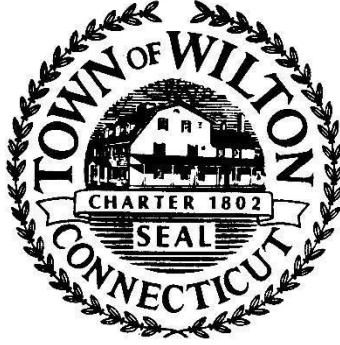


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**POLICE COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING
Comstock Community Center Room 31**

Date: October 10, 2023

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

Call To Order

Commission Chairman Chris Giovino called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m. In attendance were Commissioners Adrienne Reedy and Thomas Sinchak, Chief Thomas Conlan, Deputy Chief Robert Cipolla and Captain Gregg Phillipson. First Selectman Lynn Vanderslice attended as well.

Reading and Approval of Minutes from the September 18, 2023 Special Meeting

Commissioner Reedy made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 18, 2023 Special Meeting. Chairman Giovino seconded and the motion was approved unanimously.

Chairman Giovino then moved to scramble the agenda to address New Business matters, seconded by Commissioner Sinchak and the motion was approved unanimously.

New Business

Chief Conlan reported on the traffic survey recently completed on Danbury Road near the area south of the entrance to the YMCA, specifically a concern for the safety of pedestrians trying to cross Route 7 in order to visit businesses on the other side of the highway. After discussion, Commissioner Reedy moved to have the Local Traffic Authority (LTA) request that the State review options to enhance public safety in this location. Chairman Giovino seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Two major Traffic Generator Studies pertaining to activities at ASML 77 Danbury Rd. were next discussed, the first regarding an expansion of the cafeteria and the second relating to a material intake materials contamination control facility. Chief Conlan indicated that no material increase in traffic was expected to be created by either activity and recommended that the LTA approve both projects.

Commissioner Sinchak moved to approve the cafeteria expansion proposal, Chairman Giovino seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Sinchak next moved to approve the intake of material for materials intake proposal. Chairman Giovino seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Chief Conlan then explained the State's proposal to install center line rumble strips on the recently repaved section of Rt. 7 and a request that the LTA recommend waiving a public hearing on the matter. The Chief noted that rumble strips are effective in preventing head on collisions. First Selectman Vanderslice asked if this would be a lengthy project, reflecting concerns expressed by the public over any potential disruption that might be caused. The Chief responded that the work would likely only take a day or two. After discussion, Commissioner Sinchak moved to waive the requirement for a public hearing. Commissioner Reedy seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Monthly Reports

Chief Conlan presented the Monthly Reports, including:

Activity Reports --Vehicle break-ins and thefts were noted.

Detective Bureau Report

MAC Report/SEU Report

SRO Report

Overtime Report --a spike in the number of overtime hours was attributed to the training required for new pistols recently obtained by the Department.

K-9 Report

Training Report

Report of the Chief

Several compliments and expressions of gratitude received from the public since the last meeting were reviewed. There were no further comments or discussion.

Old Business

New Hire Update- the ongoing difficulties in attracting candidates to fill our open positions, including for the dispatch role, were discussed. Captain Phillipson indicated that we would be attending job fairs at several local universities in the hope of generating increased interest in a career in law enforcement.

Town Wide Radio Project- an update on the project was given by Chief Conlan. Continued progress is being made, the necessary equipment has arrived and a spring, 2024 launch date is anticipated.

Building Update - Chief Conlan reported that a contract was in the process of being signed with the general contractor for the project. We recently received a \$500,000 Small Town Economic Assistance Grant to help with the cost of construction of the Emergency Response Team Bat and Covered Parking.

Reports from the Commissioners

There were no reports from the Commission members.

Vote to Enter Executive Session

Chairman Giovino moved to go into Executive Session at 5:02 p.m., with Commissioner Reedy seconding. The motion passed unanimously.

Chief Conlan provided an update on pending legal and personnel matters.

Chairman Giovino moved to return to the regular session at 5:07 p.m. Commissioner Reedy seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Open Session

There were no matters discussed in Executive Session that required any action being taken.

Public Comment

No members of the public were in attendance.

Adjournment

Commissioner Sinchak moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Reedy, with the motion passing unanimously. The meeting thereupon adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Sinchak
Acting Secretary