

CITY OF BARRE POLICE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

(Monday, April 15th, 2024)

Location of meeting: Public Safety Building 15 Fourth Street Barre, VT 0564

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Phone number: 1 929 205 6099

Meeting ID: 850 9177 9970

1. Call to order:

- 6:03 pm, we had some technical difficulties.

2. Consider approval of agenda:

- Abby Motions to approve agenda, Kristin seconds. All in favor
- Steve, on behalf of committee, would like to thank Kristin for her service to the committee and to the City of Barre. This is potentially her last meeting and will not be re applying for another term.

3. Consider approval or adjustments of previous meeting minutes:

Steve motions to approve previous meeting minutes, Abby seconds. All in favor.

4. Receive guests:

- Bob Nelson, Kristin Tousignant, Chief Vail, Teddy Waszazak, Abby Blum, Steve England, and Sandy Rouse.

5. Councilor Waszazak's Report

- The council approved the municipal budget, the tax rate will be around 5%. We were able to keep this down due to money the city received due to the flood, 1 million dollars (no restrictions.) Had we not gotten that money, things like over night plowing would have been cut.
- Union negotiations ongoing. There was an out-of-date ordinance that we corrected and approved.

6. Chief's report – Previously sent, notes from PAC added to each bullet point.

- Reconstruction at the public safety bldg. is finally finished. Furniture installed, just putting things away and cleaning out.
 - The work on the building looks great and there are just a few minor things to left to do.
 - It's Great to be back in the Public Safety Building
- A few officers recently attended the Advanced Threat Integration Response Course (ATIRC) that we brought to Barre. It integrates officers with fire/Ems personnel to provide emergency care during active shooter incidents.
 - Fire and EMS will get bullet proof vests through grant funding.
- The body camera equipment install has been completed, all officer training has been completed, and the cameras have been in use since the beginning of the month.
- Oral panel interviews were held March 26 for a few applicants. Two applicants are in the background phase.
- Implemented the Barre Safe Cam program for homeowners and businesses to register their security cameras if they so choose. This will help us know who to contact if there is a crime in the vicinity of their cameras.
- The department website is finally 100% completed. The community safety and agency satisfaction survey section was the last component which has now been completed.
- Two more officers have completed the recent CIT training. All officers and dispatchers will complete the program as we host more classes. BCPD has also been registered for the "one mind campaign" through IACP relative to the CIT training.
- March 7th marked my two-year anniversary with the department. While I have made quite a bit of progress with the transformational change of the agency, we still have much more to do. The flood did inhibit and slow progress, but I feel we are trudging forward appropriately.

7. Discuss and consider approving 212 Uniforms and Equipment

- Officers sign off on everything they have and if something gets lost there will need to be a report filled out.
- Some of this language is in the CBA
- Kristin motions to approve, Abby seconds. All in favor.

8. Discuss and consider approving 425 Community Policing and Problem Solving

- POP; Problem-oriented Policing
- Abby motions to approve, Kristin seconds. All in favor.

9. Discuss and consider approving 431 Language Access Services

- Point to what you speak, using iSpeak.
- Language solutions contract, billed by the hour
- Sandy motions to approve, Abby & Steve second. All in favor.

10. Discuss and consider approving 507 Sobriety Checkpoints

- Sobriety checkpoints are done during certain times.
- The chief would let the city manager know when this was happening but there would be multiple cities/towns involved.
- Federally funded
- Abby motions to approve, Steve seconds. All in favor.

11. Discuss and consider approving 901 Critical Incident Response

- Do we call the FBI or who calls? We would call if it's already not known.
- Annie Casper, Mental Health Clinician. She has been with us now for a few months.
- Kristin motions to approve, Abby seconds. All in favor.

12. Discuss and consider approving 413 Arrest Warrants & Service etc...

- Process, restraining order = Civil process.
- Verifying in the Valcour system, validating the warrant.
- Officers can search for specific policies by their "tag."
- Steve motions to approve, Sandy seconds. All in favor.

13. Discuss and consider approving 420 Staff Briefing & Roll Call

- There is no real way to see if someone checked their e-mail. You could do the read receipt, but they can still respond with "no." There is a key stroke tracer but that is too much.
- Shift briefing, we have been doing this for about a year.
- Roll call is between shifts
- Sandy motions to approve, Abby seconds. All in favor.

14. Discuss and consider approving 424 Bicycle Patrol

- “Selected officer” will be an officer from the Barre City Police Department.
- Bumblebees were/are not allowed to take any action however, they are a good deterrent
- Kristin motions to approve, Steve & Abby second. All in favor.

15. Discuss and consider approving 509 Towing Service

- There are quite a few complaints in the city about towing. The winter parking ban is one of them, but other complaints are “I have a car blocking my driveway.”
- The City of Barre has a conflict-of-interest policy, mostly public office things.
- There is a list of preferred companies for towing, they are rotated. The Police Department gives them 20 to 30 minutes to respond, or they move onto the next company.
- You can request a specific company depending on your insurance, ex: AAA. The Police Department would call them, your insurance will get billed, and the Police Department will be reimbursed.
- Steve motions to approve, Abby seconds. All in favor.

16. Miscellaneous

- Thank you again Chief for complete policies. This makes going through them seamless, quick, and easy. We also can ask other questions rather than finding grammatical errors. Bob wants to thank everyone for doing their homework and reading these ahead of time.
- At some point the Chief can show us the list of policies, which ones are done and which ones we still have left to do. There are 20 or so policies left to go through.
- **National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week – Thank you Dispatchers!**
- Thank you Chief for all your hard work getting the grants needed for the Barre City Police Department to have what they need.

17. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn at 7:14 pm. Steve motions, Abby seconds. All in favor