MINUTES SPECIAL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 5, 2018

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

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Chairman Sauvigne called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. In attendance were Commissioners Sauvigne, Waters, and Mason, Chief Lynch, and Captains Cippola and Conlan. In addition, six applicants for vacant patrol officer positions were interviewed in executive session.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no members of the public present at the meeting, and no public comment was received.

MINUTES

Commissioner Sauvigne made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 13, 2018 Regular Meeting, which was seconded by Commissioner Mason, approved 3-0.

DISCUSSION OF MONTHLY REPORTS

The monthly reports were all reviewed and considered.

A. Activity Report

The Commission noted that MVA has declined while MV stops significantly increased, suggesting a direct correlation.

Community policing initiatives continue to be well received.

98 vehicles were stopped for distracted driving this past month, as the Department’s efforts to continue to promote awareness of the risks of texting while driving and other distracting activities.

B. Detective Bureau
There was nothing unusual in the DB Report.

C.  MAC Report

There was nothing unusual in the MAC report.

D.  School Resource Officer

Nothing unusual to report, as activity tends to be slow in the summer months.

E.  Overtime Report

The Chief and the Commission continue to carefully manage and monitor OT. OT is very close to the same level as the past two years even though the Department is down several officers due to retirements and injuries/medical issues.

F.  Accreditation Report

The Commission once again expressed their positive views about Sgt. Rangel’s Report, including the progress made and timetable for completion. Things are on track for a December 2018 POST – audit.

G.  K-9 Report.

Report reviewed and discussed and nothing out of the ordinary to report.

REPORT OF THE CHIEF.

The Chief referenced the passing of Ridgefield Police Chief Roche, noting that Wilton will cover some shifts to assist with the wake and funeral. He also updated the Commission on medical related absences of certain officers.

OLD BUSINESS

A.  Building Committee Report.

Commissioner Waters gave an update on the Building Committee, noting that the Town likely will hire an Owner’s rep. given the scope of the project and time commitment required.

NEW BUSINESS

There was brief discussion of car burglaries and the need for the citizenry to lock their cars. There was also discussion of the arrest of two minors involved in a recent car burglary.

REPORT OF THE COMMISSIONERS.

None.
PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no members of the public present at the meeting, and no public comment was received.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 6:27 pm the Commission, Chief Lynch, and Captains Cipolla and Conlan went into executive session to conduct interviews for the vacant patrol officer positions.

At 9:58 pm, the Commission came out of executive session no action having been taken.

MOTION RE NEW HIRES

Commissioner Sauvigne made a motion to offer Vincent Penna an offer of employment as a police officer of the Department at Salary Step 5, subject to the usual conditions, with a commencement date of employment determined at the discretion of the Chief upon the satisfactory completion of such conditions and the earliest available time. Commissioner Waters seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Sauvigne made a motion to offer Derek Watson and Graham O’Gorman an offer of employment as a police officer of the Department, subject to the usual conditions, with a commencement date of employment determined at the discretion of the Chief upon the satisfactory completion of such conditions and the earliest available time. Commissioner Waters seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

ADJOURNMENT

At 10:02 pm the, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Commissioner Mason, seconded by Commissioners Waters, passed 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Matthew C. Mason, Acting Secretary