

The Town of St. Albans
POLICE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Meeting held via Zoom Conference Call
March 17th, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

Minutes

Present: Dan Merchand, Danielle Charbonneau, Dr. Jen Williamson, Rev. Preston Fuller, Armand Messier, Jay Sweeny, Sheriff Roger Langevin, Chief Maurice Lamothe.

Staff Present: Corey Parent, Director of Operations

Public Present: Zach S Scheffler

Zoom Meeting ID: 882 8339 4597

CALL TO ORDER

C. Parent called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

None.

INTRODUCTIONS

Corey Parent, Director of Operations for the Town of St. Albans, introduced himself to the committee.

The members of the Police Advisory Committee introduced themselves, their backgrounds and interest for joining the Police Advisory Committee.

Franklin County Sheriff introduced himself to the Police Advisory Committee.

City of St. Albans Police Department Chief Maurice Lamothe introduced himself to the Police Advisory Committee.

REVIEW POLICE ADVISORY COMMITTEE FRAMEWORK

C. Parent reviewed the official Police Advisory Reorganization Policy adopted by the Town of St. Albans Selectboard on December 7, 2020.

J. Williamson asked if the City PD will share data with Sheriff's Office during transition.

M. Lamothe said they will work collaboratively with the FCSO in the transition and will provide any data requested.

DISCUSSION ON HOW THE COMMITTEE WOULD LIKE A TYPICAL MEETING TO WORK.

C. Parent mentioned that it could make sense for the Police Provider to educate the Police Advisory Committee on a new topic for 10 to 15 minutes to start each meeting.

C. Parent asked Chief Lamothe what type of data is available.

M. Lamothe can provide data that they are currently collecting, they are only collecting racial and gender data for speeding enforcement and motor vehicle accidents. City just did their own 2020 data. They can provide event and call data monthly. He reminded the committee that with COVID their proactive work is not happening for police and public safety.

J. Williamson asked M. Lamothe to clarify that the city is only collecting race data on speeding tickets and motor vehicle accidents.

M. Lamothe confirmed that city collects that data as required by the State of Vermont.

J. Williamson asked if we could get race data for arrests.

M. Lamothe responded they could get the data, by reviewing each arrest, but it is not data required by the State of Vermont.

D. Merchand agreed that data Chief Lamothe mentioned makes sense to start with types of calls, types of crime, etc. Traffic enforcement, etc.

D. Charbonneau asked C. Parent to send organizing documents to committee members.

D. Merchand asked if Chief Lamothe keeps track of deploying Narcan.

M. Lamothe said they do, he cannot remember the last time they have deployed it.

Armand Messier asked about the Clerk position and if they town would provide recording secretary.

C. Parent mentioned its likely to just be him at this point.

SET REGULAR MEETING TIME

The Police Advisory Committee members decided that the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 6:30 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

OTHER BUSINESS

J. Sweeny asked if we could have a group email so that everyone can see what people are sending members or is shared among whole group. He also asked if the Town could give members an email to keep Police Advisory Committee emails. A. Messier also liked the idea of using town email.

C. Parent mentioned the Police Advisory Committee is a public board and subject to public meeting laws and public records requests. He will follow up Carrie to see if Town can provide email.

J. Williamson asked if they would be anonymous option for community members could send their concern to.

C. Parent talked about the new Town website, and that he would work with developers to put a function on the website to allow that.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: J. Sweeny made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 p.m. All in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Corey Parent, Director of Operations

Dr. Jennifer Williamson, Chair

Date

Rev. Preston Fuller, Vice Chair

Date

Armand Messier, Clerk

Date

Danielle Charbonneau

Date

Ben Kaufmann

Date

Dan Merchand

Date

Jay Sweeny

Date

Date