Chairman Don Sauvigne called the meeting to order at 5:05 pm. The meeting was a “Special Meeting” due to a change from its originally scheduled time. In attendance were Commissioners Sauvigne, Waters, and Mason, Chief Crosby, and Captains Lynch and Conlan.

MINUTES

Commissioner Waters’ motion to approve the minutes of the October 16, 2016 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 Reports

The monthly Activity Reports were reviewed and considered. Domestic incident continue to spike. The PD is continuing to monitor these cases and consider if additional measures can be taken to minimize these incidents.

The increase in narcotics incidents is largely a function of increased police presence and full staffing. Many of the incidents are the result of traffic stops.

B. Detective Bureau Report

There was nothing out of the ordinary in the monthly DB report.

C. MAC Report

Detective Tyler is now the MAC officer.

The Commission reviewed the monthly activities of the MAC, which included Fairfield County Bank’s sponsorship of a very successful car seat installation day. There were 16 selective enforcement areas that were targeted based on community complaints or concerns, which resulted in 28 warnings and seven tickets.

Community policing, which has been a priority for many years, continues to be very active and successful. Among the community policing activities this past month were Random Acts of Kindness, the DVCC (Domestic Violence Crisis Center) fundraiser, and the Police Academy, which once again was filled to capacity and very well received.

The PD is also going to participate in a new program called CARE — Caught Acting Really Exceptionally — which is the brainchild of a local resident who has worked with Kiwanis and local merchants such as Scoops, Pichhione, Connecticut Coffee and Orems and is geared
primarily to recognize generous acts by children. The idea is that police officers will hand out "tickets," which are gift certificates to local establishments, to someone who has acted "exceptionally." The Commission thought is a great idea.

D. SRO

The SRO was involved in the "touch a truck" campaign, as well as a Wilton High School lockdown drill.

It was noted at this time there were no new participants in the Police Explorers, which is for ages 14 and up. The Chief is not concerned at this point but will keep an eye on it.

E. OT Report

There was a slight increase in overtime due to mandatory fire arms training.

F. Accreditation

The status of the ongoing accreditation project was reviewed. The accreditation process continues on task, largely with cleanup of existing SOPs. The Chief will check on the anticipated completion dates.

G. K-9

K-9 Baso is working and well received in the Community.

REPORT OF CHIEF

The Chief reviewed many complementary letters that have been received this past month, and recognized the numerous food donations to the PD.

OLD BUSINESS

A. K-9 Status

As noted, K-9 Baso is now out and working and has been well received in the community.

B. Dispatch

FD Capt. Czarnecki met with some of our dispatchers/officers to further explain why the FD does certain things, in order to help the dispatchers understand the reasons behind certain dispatch sequences. This was part of effort by both the PD and FD to build a better relationship and better understand each other's jobs. Capt. Czarnecki and Lt. Kluc are also meeting on a regular basis.
NEW BUSINESS

A. Calendar

The Commission approved its calendar of meetings for next year.

B. DISCUSSION ON TRAFFIC SURVEY – 415 NOD HILL ROAD (ON WHIPSTICK ROAD)

The Commission considered a line of sight complaint by a resident at 415 Nod Hill Road. After review of Lieutenant Cipolla’s memorandum and discussion of the issue, the Commission voted 3-0 to accept the recommendation that (i) on the southbound side of Whipstick Road in the area in question the current placement of the 25 mph speed limit sign be moved to an area further north on Whipstick Road, prior to the vertical crest of the road, and (ii) that existing signage be supplemented with a “Hill Blocks View” warning sign.

C. DISCUSSION ON TRAFFIC SURVEY – CANNON ROAD BY STURGES RIDGE ROAD

A resident of Weston requested a dotted yellow centerline be extended into the intersection Cannon Road by Sturgis Ridge Road due to what she believes is a dangerous curve. The Commission reviewed Lieutenant Cipolla’s memorandum and analysis and discussed the same including the fact there of been three accidents in the prior five years at that intersection consisting of road departures on the eastbound approach. The Commission voted not to extend the centerline at the intersection of Cannon Road, as it did not comport with MUTCD guidelines. However it did accept, by a vote of 3-0, the recommendation to replace and relocate the existing signage, to the installation of a one direction large arrow warning sign to be placed on the outside of the turn on the eastbound approach, and the installation of a 20 mile an hour Advisory Speed plaques in both directions prior to entering the curve.

D. Crosswalk at Rt. 7 and Pimpawaug.

A resident requested a crosswalk at Rt. 7 and Pimpawaug. The Commission considered the request and found that without a traffic light the crosswalk would be dangerous. In addition, the State of Connecticut has advised that it is not going to do anything in that area. Accordingly, the PD will report to the complaining resident that a crosswalk will not be considered or installed at this time.

E. Rt. 7/Catalpa

The State of Connecticut has determined not to change any of the speed limits the area on Rt. 7 in the vicinity of Catalpa Road.

REPORTS OF COMMISSIONERS

The Commission discussed and agreed to a request by a resident to add public comment at the beginning and the end of each Commission meeting.
ADJOURNMENT

At 6:21 pm, Commissioner Waters’ motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Mason, passed 3-0.

Respectfully Submitted, Acting Secretary Matthew C. Mason