

Wilton Police Commission



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**POLICE COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING
14 June 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 4:29 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 May 10, 2021 Executive Session Regular Meeting and the May 10, 2021 Regular Meeting. Commissioner Miller seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0

DISCUSSION OF MONTHLY REPORTS

Activity Reports

Rash of car burglaries and stolen vehicles during month of June ,which will reflect in next month report.

MV stops dipped (340-400 average). Traffic is starting to pick up more activity, assisting schools three times a day, lifted Covid restrictions etc. MV stops seems to be down across the State. WPD does not expect to see high numbers as there were 4-5 years ago. Note: Police Accountability Act will limit some stops, which may impact the number of MV's (ie. marijuana and car searches) WPD is changing their culture and societal expectation but will remain visible.

Detective Bureau Report no issues to report

MAC Report

Talk of restructuring, it's been vacant and trying to assign multiple officers for tasks that were performed by MAC.

SEU (Selective Enforcement Unit)

911 Trail signs coming in

LTA requests

Lovers Lane- signal timing needs to be extended to make left turn. DOT project to update equipment in all traffic lights scheduled for 2023. However the state will be able to change the timing prior to scheduled update. Old Ridgefield Road and Lovers Lane are on the same switch.

33 and Weeburn Lane The DOT will install School Bus Stop Ahead sign

A crosswalk needs to be installed in front of Town Hall. DOT will need to install it but the town needs to have DPW install the ADA compliant handicapped ramps. Commission proposed to move forward on looking into this project rather than wait five years when that traffic stop would be reviewed.

Rt. 7 & 107 adjust timing from 11 to 16 seconds to reduce back up traffic.

Rt.107 & New Street Request for RRFB (Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon) to be installed for pedestrian safety would be at the expense of the town. Commission proposed to move forward to at least get more information of costs and pursue possible grants or gifts to cover costs.

Request to adjusting the stop line and signal for exiting 444 Danbury Road by Olmstead Rd.- DOT reviewed and there's nothing that can be done to change that situation..

SRO Report

School is closed

Overtime Report

Overtime coverage is still needed. Officer Myles is finished training and is on her own.

K-9 Report Mutual aid

REPORT OF CHIEF LYNCH

We continue to receive positive feedback from the community. WPD was one of five agencies in CT to receive a pizza party hosted by NorCom. Thanks to Dispatcher Anthony Cataldo for entering the WPD in NorCom's contest.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. Covid update. Very few cases. No issues with new variants. Graduation went well.
- B. New Hire update. 2 new hires are half way through training, will go through Emergency Medical training as well. At least another two months before they are on the road.
- C. Town wide Radio Project Consultant Paul Zito from New England Radio working with the Fire Dept., they need an additional channel in case of emergency. Things are moving along smoothly. Once the decision is made on which vendor, it will take about a year to install.
- D. Decision made to disband the dive team. If we need them, we have agreements with neighboring towns.

NEW BUSINESS

Request to review New Canaan Road to remove passing lane line and add School Bus Stop Ahead sign. Commissioner Sauvigne proposed for Lt. Hartman provide report to DOT. Commissioner Miller seconded. 3-0

REPORT OF COMMISSIONERS

Thanks to Capt. Cipolla for Traffic Report presentation to BOS. Commissioner Sauvigne mentioned about a video where an activist filmed in the Danbury library to possibly shed light on civilian rights Chief Lynch talked about the importance of staying ahead and knowing what those rights are and the importance of training the officers on how to respond.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was received.

ADJOURNMENT

At 5:14 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**