Wilton Police Commission



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POLICE COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING 8 MARCH 2021

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

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Commissioner Don Sauvigne called the meeting to order at 4:15 p.m. In attendance electronically were 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.

<u>DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION ON MATTERS DISCUSSED IN</u> <u>EXECUTIVE SESSION</u>

Action item: Due to the official retirement of Chairman David Waters, motion was made by Commissioner Reedy for Don Sauvigne is to resume role as Chairman of Police Commissioner. Motion carried 2-0

The meeting resumed with Commissioner Sauvigne as Chairman. The Commission now has an opening and look forward to position being filled soon.

Commissioner Sauvigne made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 8, 2021 Executive Session Regular Meeting and the February 8, 2021 Regular Meeting. Commissioner Reedy seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

DISCUSSION OF MONTHLY REPORTS

Monthly reports were reviewed and discussed. Chief Lynch noted that the activity items were mostly down across the board, with a small increase in Domestic. MVA /Traffic Stops also had an increase most likely due to inclement weather.

The **Detective Bureau Report** for February did not present any issues.

The **MAC Report** for February was reviewed, and there were no issues. The Commissioner noted the Department's handling of traffic studies. Special thanks to Lt. Hartman for his work associated with this month's report responding to the State's DOT funded projects.

Ie. Center line Rumble Strips issued by the State Horizontal alignment signage

Based on the recommendation from Lt. Hartman, motion was made by Commissioner Sauvigne that LTA approve the letter to be sent to the State requesting the curve be reviewed for the placement of warning sign at (Rt. 33 at Weeburn Lane) in accordance with MUTCD standards. Motion was second by Commissioner Reedy. Motion carried 2-0.

911-Trail signs with GPS indicator another example of safety first! Lt. Kluk entered data into CAD system.

The **SRO Report** for February was reviewed, and traffic control continues to be a primary concern for the safe drop off and pickup both for parents and students.

School Resource Officer Ackerman will be providing classes on internet safety for 6th grade students.

The **Overtime Report** for February was reviewed and hours were much better than in the past.

The K-9 Report for February was reviewed and there were no issues. With spring coming up and lifting of Covid restrictions, there will be opportunities for the canines to be more visible in the community.

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 continued support from the community.

Chief Lynch shared a letter of thanks from Westport Police Department for the assistance of Sergeant Rangel in an investigation that led to an arrest.

Covid vaccines- Thanks to Lt. Hartman, CERT, for planning, parking and moving people in for vaccine. avg. 1 shot per minute! Educators and others were happy to see one another. A celebrated event!

OLD BUSINESS

A. Covid Update – Wilton was committed to vaccinating Bd. Of Ed, educational providers etc.

Police Department is reviewing Isolation vs. Quarantine policies, travel restrictions. Waiting for Governor's report to see what changes will take place. Due to Covid restrictions, the Annual Meeting and voting which may present logistical problems.

- B. New Hire Update Capt. Conlan reported that everything looks good for the two comparative new hires. Plans to be sworn in March 15th then 2-3 week training. Other two new officers are doing great. Myles will be finished from the Academy in a week.
- C. Budget FY 2022 Chief Lynch reported that the budget process is proceeding as expected.

Capt. Conlan gave an update on the Radio Project. Currently working with Motorola. Looking at two options either State Trunked system or staying with current UHF system, which would require major upgrades. Will meet with Bd. of Selectman by April 20, 2021. Town is looking to hire consultant to review needs and assess best action moving forward.

NEW BUSINESS

Rt. 33 at Weeburn already discussed.

REPORTS OF THE COMMISSIONERS

Commission Sauvigne reiterated the exceptional service given by Chairman Commissioner David Waters to the Police Commission and the town for 10 years. A big thanks for a job well done. Chief Lynch seconded the motion.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was received.

ADJOURNMENT

At 4:47 p.m., a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Commissioner Sauvigne seconded by Commissioner Reedy and passed 2-0.

Respectfully submitted, Adrienne Reedy Acting Recording Secretary