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Wilton Security Task Force

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Terrie Schwartz, at the request of Chairman Chief Michael Lombardo, called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. In attendance were Ken Post, John Murphy, John Logan, Jack Suchy, Roseann DeSimone, Dr. Kevin Smith, Gary Battaglia and Deputy Chief Robert Crosby and Hal Clark as guests, along with guest speaker Dr. Janet Robinson, former Superintendent of the Newtown Schools and John Schiaroli (All Star Security).

Dr. Robinson gave a very informative overview of the events that took place in the Sandy Hook School two years ago, from the first notification of the shooting she received to and through the aftermath. She spoke about communication shortcomings, security, psychological needs and assistance, the continuous healing process, the phenomenal outpouring of support, mutual aide, dealing with the media, along with state and federal issues and the children returning to school including parents' sensitivity. The presentation was followed by a question and answer period, in which Dr. Robinson made several recommendations. Before her departure, Dr. Robinson offered her assistance in any way she could.

A motion to approve the minutes of the November 19, 2014 meeting was made by Jack Suchy, seconded by John Logan and approved by all members in attendance.

John Murphy gave an update on the high school kiosk.

At 7:35 PM, the membership invited Deputy Chief Crosby and (WSTF former Chairman) Hal Clark to join the Executive Session. Budget and security priorities were discussed. John Logan was volunteered to look at the mass notification system to include two other town facilities. At 7:56 PM, the meeting came out of Executive Session with no motions made and no actions taken.

Dr. Smith advised that the Threat Coordinator position remains unfilled. Dr. Smith and Roseann DeSimone will meet to discuss the original intent of the position and the expansion of responsibilities. Recommendations on various groups that could be tapped into to fill the position were made by the membership.

The next meeting will be scheduled for Wednesday, January 28, 2015 at 6 PM in meeting room "B".

Hal Clark thanked everyone for their participation in the WSTF. Hal went on to say that he appreciated everyone's dedication and hard work for the good of the community and that it had been a great learning experience for him. Hal added that he treasured each and every member of the task force.

Chief Lombardo acknowledged that this meeting was his final WSTF meeting. He had seen many changes over the past 33 years and has gotten to know and become friends with many people. The Chief thanked everyone for their participation and also thanked Hal Clark for his leadership and budgetary expertise.

The meeting adjourned at 8:17 PM

Respectively submitted,

Claire Furano