

Wilton Police Commission



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POLICE COMMISSION MEETING 8 November 2010

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Commissioner Matt Mason called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. In attendance were Commissioners Mark Ketley and Chris Weldon (via phone), Chief Michael Lombardo, Deputy Chief Robert Crosby, Toni Boucher, other members of the general public and Claire Furano.

Commissioner Matt Mason made a motion to amend the agenda to add Public Comment concerning traffic issues on Westport Road. It was seconded by Commissioner Mark Ketley and it passed 3-0.

Toni Boucher spoke about the inconsistent speed limit on Route 33 into Westport. She requested another review be done to revisit the speed limit. Ms. Boucher stated that there is a stretch of roadway on Route 33 in Wilton where the speed limit is marked 40 mph and includes part of the road that is hilly and curvy with poor sight lines. Further down heading into Westport beyond the Merritt Parkway overpass the marked speed limit is 35 mph.

Residents from Route 33 into Westport spoke out about reducing the speed limit and the amount of large truck traffic on Westport Road. The present impact of the speed limit, the volume of traffic and security were also discussed. Concern was expressed about sight lines exiting driveways along Westport Road and the intersection at Tall Trees Road, along with safety concerns about school bus stops along this route.

Commissioner Mason suggested the State be contacted to revisit the traffic/inconsistent speed limit along Route 33. Chief Lombardo agreed and said either he or Lt. Stephen Brennan would be in direct contact with State DOT. Commissioner Mason added that to increase enforcement activity more patrol officers are needed, but that due to current staffing issues at the Department the number of enforcement patrols is limited and must be used sparingly throughout the Town.

MINUTES

A motion was made by Commissioner Ketley and seconded by Commissioner Mason to approve the Minutes of the October 12, 2010 Regular Meeting, which passed 3-0 .

DISCUSSION OF MONTHLY REPORTS

The Commission reviewed, discussed and accepted the monthly reports.

It was pointed out that there were nine motor vehicle accidents with injuries and ten breach of peace calls during the month of October.

Domestic violence numbers are up slightly over last month (with no repeat calls).

EMS Assist calls were down during the month of October from the month of September. The number of calls is slightly lower than this time last year.

The November MAC Report was reviewed and discussed. The MAC report is extremely informative in addressing where the traffic concerns exist. Commissioner Weldon inquired about the cones on School Road. Chief Lombardo will look into having them placed again before and after the cross walk.

REPORT OF CHIEF MICHAEL LOMBARDO

Letters of thanks and jobs well done were reviewed. Lt. Lynch received a letter of appreciation for his participation in the Shelton Oral Boards. Officer Baker received an email from a parent thanking him for the manner in which he handled circumstances involving her son's car accident.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS

The 2011 meeting calendar was reviewed and approved with a motion made by Commissioner Weldon which was seconded by Commissioner Ketley. It passed 3-0.

There was a discussion on another numetrics being done along Route 33/ Westport Road and checking out the line of site at Tall Trees Road.

COMMISSIONERS REPORT

There was a discussion concerning SOPs.

Also discussed was a request from the Library for contact information on the Police Commission. An email address for the Police Commission will be posted on the website, along with the general phone and fax numbers.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 8:07 p.m. the meeting went into Executive Session to discuss collective bargaining strategy matters related to the FY '12 budget.

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:30 p.m., a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Commissioner Weldon, seconded by Commissioner Mason and passed 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Claire Furano
Recording Secretary