

Wilton Police Commission



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**POLICE COMMISSION MEETING
17 November 2008**

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Commissioner Mark Ketley called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. In attendance were Commissioners Christopher Weldon, Chief Kulhawik, Captain Crosby and Claire Furano. Commissioner Matthew Mason joined the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

MINUTES

A motion made by Commissioner Weldon and seconded by Commissioner Ketley to approve the Minutes of the October 15, 2008 Special Meeting passed 2-0.

DISCUSSION OF MONTHLY REPORTS

The Commission reviewed, discussed and accepted the monthly reports. Commissioner Weldon noted that the figures are consistent with last year's numbers, although the number of EMS calls is down. Chief Kulhawik pointed out that there is a slight increase in the number of *Motor Vehicle Accidents* and *Motor Vehicle Accidents with Injuries* and sensitivity exists due to the three fatalities in 2008, which is unprecedented. The Chief also noted that there has been an influx of resident complaints concerning heavy traffic, speeding and aggressive driving. Enforcement is a priority and is continually emphasized with the staff.

REPORT OF CHIEF EDWARD KULHAWIK

The Chief reported about the past month's activities as follows:

A) Several thank you notes were received from various people expressing appreciation for the work done by members of the police department and for their participation in community events.

- Letter of appreciation to Detective Isidro and Lieutenant Lynch for their assistance during the Minks to Sinks Sale, from Sue Dorfman – *Wilton Auxiliary of Family and Children’s Agency*.
 - Email from Jennifer Roberts thanking Sgt. Tunney and Officers Calorossi and Cipolla for their assistance.
 - Email thanking Lt. Lynch for assistance during debate, from Carol Kleinfeld – *League of Women Voters*.
 - Letter of appreciation to Chief Kulhawik for supporting 2008 Kick It Cancer Ride, from Melissa Brochu – *New England Division of the American Cancer Society*.
 - Letter of gratitude from Carol and Mark Kennedy, mentioning the Wilton Police Department.
 - Letter from Sharon Bradley (*Nursing & Home Care*) to Chief Kulhawik expressing appreciation for participating in the Town’s Public Health Preparedness Plan.
 - Email from John Kalamarides (*Wilton Democratic Town Committee*) praising Officer David Hartman for his efforts on Election Day.
 - Thank you note to Chief Kulhawik from MADD.
- B) Chief Kulhawik along with the Commissioners discussed the 2010 Budget Plan strategy. Chief Kulhawik advised the Commissioners that each department head has been asked to prepare three budget scenarios: a flat FY’10 budget plan, one with a 2% increase and one with a 2% decrease. Various options for saving the Town money were discussed, as well as bringing income into the Town, always keeping public safety and enforcement in the forefront. Chief Kulhawik expressed his concern that when economic conditions decline there is a history of increased crime.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business discussed.

NEW BUSINESS

- A) The 2009 Commission Calendar was discussed and approved, with the April meeting scheduled to be held on the third Tuesday of the month, due to Spring vacation on April 14th.
- B) Traffic Issues
- 1) The intersection of Hurlbutt Street and Skunk Lane was discussed. A poor sight line exists. To remedy this, the area will require some excavation and shrub removal. The Department of Public Works must get involved.
 - 2) Chief Kulhawik has been approached to consider the installation of a crosswalk in front of the Coldwell Banker Real Estate office. The Chief,

along with Bill Brennan and Tom Thurkettle will be viewing the area on Friday.

- 3) Also discussed was the consideration of installing crosswalks in the Horseshoe Lane area. Concern was expressed as the intersection would require reconfiguration.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

There were no reports from the Commissioners.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 8:00 p.m., the meeting adjourned to the Executive Session to discuss internal personnel Department issues. At 8:53 p.m., the Commission came out of Executive Session without any action by the Commission.

At 9:00 p.m., Commissioner Mason made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Commissioner Weldon and it passed 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Claire Furano
Recording Secretary