

The Town of St. Albans
POLICE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Meeting held at Town Hall and via Zoom Conference Call
July 14th, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

Minutes - Draft

Present in Person: Dr. Jen Williamson, Rev. Preston Fuller, Jay Sweeny, Ben Kaufmann, Dan Merchand and Sheriff Roger Langevin

Present on Zoom: Danielle Houle Charbonneau

Staff Present: Corey Parent, Director of Operations

Public Present:

CALL TO ORDER

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

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

No changes to the agenda.

DISCUSSION ON HOW TO SEEK COMMUNITY INPUT

C. Parent talked about doing a community survey that can be put online in the September timeframe. This would space the two required surveys out every six months. One being around Town Meeting Day and the other being in September.

C. Parent gave committee members the Community Survey on Public Safety and Law Enforcement sample survey from the Community Oriented Policing Services division of the United States Department of Justice.

C. Parent will present a draft survey at the August Police Advisory Committee Meeting. Demographic questions will be asked first in the survey as to not have people end the survey and not answer those questions.

D. Charbonneau asked who will analyze the data. C. Parent said it will have to be handled internally as there isn't budget to hire a professional to do it.

J. Williamson asked if we would mail surveys. C. Parent reiterated that there isn't a budget for FY22 and that it would require Selectboard approval if the Police Advisory Committee wanted to do so. J. Williamson stated maybe its an online survey and we spend some money to notify residents to take it.

C. Parent mentioned first survey will be a baseline. The committee won't be able to read too much into it with the transition of policing services. Robust discussion on what data will tell us and how we should look at it.

UPDATE FROM SHERIFF LANGEVIN

The FCSO began it's policing services contract with the Town on July 1st. Sheriff Langevin is hearing good initial feedback from people. Sheriff Langevin talked about how shifts are scheduled and they were chosen by the Deputies.

B. Kaufmann asked about the impact on the community of the State ending the homeless hotel housing program. Sheriff Langevin stated that his department has been in touch with community partners to try to help with the situation.

J. Williamson asked about the Town of Georgia police contract. Sheriff Langevin explained that the contract was outdated, there was a clause that allowed for renegotiation, and that his department was losing a considerable amount of money on the contract.

C. Parent is interested in a report from Sheriff that the PAC can review monthly.

J. Sweeny asked for a copy of the contract and staffing schedule.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

OTHER BUSINESS

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM MAY 12, 2021

J. Sweeny moved to approve minutes with corrections. D. Charbonneau seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ADJOURN

J. Sweeny motioned to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 6:23 pm.

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