keys.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

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

Commissioner Waters reported that there has been no activity.

#### **B. COVID Update**

Chief Lynch reported on the Town-wide testing that occurred recently, where 230 people were tested and the results were predominantly negative. Police, Fire and EMS will be a second tier priority for vaccinations and the Town is working on procedures.

#### **C. Hiring New Recruits**

Captain Conlan reported that two of the Department recruits are now in the third week of field training. The other two Department recruits are doing well and will graduate in early March. 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. Site Survey Spruce Drive**

The Commissioners, acting as the Local Traffic Authority, reviewed the analysis performed by Lieutenant Hartman of a citizen's request for "No Outlet" or "Dead End" signage at the beginning of Spruce Drive. The Commissioners agreed that the recommended "Dead End" signage was appropriate. Commissioner Waters made a motion that the Commission adopt the analysis performed by Lieutenant Hartman. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sauvigne and carried 3-0.

#### **B. Rte. 33/Lover's Lane Traffic Signal Review**

The Commissioners, acting as the Local Traffic Authority, reviewed the analysis performed by Lieutenant Hartman of a citizen's request for a delayed green light for Belden Hill Road at the intersection with Ridgefield Road and Lover's Lane in order to allow Lover's Lane traffic to move through the intersection. This is an intersection involving a State road and therefore CTDOT would have to make that determination. Commissioner Sauvigne made a motion that the Commission adopt the analysis performed by Lieutenant Hartman that a letter be sent to CTDOT by the Department requesting a change to allow Lover's Lane to exit without Belden Hill Road being permitted to exit. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Reedy and carried 3-0. 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**

There were no comments by the Commissioners.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comment was received.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

At 4:45 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