

Minutes: <u>Police Future Committee</u>
DATE: <u>4/13/22</u> TIME: <u>6:00 pm</u>

LOCATION

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Meeting ID: 874 7923 5688

Passcode: 367862

Call to order at 6:00.

Committee Members Attending: Hugh Mackay, Joe Cuneo, Claire McGinnis, Cam Dunbar, Bob Treutlin

Others Attending: none

Discussion

1. Review and approve minutes of March 30 2022 – Joe motion to accept. Hugh 2nd, Claire yes, Cam yes, Hugh yes, Joe yes, Robert yes.
2. Finalize review of Press Release – very little discussion of this other than confusion of who was sending it to Nancy Slator for New Salem News and how to submit to Athol Daily News and Recorder. We may get another invoice – asking for a story, not a legal ad.
3. Public Hearing in April at Town Hall, April 20 at 7:00
 - a. Moderator – Cam – open meeting with our intent to gather information in another format other than the survey, share information, and give residents the change to ask questions, or to respond to topics not asked in the survey.
 - b. Request from Camden to reschedule so that he and full dept to attend – Our response is decision not to change date. Claire will email Joe back with request for Lt John Bonafini to attend. Also ask the following questions to inform the hearing and the committee: Percentage of calls answered by mutual aid? What are the situational awareness, community engagement and local touch we might lose by having another type of policing agreement? What are the hours budgeted of each person in the department now? What is the actual? Is Academy Training different for the Chief as for an officer?
4. Versions of budget to prepare for the hearing – lots of discussion on these numbers, mostly around the unlikelihood of having to pay for Academy training. Given turnover in the department over the last 5 years (which is at least one per year with exception of 2019), unclear how we replace staff with this new requirement.
5. Survey responses – Gather from Library, Town Coordinator and online version – Claire to gather from Library and Town Coordinator. Committee members will enter the hardcopy responses into the online survey for results, summary and analysis.
6. Other topics not anticipated 48 hours prior to the meeting. Reviewed the 5 year of staffing history Bob gathered from Joe and confirmed through Treasurer.

Adjourn 7:10 pm

Documents Referenced

Scenarios of Budgets

Press Release

Staff history list