

Wilton Police Commission



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**POLICE COMMISSION MEETING  
20 April 2009**

**CTO**

Commissioner Matt Mason called the meeting to order at 9:39 a.m. In attendance were Commissioners Mark Ketley, Chris Weldon, Chief Kulhawik, Captain Lombardo, Captain Crosby and Claire Furano.

**MINUTES**

A motion made by Commissioner Ketley and seconded by Commissioner Weldon to approve the Minutes of the March 17, 2009 Special Meeting passed 3-0.

**DISCUSSION OF MONTHLY REPORTS**

The Commission reviewed, discussed and accepted the monthly reports. Chief Kulhawik pointed out that the number of motor vehicle stops are up and the number of EMS responses has increased. It was also noted that the number of domestics has increased and will most likely continue to rise with the depressed economy. Chief Kulhawik introduced the STP Police Commission Report to the Commissioners which was prepared by Lt. John Lynch. This report summarizes in detail the numerous areas of work and services provided to the town, along with manpower allocation.

While on the discussion of manpower, Chief Kulhawik expressed his concern about funding police overtime during town activities due to the lean FY '10 PD budget. Chief Kulhawik reported that he has informed Steve Pierce, Director of Parks & Recreation, that it will be difficult for the police budget to handle the payment of overtime for officers on July 4<sup>th</sup>. Monitoring overtime is a high priority and a long term issue. The department is operating on a lean budget and training has been reduced to mandatory training only.

## **REPORT OF CHIEF EDWARD KULHAWIK**

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

- Thank you notes were received expressing appreciation for work done by members of the police department.
- Letter from Timothy J. Healy, Terrorist Screening Center in Washington, D.C. commending Sgt. David Collins, along with Officers Timothy Fridinger and Arnault Baker regarding an arrest.
- Letter from Greenwich Town Attorney John Wayne Fox, complimenting detective Chris Isidro for his professional and responsive handling of an expulsion hearing.
- Memo of congratulations to Officer Peter Trahan for receiving the "Police Officer of the Year Award" from Chief Kulhawik.
- Letter of appreciation from Chief Kulhawik to Philip Olkoski for assisting in the investigation of a fraudulent chimney repair company.
- Chief Kulhawik advised the commission that an energy efficient, solar powered speed sign will be placed in town within the next few weeks.
- Chief Kulhawik also advised the commission that the Connecticut State Police Western District Major Crime Squad Report on the police involved shooting in Easton has been released. The officers involved (Monroe and Trumbull) have been cleared by the Assistant State's Attorney.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Tom Thurkettle, Director of Public Works, has called the homeowner at the intersection of Skunk Lane and Hurlbutt Street. He is awaiting a call back to determine if they are interested in meeting with himself and Chief Kulhawik to address the site line obstruction at that intersection.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Commissioner Ketley made a motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Mason, to table the discussion on the proposed crosswalk by the Coldwell Banker Building in Wilton Center, until an additional study is done on potential safety issues including traffic congestion and signage.

### **REPORTS OF COMMISSIONERS**

The Commissioners had nothing to report.

At 10:40 a.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