

Wilton Police Commission



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**POLICE COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING
8 FEBRUARY 2021**

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

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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**

Commissioner Sauvigne announced his resignation as Chairman of the Commission and made a motion to elect Commissioner Waters as Chairman, effective immediately and through the expiration of Commissioner Waters' term as Commissioner in March, 2021, at which point Commissioner Sauvigne would resume the position of Chairman. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Reedy. Motion carried 3-0.

The meeting resumed with Commissioner Waters as Chairman.

Commissioner Waters announced his resignation as the Commission representative to the Police Fund and appointed Commissioner Reedy as the Commission representative, effective immediately.

MINUTES

Commissioner Sauvigne made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 11, 2021 Executive Session Regular Meeting and the January 11, 2021 Regular 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 January was reviewed. The Commissioners noted that the activity items were consistent with prior reports.

The Commissioners noted the number of MV Stops for January remains steady.

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

The MAC Report for January was reviewed, and there were no issues. The Commissioners noted the Department's support of Special Olympics not only in fund raising but in activities throughout the year.

The SRO Report for January was reviewed and the Commissioners noted Officer Ackerman's community relations efforts. Chief Lynch reported that generally there are 2-3 officers assisting with traffic control on school days to keep drop offs and pickups moving efficiently and safely.

The Overtime Report for January was reviewed. The Commissioners recognized the overtime demand caused by COVID-related isolation after travel or exposure, and the overtime necessitated by the "swatting" incident on Mountain Road.

The K-9 Report for January was 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 three donations to the Wilton Police Fund.

Chief Lynch reported that the State is reviewing opportunities to place flashing warning lights where there are pedestrian crossings in mid-block.

OLD BUSINESS

A. COVID Update

Chief Lynch reported that Town is committed to the integrity of the testing and vaccination processes. Vaccination eligibility will be reduced from age 75 to age 65 next

week. Wilton has been recognized as one of the top towns to administer vaccinations, and Chief Lynch specifically recognized First Selectwoman Vanderslice, Barry Bogle and the Visiting Nurses for their efforts.

B. New Hire Updates

Captain Conlan reported that two of the Department recruits are doing well in field training and have about two weeks remaining, and the other two Department recruits are doing well at POST. The new hire as a comparative transfer is being processed by POST and no issues are anticipated.

C. Budget FY 2022

Chief Lynch reported that the budget process is proceeding as expected.

D. Town-Wide Radio Effort

Chief Lynch reported that the Town's radio network has a twenty year life and the infrastructure is not replaceable at this point, so either a new system will be installed or there will be an upgrade to make the Town system compatible with the State system. The pricing of both options is being explored. There are four towers in town. There is a placeholder in the FY 2022 budget to bond for improvements, which could be approximately \$2-3 million for the entire town, and would include service for DPW, the schools, EMS and others.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Twin Oaks Lane Dead End Sign Request

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 on Twin Oaks Lane at Bryants Brook Road. The Commissioners agreed that the recommended "Dead End" signage was appropriate, particularly with the increased traffic created by the Norwalk River Valley Trail. Commissioner Sauvigne made a motion that the Commission adopt the analysis performed by Lieutenant Hartman. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Reedy and carried 3-0.

REPORTS OF THE COMMISSIONERS

There were no comments by the Commissioners.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was received.

ADJOURNMENT

At 4:42 p.m., a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Commissioner Sauvigne seconded by Commissioner Reedy and passed 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,
David F. Waters, Acting Recording Secretary