

Wilton Police Commission



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**POLICE COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING
10 May 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 4:27 p.m. In attendance electronically were Commissioner Adrienne Reedy, Commissioner Jeffrey Miller, 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**

No action required in Executive Session

No public comments

Commissioner Sauvigne made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 12, 2021 Executive Session Regular Meeting and the April 12, 2021 Regular Meeting. Commissioner Reedy seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0

Welcome to Jeff Miller newly appointed to Police Commission.

DISCUSSION OF MONTHLY REPORTS

Activity Reports

Burglary spike due to rash of car thefts and break-ins. Residents reminded to lock car doors, don't leave keys in the cars. They should not to leave personal items in the car. Burglaries are happening during the overnight hours.

Two cars had windows smashed at NRV T parking lot on Autumn Road off Sharp Hill. Other towns are dealing with this problem more so, although Wilton has not had many, there is an increase. WPD is working along with the other police departments in any way they can to assist in these burglaries.

Also used vegetable oil was stolen from Village Market.

Vehicle stops – WPD is doing a great job keeping the roads safe.

Detective Bureau Report for April did not present any issues

MAC Report

Initiative to make sure Asian population was and felt protected during time of hate crimes going on across our country.

Distractive driving enforcement – Texting, use of cellphone is 99% of activity of DDE. Grants are useful for awareness and 100% reimbursable. Patterns of enforcement show that mainly traffic stops occur mostly during commuter hours 7a.m. – 9a.m and 3p.m.-5 p.m.

SRO Report

Traffic assistance still required. Otherwise Ackerman and Ross are active in their roles.

Overtime Report

SEU Grant to cover a lot with overtime. Uptick in shift coverage breakdown as follow:

- 80 hours for military leave
- 132 hours vacation coverage
- 170 hours sick time
- 114 staffing shortage (3 in field training) July 1 should help to keep OT costs down.

K-9 Report all is well

REPORT OF CHIEF LYNCH

April was a good month. Always good to get positive feedback from the community especially when an officer stops someone and the individual sends a letter complementing the officer's behavior in a positive manner.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. Covid update. Wilton has a lot of walk-ins, which were unheard of two months ago. Wilton as well as CT are tops as far as vaccinations. We are well ahead of the curve and the most vulnerable population has been vaccinated. Discussions are still going on to determine when the commission will be able to meet in person or having one-person meet in person while others meet on zoom.
- B. New Hire update. 2 new hires will go to an Emergency Medical Responder training, which extends their training to 12 weeks. All our officers are trained to be 1st responders.
- C. Town wide Radio Project Consultant Paul Zito from New England Radio met with all parties involved (Fire Dept., Volunteer Ambulance Corp., Department of Public Works,) agencies that need upgrade/improve radio structure and equipment. Next town meeting will be in November which gives the agencies and consultant plenty of time to have proposal in hand. Lynn Vanderslice is investigating to see if any Covid relief is available to help offset cost of project.
- D. Collingswood – St. John Centerline update. Request to review. No public comment. Report completed by Lt. Hartman. Due to the blind spots(elevation) and amount of curves and hills, centerlines are recommended. Although it is not a high volume traffic area, it is a proactive move that is recommended for safety and deemed appropriate countermeasure. Looking back five years ago, there were two crashes in this area involving crashing into a utility pole. Having centerlines is a safety measure.

NEW BUSINESS

Chief Lynch recommended that Officer Whitman be taken off of probation as a new hire. A motion was made by Commissioner Sauvigne to remove Officer Whitman off of probation. Commissioner Reedy seconded. 3-0

Chief Lynch also recommended the Det. Dolenk be taken off of probation. A motion was made by Commissioner Sauvigne to remove Officer Whitman off of probation. Commissioner Reedy seconded. 3-0

State Project Police Commission concurs that DOT reviews the lighting on the ADA accessible sidewalk ramp to make it safer. Selectwoman Vanderslice will be signing the document.

REPORT OF COMMISSIONERS

We again welcome Jeffrey Miller to the team!

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was received.

ADJOURNMENT

At 5:01 p.m., a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Commissioner Sauvigne seconded by Commissioner Reedy and passed 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,
Adrienne Reedy, Acting Recording Secretary