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Commissioners:
Christopher Giovino, Chairman
Adrienne Reedy
Thomas Sinchak

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

Date: January 20, 2023

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

Call To Order

Commissioner Chris Giovino called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m. In attendance were Commissioners Adrienne Reedy and Thomas Sinchak.

Public Comment

No one from the public was in attendance. Commissioners Reedy and Giovino noted for the record the attendance of Commissioner Sinchak and wished to welcome and acknowledge his commitment to the Town of Wilton in this new role. The Police Commission is additionally fortunate that "Tom" Sinchak has a history of service and experience, having served previously as a Commissioner for the Parks and Recreation and the Fire Departments.

As there was no public comment, at 1:10 p.m. Commissioner Giovino moved to enter Executive Session, seconded by Commissioner Reedy and passed unanimously.

Executive Session

The Commission discussed personnel matters. There were no votes taken in session. At 1:30 p.m., Commissioner Sinchak moved to leave Executive Session and reconvene into the Special Meeting.

Open Session

The personnel matters discussed in Executive Session resulted in two motions to be placed into the Special Meeting Open Session. The motions respond to the impending retirement of Chief John Lynch and his intention to do so effective February 1, 2023. The Commission and the Town of Wilton will more properly and publicly address this tremendous "loss" to the citizens of Wilton at a later date.

Commissioner Reedy made the following motion: I would like to make a motion to promote Wilton Police Captain Thomas Conlan to the position of Chief of Police, effective February 2, 2023, upon the retirement of Chief John Lynch, contingent upon his acceptance of the Commission's nomination to that position and to the Town's Offer Letter of Employment/Agreement.

This promotion is being made in recognition of Captain Conlan's impressive professional accomplishments and demonstrated leadership qualities, more than qualifying him to be the next Chief of Police leading the Wilton Police Department. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Giovino and it carried unanimously.

Commissioner Giovino made the following motion: I would like to make a motion to promote Captain Robert Cipolla to the position of Deputy Chief of Police, effective February 2, 2023, contingent upon his acceptance of the Commission's nomination to that position and to the Town's Offer Letter of Employment/Agreement. The Deputy Chief position will replace that of the current Captain and Executive Officer. The Commission believes this significant change reflects the importance of the "second-in-command" role within the department and the outstanding level of professional achievement required to attain this rank.

The promotion of Captain Cipolla to Deputy Chief is being made in recognition of the excellence of his performance throughout his time as a police officer and more recently in his capacity of Captain since his promotion to that rank on April 5, 2017. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Reedy and it carried unanimously.

Public Comment

No one from the public in attendance.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Commissioner Sinchak motioned to adjourn this Special Meeting, seconded by Commissioner Reedy and passed 3-0. The meeting ended at 1:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Christopher Giovino, Chairman and Acting Secretary