

Town of Boscawen
Police Advisory

Meeting Minutes – Final
June 20, 2023

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

Absent: Shawn Brechtel

Guest: Ron McDaniel

Chair Sullivan called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

Mark Varney motioned to accept the 3/21/23 minutes as written. Seconded by Kevin Sullivan. All in favor.

Chief Killary presented the committee with the Profit and Loss – Budget vs Actual. Both Chief Killary and Fire Chief Kenney briefly reviewed their budget lines, stating they are currently on mark for the year.

A new applicant, Sean Goldman, introduced himself to the committee. Mark Varney made a motion to accept Mr. Goldman on the committee. Seconded by Barbara Randall. All in favor.

Members were updated on the many changes to the police department roster. The 9 member department had decreased to 4 due to the retirement of the previous chief and several officers leaving for other opportunities. However, recent hires include:

Officer Ryan Smith, who is certified and experienced, from Franklin Police Department

Det. Elizabeth Murray who is joining as a corporal, from Tilton Police Department

Officer Ashley Kiesling, newly graduated from the Police Academy

The new cruiser is being purchased from Massachusetts and will be picked up mid-July. The fire department is working out an arrangement to acquire the retiring cruiser. Currently, Fire Chief Kenney uses his personal vehicle for emergency calls.

Fire Chief Kenney gave an overview of the fire department and its needs. He also shared a calendar documenting dates and types of calls to which the department has responded. He stated that due to the younger population that had grown up in Boscawen, but moved away for various reasons, the average age of our firefighters is 49. This, along with an increased call volume, and the difficulty of people available to respond to calls, specifically Monday through Friday, is a growing concern. Discussion ensued.

Chief Killary is hoping the committee will entertain the idea of changing its name to the Public Safety Advisory Board. The board would be comprised of police, fire, and EMS. This would allow for a better sounding board for all concerned departments to discuss budget and polish ideas before presenting to the Select Board. Chief Killary, Fire Chief Kenney and Penacook Rescue's Chief of Department, Shawn Brechtel, will create a mission statement to be reviewed by the committee at the next meeting. It will then be brought to the Select Board at a later date.

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Chief Killary discussed two possible grants. One is for a mobile radar for the new cruiser. The grant would cover 75% of the \$3600 purchase price and be reimbursed by the State. The remaining 25% would be paid out of the police budget. The 2nd grant would be for a radar device. The committee reviewed several options including speed trailers and a pole mounted display.

The chief explained that the Police Ladies Auxiliary, currently in name only, has no members. He is hoping to change its name and make it more inclusive. More on that later.

Mark Varney made the committee aware that the Concord Regional CrimeLine is now a part of CrimeWatch. People can sign up for the app to view postings of crime reports. This is a working partnership with the community to proactively prevent crime and support victim recovery. Added bonus: They also do a yearly \$2500 grant that police departments can apply for.

Motion to adjourn made by Mark Varney. Seconded by Barbara Randall. All in favor.

The next meeting will be on August 15th at 6:00pm. It will be held at the Fire Station.

Respectfully Submitted,

Barbara Randall