POLICE COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING
February 6, 2014

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Chairman Chris Weldon called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m. In attendance were
Commissioner David Waters, Commissioner Don Sauvigne, Chief Michael Lombardo, Deputy
Chief Robert Crosby, and Captain John Lynch.

MINUTES

Commissioner Waters made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 13, 2014 regular
meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sauvigne. Motion carried 3-0.

DISCUSSION OF MONTHLY REPORTS

Monthly reports were reviewed and discussed. The Commissioners noted that the new year has
commenced with stable numbers. Of significance in the discussion was the positive acceptance
and community response to the now fully completed School Zone on Route 7. Flashing lights are
operative during programmed hours. Safety for vehicles and pedestrians is enhanced with this
completion.

The MAC Report was reviewed. Officer MacLean remains mostly on patrol duties and therefore
she is limited in the MAC activities that she can perform. The SRO Report was reviewed. SRO
activity was carried out in all schools. The SRO Officer has been an active participant in the
Security Task Force and attended a Board of Selectmen meeting relative to such.
The Commission complimented the Chief for the excellent budget presentation he made to the
Board of Selectmen in January.

REPORT OF CHIEF LOMBARDO

Letters of thanks and jobs well done and other miscellaneous matters were reviewed, including:

Letters:
  • Letter from Children’s Day School thanking the department for supporting their Fall Auction.
  • Note from the Helen Randall & Family thanking Officer Tornella for her caring assistance after
their pet “Bella” was struck and killed.
  • Letter of thanks from Chief Lombardo to Jimena Vignola for donation to the Wilton Police Gift
Fund.
- Letter from Chief Lombardo thanking the Stock Family for their generous donation to the K-9 Gift Fund.
- Letter from Chief Lombardo expressing appreciation to Mr. Edward Runge for his donation to the Wilton Police Gift Fund.
- Letter from Chief Lombardo to the Hemrick Family for cookies brought to the department.
- Email between Bob McDowell (Ex. Dir. Wilton Family Y) and Chief Lombardo about the positive effects of the School Zone Designation
- of the Route 7 area of WHS

Donations to the Wilton Police Fund
- $15.00 -- Jimena Vignola
- $9.55 -- Edward Runge

Donations Other:
K-9 Fund -- $250.00 from the Stock Family

Miscellaneous:
- Letter to the Bishops of Blue Buffalo Company to update them on the achievements of the K-9 unit since its inception following their donation of the funds needed to begin the K-9 program.

The Chief reported that documentation form OSHA has been received by the town following OSHA inspection of the town facilities and appropriate responses to the OSHA findings are being implemented. He also reported that he and the Deputy Chief will attend the Police Institute, a program for small Police Departments to be held in April in Sturbridge.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business discussed.

NEW BUSINESS

The Chief reported to the availability of assets in the forfeiture fund. A motion was made by Commissioner Sauvigne to approve the allocation of $5000 from the forfeiture fund for use in the K9 Patrol account. Commissioner Waters seconded the motion. Motion approved 3-0.

The Commission reviewed the current proposed job description for the SRO. A prior draft was circulated following the BOS meeting at which the Security Task Force recommendations were discussed, and it has been modified slightly. Commissioner Waters moved to approve the final description, seconded by Commissioner Sauvigne and passed 3-0.

The Commission reviewed the “No Turn on Red” designation at Belden Hill Road/Ridgefield Road, and concluded that as a state road and with prior state reviews no additional action is necessary. The Commission also discussed a “No Turn on Red” designation exiting the Wilton Y onto Route 7. The state will do tree trimming as necessary. As the Route 7 expansion work is complete, state accident reports indicate that there have been no accidents at this location, and with the newly designated “School Zone” on Route 7 which encompasses the Y entrance, raising awareness of traffic and pedestrians in the area, it was deemed that no action is required.
REPORTS OF THE COMMISSIONERS

There were no reports of the Commissioners.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 6:50 p.m., the meeting went into Executive Session to consider personnel issues, to discuss the FY '15 budget, and to discuss prospective recruit interviews. At 9:05p.m., the Commission came out of Executive Session. No action was taken in the executive session.

OLD BUSINESS (CONTINUED)

A. Consideration of Hiring of New Police Officer Recruit by the Department

Commissioner Waters made a motion to offer Joseph Smith 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. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Weldon. Motion carried 3-0.

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:10p.m., a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Commissioner Sauvigne seconded by Commissioner Waters and passed 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Donald H. Sauvigne
WPD Police Commissioner