

Town of Boscawen
Police Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes - Final
October 18, 2022

Present: Chief Wyman, Chair Kevin Sullivan, Mark Varney, Barbara Randall, Select Board Member Paul Dickey

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

Mark Varney motioned to accept the 3/15/22 minutes as written. Seconded by Paul Dickey. All in favor.

Chief Wyman updated the committee on his officers. Officer Ashley Kiesling, the department's newest recruit and 8th officer, will be attending the Police Academy in January 2023. Officer Patrick Ryan is another recently added member of the department. Sadly, Corporal Glen Chislett and K9 Officer Saint have announced their retirement. Since all equipment for Officer Saint was purchased using grant money, it will now go to another town that has a K9 unit. Best wishes to Glen and Saint.

The body cameras have proven to be beneficial for evidence, especially during DWI stops and domestic violence calls.

ARPA money was used to outfit all 6 cruisers with in-car technology. This advancement has enabled officers to simplify the process by issuing citations and printing tickets while out on duty as opposed to returning to the station to complete paperwork.

Happy Halloween! This year the police will be hosting a haunted house at the Dorval House. Traffic will be blocked by the asphalt plant with parking in the lot and an officer will be on hand to help direct the flow of Trick-or-Treaters at the top of Depot Street.

Chief Wyman stated the increase in his 2023 budget will be due to the following items:

- New position (that had originally been paid with ARPA money)
- Tablets and technology (especially storage)
- New cruiser

The department has received a \$5,000.00 grant which will be used expressly for extra details in hopes of addressing the speeding issues.

The Chief ended the meeting by asking the group if there was interest in encompassing the Fire Department in with the Police Advisory Committee to become the Public Safety Committee. This would allow an advisory committee to not only be a sounding board for the police, but also the fire department as we move toward a possible new fire station in the years to come. It was suggested that Fire Chief Kenney attend the next Police Advisory Committee meeting March 14, 2023 to discuss further.

Mark Varney motioned to adjourn. 2nd by Paul Dickey. All in favor.

Next meeting will be March 21, 2023.

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Respectfully Submitted,

Barbara Randall