

TOWN OF NEW SALEM

BOARD OR COMMITTEE: Police Future Committee

DATE: November 14, 2022 **TIME:** 6:00 pm

LOCATION: Videoconferenced on Zoom, link below

Attending: Cam Dunbar, Hugh Mackay, Joe Cuneo, Claire McGinnis, Robert Treutlin

Others attending: none

Discussion

1. Review and approve minutes of October 24, Hugh motion to approve, Joe 2nd, voice vote Cam yes, Hugh yes, Bob yes, Joe yes Claire yes.
2. Review the Recommendation document written by all members. Where the opinions vary
 - a. Appropriate department size in staff hours – opinions of our members vary but a review of the charge indicates we do not need to agree or include this in our recommendation.
 - b. Budget expansion or maintenance, which is a version of the same question but also includes replacement equipment, ammunition, cruisers, etc. Likewise, not really our charge and final version won't address this.
 - c. Frequency of Chief's reports to the Select Board – Joe remembers when he was new and he reported to the SB every 6 weeks. Is quarterly too much? Emphasis for the recommendation is the communications are key, as a frequency the Board finds useful and the department head doesn't find burdensome. Likely that all, Fire Chief, Library Director, Collector, Clerk, DPW Director should all make periodic reports and participate in budget preparation collaboratively.
 - d. Disband or continue the Police Future Committee – we hope and expect that our recommendation letter will meet the charge, and summarize our findings. We can offer to disband or remain semi-active to review options should needs arrive.
3. Discuss Next steps – Need to archive the shared folder into website, maybe Kathy Neal Town Coordinator will help do this. She already has access through Hugh's former selectboard member gmail account.
4. Set next meeting time – only if the document generates a lot of feedback and we need to meet again.
5. Adjourn with thanks to all committee members, 6:35.

Documents used:

Original Charge from the Select Board in July 2021.

Draft Recommendation document

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