POLICE COMMISSION MEETING
10 January 2011

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Commissioner Mark Kettlely called the meeting to order at 4:04 p.m. In attendance were Commissioners Matt Mason and Chris Weldon, Chief Michael Lombardo, Deputy Chief Robert Crosby, Captain John Lynch, former Wilton Police Officer J. Christian Lund, Officer David Hartman, Officer Louis Reszoly, Sarah Taffel (Director of Human Resources, Labor Relations & Administrative Services), Attorneys Don Houston and Jarad Lucan (Durant, Nichols, Houston, Hodgson & Dortese-Costa, P.C.), Eric Brown (Local Police Union #1429 Attorney), Claire Furano and other members of the general public.

J. Christian Lund Grievance – Step 2

Town Labor Attorney Donald Houston opened the meeting stating the purpose was to discuss and resolve the J. Christian Lund Grievance – Step 2.

Union Attorney Eric Brown presented J. Christian Lund’s case. Attorney Donald Houston responded to Attorney Brown’s presentation and recommended to the Commissioners that J. Christian Lund’s grievance be denied.

Commissioner Chris Weldon moved to go into Executive Session to discuss and deliberate on the case as presented. Attorney Donald Houston advised Attorney Eric Brown of J. Christian Lund’s right to have the discussion and deliberation in Open Session. J. Christian Lund elected to have the discussion and deliberation in Open Session. Commissioner Chris Weldon withdrew his motion to go into Executive Session.

Discussion and deliberation by the Commission ensued in Open Session followed by Commissioner Matt Mason’s motion to deny the J. Christian Lund grievance. Said motion was seconded by Commissioner Chris Weldon, and the motion was unanimously carried, 3-0. Attorney Donald Houston advised the Commissioners that pursuant to the
collective bargaining agreement between the Town and Police Union Local 1429, a written decision is required.

At 5:15 p.m. the meeting recessed.
At 5:24 p.m. the meeting reconvened.

MINUTES

A motion was made by Commissioner Weldon and seconded by Commissioner Mason to approve the Minutes of the December 13, 2010 Regular Meeting, which passed 3-0.

DISCUSSION OF MONTHLY REPORTS

The Commission reviewed, discussed and accepted the monthly reports.

Chief Lombardo pointed out that domestic violence calls increased to 116 in 2010, from 111 calls in 2009 and 62 calls the year before. In December there were six domestic violence calls, none of which were repeat calls. The number of breach of peace calls in 2010 almost doubled from 2009.

The MAC Report was reviewed and discussed. The MAC officer worked five days during the month of December.

REPORT OF CHIEF MICHAEL LOMBARDO

Letters expressing appreciation for professional services of Officer Gelineau and Detective Sear were reviewed. Chief Lombardo thanked Sgt. Kluk, along with Officers Phillipson, Calorossi, Fridinger and Rangel for responding to the Trumbull ERT callout on Christmas evening. Also included were thank you letters from Chief Lombardo to members of the community for food, food baskets and cookie platters that were delivered to the department during the Holidays.

Donations to the Wilton Police Fund were received from Mr. and Mrs. Harold Kristiansen, Mr. and Mrs. Zachary Sachs and Mr. and Mrs. William Reiss.

Chief Lombardo has nominated Officer Joseph Calorossi for the 2011 American Red Cross Good Samaritan Adult Heroes of Connecticut Award for saving a life while off duty.

OLD BUSINESS

The State DOT requires a joint recommendation from the towns of Wilton and Westport to designate Westport Road a no thru truck zone. The town of Westport has no interest in making Westport Road a no thru truck zone.

The Department and the DOT will continue to examine the speed limit along Westport Road and improving site lines.
NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Ketley made a motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Mason, for Commissioner Weldon to be on the Police Gift Fund Committee. It passed 2-0-1, with Commissioner Weldon abstaining.

REPORT OF COMMISSIONERS

The possibility of a right-turn-on-red at the intersection of Olmstead Hill Road and Route 7 was discussed. Commissioner Weldon made a motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Mason, to request a letter be sent to the State DOT, from the Police Commission as the Traffic Authority and the Police Chief, to conduct a study at the Olmstead Hill Road/Route 7 intersection with regard to facilitating a right turn on red at this location, due to excessive traffic congestion created by the Route 7 expansion project. The motion passed 3-0.

There was a brief discussion of the FY’ 2012 Budget.

The Executive Session that was included as item 11 on the agenda was not held.

ADJOURNMENT

At 6:10 p.m., a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Commissioner Ketley, seconded by Commissioner Weldon and passed 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Claire Furano
Recording Secretary