

Town of Boscawen
Police Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes – Final
August 15, 2023

Present: Chief Jason Killary, Fire Chief Tim Kenney, Chair Kevin Sullivan, Sean Goldman, Barbara Randall, and Select Board Member Bill Bevans

Absent: Chief Shawn Brechtel

Chair Sullivan called the meeting to order at 6:03PM.

Tim Kenney motioned to accept the 6/20/23 minutes as written. Seconded by Bill Bevans. All in favor.

Fire Chief Kenney updated the committee regarding the department's activity. June and July saw a decrease in calls, however, August's calls for response increased.

Fire Chief Kenney informed the committee of the difficulties the department is experiencing regarding daytime calls. The lack of staff is impacting the ability to get a truck out the door. He is looking into the possibility of hiring a per diem person to remedy the situation. Discussion about training and stipends for volunteer firefighters ensued.

Police Chief Killary updated the committee of staffing levels, which are looking much more optimistic. Corporal Elizabeth Murray has officially joined the Police Department. She is especially well versed in public relations and is currently trying to initiate a Town movie night. Officer Bibeau has been cleared to return to work. Officers Smith and Keisling are doing very well. Fortunately, the staffing levels are improving since the department has been very busy. Chief Killary is hoping to hire 2 more officers.

The committee then reviewed the proposed mission statement. Members made a few changes to better define the committee's objective. It was also suggested that the new committee's name would be Boscawen Public Safety Advisory Board. It was decided to wait until Chief Brechtel could review and comment before moving forward. Current members decided it would be ideal to have a total of 9 people to consist of 5 members from the town, 3 chiefs representing the Town's safety departments, and 1 Select Board ex-officio.

Chief Kenney gave the committee a tour of the fire station, pointing out the various trucks and their uses, turnout gear area, meeting room, kitchen, and office. Discussion ensued regarding the future needs of the fire station.

Chief Kenney brought up the possibility of selling the Fire Department's current military truck and using the proceeds to help offset a purchase of a Can-Am side by side. This vehicle would be able to better navigate rough terrain, reaching off-road sites in case of an emergency. Committee members supported the idea.

Upcoming events:

- August 26th, Old Home Day – Fill a Cruiser

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- October 14th, 2nd Annual Police vs Fire Baseball Game
- October Halloween Celebration – to be held at Boscawen Elementary and will include Touch-a-Truck and Trunk or Treat.

Motion to adjourn by Barbara Randall. Seconded by Bill Bevans.

Next meeting: Tuesday October 10th, 6:00PM, at the Police Station.