

Town of Boscawen
Police Advisory Committee soon to be Public Safety Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes – Final
October 10, 2023

Present: Police Chief Jason Killary, Fire Chief Tim Kenney, Penacook Rescue Chief Shawn Brechtel, Chair Kevin Sullivan, Barbara Randall, and Select Board Member Bill Bevans

Absent: Sean Goldman

Chair Sullivan called the meeting to order at 6:07PM

Chair Sullivan made a motion to accept the 8/15/23 minutes as written. Seconded by Barbara Randall. All in favor.

Updates from the Chiefs:

Fire - All the trucks have recently been inspected and passed.

Joint loss safety issues at the station on being addressed; they are working to deter water that runs off the roof and freezes across the driveway during the winter.

Calls have decreased recently.

Police -

The new cruiser has been delivered, but still needs to be equipped and lettered.

Officer Ryan Smith has taken a position with a nearby town, however, Chief Killary is finalizing the hiring of a new officer to begin on October 30th.

EMS –

Call volume is NOT down; currently 817 calls this year.

Staffing is currently stable with some staff members in school, however, with no benefits, lower pay than other towns, and some only able to work part time, staffing is always an issue.

With all chiefs present, the committee finalized the acceptance to change of name to the Public Safety Committee to include police, fire, and EMS. Discussion ensued regarding what the committee's focus should be and if it should continue as an official Town committee. There was a consensus that it could become an "unofficial" committee with meetings that could offer members of the public an opportunity to learn more about the departments, ask questions, or even state complaints. Chief Kenney stated that recently there have been postings on social media regarding the CIP budgets that are inaccurate. All chiefs would welcome the opportunity to educate the public about their budgets and the process they use to arrive at their budgets. Discussion then turned to how we can build membership or interest in the committee.

Motion to adjourn by Chief Kenney. Seconded by Bill Bevans.

Next meeting: Wednesday, December 13th, 6:00PM at the Fire Station.

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