MINUTES REGULAR MEETING
NOVEMBER 12, 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 7:15 pm. In attendance were Commissioners Sauvigne, Waters, and Mason, Chief Lynch, and Captains Cippola and Conlan.

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 October 15, 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 continue to be lower than desired due to lack of personnel resulting from significant training obligations and other factors. Nonetheless, the number of on-the-road accidents (excludes incidents in parking lots, etc.) is consistent with levels over the past five years, and MVA injuries are comparable.

There was discussion of motor vehicle thefts, which are affecting virtually all surrounding communities. While Wilton has been targeted, like other towns, we have had excellent enforcement and arrests.

The Chief noted that thefts, like accidents, require significant labor to address and prevent those officers from doing other things.
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

There was nothing unusual to report.

E. Overtime Report

Overtime this past month was primarily due to training and shift coverage.

F. Accreditation Report

Things are on track for a January 2019 Assessment Date.

G. K-9 Report.

The BOS approved a donation of a dog vest.

REPORT OF THE CHIEF.

The Chief noted the numerous positive interactions between Wiltonians and patrol officers, including numerous letters of thanks and support.

OLD BUSINESS

Commissioner Waters gave a brief update on the Building Committee, with nothing new to report.

Ridgefield also does not have an active Police Explorers program. Consideration continues of possible offering a class or program geared to investigations (CSI type things).

The Chief is optimistic the Range paving will be completed by year-end.

NEW BUSINESS

The Commission, acting as the Traffic Authority, discussed the request for a three way stop sign at the intersection of Belden Hill and Drum Hill Road. Commissioner Sauvigne made a motion to adopt the recommendation of Lt. Hartman that such a stop sign not be approved, since it does not meet the governing criteria, but that shrubs on the island be removed to improve sightlines and the stop sign and stop bar on the southern side be moved to a more beneficial location. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Waters and approved 3-0.
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 7:46 pm the Commission, Chief Lynch, and Captains Cipolla and Conlan went into executive session to update pending legal matters.

At 8:11 pm, the Commission came out of executive session no action having been taken.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:12 pm, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Commissioner Mason, seconded by Commissioner Waters, approved 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Matthew C. Mason, Acting Secretary