POLICE COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING
12 FEBRUARY 2018

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

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Chairman Don Sauvigne called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. In attendance were Commissioner David Waters, Commissioner Matt Mason, Chief John Lynch, Captain Thomas Conlan and Captain Robert Cipolla.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was received.

MINUTES

Commissioner Sauvigne made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 10, 2018 regular meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Waters. Motion carried 3-0.

DISCUSSION OF MONTHLY REPORTS

Monthly reports were reviewed and discussed. The Commission noted that the number of MV Stops is at an acceptable level.

The Activity Report for January was reviewed. The Commission noted that all activities are consistent with prior years. The Detective Bureau report for January was satisfactory, and the Commissioners noted with satisfaction that all four suspects from the recent jewelry store robbery are in custody.

The MAC Report for January was reviewed. Chief Lynch reported that the contemplated State DOT improvements at Route 7 and Grumman Hill Road still appear to be on schedule despite recent reports that such improvements were on hold.
The SRO Report for January was reviewed. The Commissioners were pleased to see that there is some interest in reviving the Explorer program.

The Overtime Report for January was reviewed. The Commission noted that the OT hours are somewhat elevated, partially due to unfilled positions and FTO training.

The Accreditation Report for January was reviewed. The Commissioners were pleased with the report and the proposed timetable to complete accreditation.

The K9 Report for January was reviewed. The Commission expressed satisfaction with the K9 activity.

REPORT OF CHIEF LYNCH

Chief Lynch expressed gratitude for the letters of thanks and the donations that had been received, which the Commission reviewed. The Commission reviewed the 2017 Annual Report, which will be made available on the website.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Building Committee Update

Commissioner Waters reported that the Police Department-Town Campus Facility Committee will be meeting next week and hopes to review updated conceptual plans. The projected timetable contemplates a special Town Meeting in the Fall of 2018 for bonding approval.

B. 2019 Budget

The Commissioners congratulated Chief Lynch on the professional presentation he made to the BOS on the FY2019 budget.

C. Wilton Plan of Conservation and Development Questionnaire

Commissioner Waters made a motion to authorize the release of the Commission’s response to the Wilton POCD questionnaire to the Town’s consultant. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Mason. Motion carried 3-0.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Commission Fund

Chief Lynch noted that the Commission has a small discretionary fund that may be used for appropriate purposes. Commissioner Mason recalled that in past years this had been used to pay for food brought to the Department during holiday periods.
B. Crosswalk Study

The State DOT has created a program to assist municipalities in improving mid-block unsignalized crosswalks at no cost to the municipality, commencing in 2019. Commissioner Waters made a motion that the Commission, acting as the Local Traffic Authority, recommend to First Selectwoman Vanderslice that Wilton provide local approval to participate in this program. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sauvigne and carried 3-0.

C. Belden Hill Intersection Study

Chief Lynch reported that the State DOT may have a grant available which is intended to address areas of high crash frequency on local roads, and this might be appropriate for the Belden Hill Road/Wolfpit Road/New Canaan Road intersection. The State will meet with local officials to determine whether there is interest and whether this is an appropriate location.

D. Special Traffic Events

Chief Lynch reported that the customary road closures are contemplated for the Memorial Day parade and for the Fourth of July fireworks. The Commission noted that both detours/closures are in the interest of public safety due to heavy pedestrian and vehicular traffic, and that officers of the Department will be on hand to assist. Commissioner Waters made a motion that the Commission, acting as the Local Traffic Authority, approve the scheduled road closures/detours as proposed. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sauvigne and carried 3-0.

REPORTS OF THE COMMISSIONERS

There were no reports by the Commissioners.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was received.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 7:45 p.m. the meeting went into Executive Session for an update on union contract negotiations, a discussion of anonymous letters and internal affairs matters. The Commission invited Chief John Lynch, Captain Thomas Conlan and Captain Robert Cipolla to participate in the Executive Session. At 8:15 p.m. the Commission came out of Executive Session. No action was taken in the Executive Session.
ADJOURNMENT

At 8:15 p.m., a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Commissioner Mason seconded by Commissioner Waters and passed 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,
David F. Waters, Acting Recording Secretary