

Town of St. Albans
579 Lake Road
St. Albans, VT. 05478

**The Town of St. Albans
POLICE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Meeting held via Zoom Conference Call
May 12th, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.**

Minutes - Draft

Present:, Dr. Jen Williamson, Rev. Preston Fuller, Jay Sweeny, Ben Kaufmann, Armand Messier and Chief Maurice Lamothe, and Sheriff Roger Langevin
Staff Present: Corey Parent, Director of Operations
Public Present: Zach Scheffler

Zoom Meeting ID #:

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CALL TO ORDER

J. Williamson called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

No changes to the agenda.

REVIEW THE TOWN'S POLICING CONTRACT WITH FCSO

C. Parent reviewed the contract with the Franklin County Sheriff Office (FCSO) that was signed by the Town Selectboard. Sheriff Langevin explained the different levels of police certification. The Town will have level two and level three officers employed. The Sheriff's department has hired 6 new Sheriff Deputies.

The rest of the contract was reviewed including the expenses and the administrative obligations by both parties (the Town and Sheriff's department)

Two (2) officers will be on duty 24/7, plus one additional 8-shift on Saturday's and Sunday's. Partnerships include the Vermont Drug task force, canine services, detective services, Special Response Teams, FCSO Recreation and Enforcement Unit (upon availability). Periodic monthly reports including cooperation with the Town Police Advisory Committee and Selectboard. Monthly visits to Board meetings by Sheriff.

A discussion about how the coverage would work for mutual aid and responsibilities to upholding the contract occurred.

The FCSO will provide all equipment to provide services. The FCSO will have car cameras and body cameras. Footage is erased after a year. Footage could remain longer if there are cases and charges. The FCSO will provide the camera policy to the Police Advisory Committee (PAC).

J. Williamson asked if the PAC can be directly involved to personnel matters (hiring, discipline, etc). C. Parent informed the committee would have to make a recommendation to the Selectboard for such requests.

Sheriff R. Langevin informed the board that he is open to opportunities where the advisory committee can be involved through mutual cooperation and collaboration.

J. Williamson asked for more data on race. Sheriff Langevin said he would follow up with any data he can bring forth.

SEEKING COMMUNITY INPUT

The board asked C. Parent about using town online resources to seek feedback from constituents. C. Parent discussed the possibility of a "Senator Doyle," type survey at voting times in November and March.

UPDATE FROM POLICE PROVIDERS

Chief Lamothe gave a brief report of what is occurring in town with police services. Hot spots include Maquam Shore Road with an uptick in speeding calls. He is confident in continuing to meet the needs of the community. Transition is very smooth moving to the Sheriff’s department.

Sheriff Langevin spoke about training and maximizing the resources that are available for training. The department is committed to more progressive training to be at the forefront of 21st century policing.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

OTHER BUSINESS

Clerk duties.

Respectfully submitted,
Corey Parent, Director of Operations

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Dr. Jennifer Williamson, Chair	Date
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Rev. Preston Fuller, Vice Chair	Date
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Armand Messier, Clerk	Date
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Danielle Charbonneau	Date
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Ben Kaufmann	Date
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Dan Merchand	Date
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Jay Sweeny	Date