

Wilton Police Commission



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**POLICE COMMISSION MEETING  
9 February 2009**

**CTO**

Commissioner Matt Mason called the meeting to order at 7:14 p.m. In attendance were Commissioners Mark Ketley, Chris Weldon (via phone), Chief Kulhawik, Captain Lombardo, Captain Crosby and Claire Furano.

**MINUTES**

A motion made by Commissioner Ketley and seconded by Commissioner Mason to approve the Minutes of the January 12, 2009 Regular Meeting passed 3-0.

**DISUCSSION OF MONTHLY REPORTS**

The Commission reviewed, discussed and accepted the monthly reports. It was noted that criminal mischief is up slightly. Chief Kulhawik stated the number is close to average for the month of January. This number was driven by mailbox vandalism. The Chief pointed out that he is very pleased with the motor vehicle enforcement for the month of January. A short discussion ensued on traffic studies from town to town.

**REPORT OF CHIEF EDWARD KULHAWIK**

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

- Three officers (Sgt. Tunney, Officers Barrett and Phillipson) will be receiving 2008 Law Enforcement Awards from the American Red Cross, on March 26<sup>th</sup>, for delivering a baby and removing the umbilical cord from around infant's neck.
- On March 16th, the Rotary Club will be sponsoring the Annual Awards Ceremony and the Officer of the Year will be announced.

- Donations to the police fund continue to come in and were acknowledged.
- Chief Kulhawik announced he would be at Quantico next week with the CT FBI, at no cost to the Town.
- Chief Kulhawik stated the traffic light proposal on Route 7 at the Avalon Project has been turned down by the state because it does not meet the criteria based on state traffic statistics and guidelines, at this time. The only new traffic signal slated to be installed with this widening project is at the Sharp Hill intersection. It was noted that the traffic light by Common Fund creates quite a back-up. The chief stated all the lights will be programmed and sequenced at the completion of the Route 7 project.
- There is nothing new to report on the status of the Route 7 project. Completion date remains the spring of 2010, for the current phase. Work will then begin on Route 33 and South with a completion date of 2011, generating more revenue for the Town.
- Radio encryption was discussed, as a result of a letter sent to First Selectman Bill Brennan. Chief Kulhawik emphasized the importance of the encrypted radio system to protect the private personal issues of the community and the liabilities unencryption would expose the town to. Just to name a few of the concerns – HIPPA, psych incidents, vacant house checks, social security numbers etc., would be cause for town liability. There are also other reasons for encryption as set forth in the studies done by the Town's consultant in 2004.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### Traffic Matters:

- 1) Skunk Lane and Hurlbutt Street  
Chief Kulhawik has sent a letter to the resident on Ambler Lane who made the complaint and to-date has not received a response. Tom Thurkettle, Director DPW, is attempting to set-up a meeting with the property owner at Skunk Lane and Hurlbutt, in hopes that they will work with the Town in improving the sightline.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- A) Dog Ordinance changes were discussed.
- B) Liquor Ordinance changes were discussed.

### **COMMISSIONERS REPORT**

There were no reports from the Commissioners.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 7:42 p.m., the meeting adjourned to the Executive Session. At 8:15 p.m., the Commission came out of Executive Session without any action by the Commission.

Respectfully submitted,

Claire Furano  
Recording Secretary

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