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**POLICE COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING
Comstock Community Center Room 31**

Date: February 13, 2023

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

Call To Order

Chairman Chris Giovino called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m. In attendance were Commissioners Giovino, Reedy and Sinchak, Chief Conlan, Deputy Chief Cipolla, Lieutenant David Hartman, Sergeant Detective Anna Tornello and Animal Control Officer Roz Nenninger from Wolcott, CT.

Public Comment

No Public Comment

**Reading and Approval of Minutes from the January 5, 2023 Special Meeting,
January 9, 2023 Regular Meeting and January 20, 2023 Special Meeting**

Commissioner Giovino made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 5, 2023 Special Meeting, the January 9, 2023 Regular Meeting and the January 20, 2023 Special Meeting, with Commissioner Sinchak abstaining from the approval of the January 5th Special Meeting as he had not yet been appointed. Commissioner Giovino moved to accept the minutes and with no objection, Commissioner Reedy seconded the motion and it was approved by a 2-0 vote.

Discussion on Monthly Reports

Chief Conlan and Deputy Chief Cipolla presented the monthly reports, including the following:

- Activity Reports
- Detective Bureau Report
- MAC/SEU Report
- SRO Report
- Overtime Report
- K-9 Report
- Training

Report of the Chief

Chief Conlan referred to his comments and documents from the Meeting Agenda and package. There were no further comments or discussion.

Old Business

New Hire Update- Chief Conlan provide an update on the status of new hires. He expects to present 5 candidates to the Commission for consideration soon. He also indicated that given his own as well as DC Cipolla's promotions, there are vacancies in the Captain, Lieutenant and Sergeant positions that need to be filled. The Commission expects to begin interviewing prospective candidates for those positions within the next several weeks.

Town Wide Radio Project- Status quo, on track and so far, holding to plan.

Building Update- Project approval being presented to Planning and Zoning before RFQ is put out for General Contractor. Still planning to break ground in June.

Therapy Dog Program – Sergeant Detective Tornello and Wolcott Animal Control Officer Nenninger presented a proposal for a therapy dog program, explaining that the primary purpose of the program would be to provide support and comfort for the members of the Department in addition to serving as an important community relations tool. Chief Conlan agreed to discuss staffing requirements and various other considerations with Union leadership and would report back to the Commission.

New Business

Fy24 Budget Discussion - Chief Conlan noted that the WPD budget would be presented to the Board of Selectmen on February 15th. The requested increase in the operating budget is approximately 3.7%.

Year End Reports – Use of Force - DC Cipolla presented a report on the Department's use of force incidents in 2022, noting that the number of such cases was extraordinarily small in relation to the number of total responses and there were no instances in which it was determined that the proper protocols were not followed.

Approval of DOT Road Permits - After a brief discussion regarding the annual Memorial Day and 4th of July celebrations, Chairman Giovino moved to apply to DOT for the necessary detour permits for Ridgefield Road and Rt. 7 (respectively). Commissioner Reedy seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Reports from the Commissioners

Commissioner Reedy presented further information on a training being offered called "Dedication to Community" (D2C). The training is designed to improve understanding and foster relationships while pursuing healing, reconciliation and unity with the community. Chief Conlan will be reaching out to the training vendor on bringing this valuable training to the Wilton Police Department.

Executive Session

At 6:10 pm, Commissioner Giovino suspended the Regular Meeting and moved to enter into Executive Session, seconded by Commissioner Reedy, and all in favor. Personnel and legal matters were updated/discussed.

There were no votes taken in session. At 6:15 pm, the Commission returned to its regular session.

Open Session

There remained, nothing more to discuss, nor any votes required from the Executive Session.

Public Comment

No one from the public in attendance.

Adjournment

Chairman Giovino motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Reedy and passed 3-0. The meeting ended at 6:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Thomas Sinchak,
Commissioner and Acting Secretary