

# CITY OF BARRE POLICE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

## MEETING MINUTES

Monday, September 9 2024, 6:00 Pm

**Location of meeting:** Barre City Public Safety Building

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83053276707>

Phone number: 1 929 205 6099

Meeting ID: 830 5327 6707

Attendance: Chief Vail via Zoom, Bob Nelson, Steve England, Councilor Teddy Waszazak, Sandy Rouse via Zoom

1. **Call to order:** 6:01 pm

2. **Consider approval of agenda:**

- Chair motions to accept agenda as amended, moving “Miscellaneous” to 3.5. Steve seconds. All in favor. Everyone congratulated Chief Vail and his family on the arrival of a grandson!

3. **Consider approval or adjustments of previous meeting minutes:**

No July minutes to approve, tabled until the October meeting.

### 3.5 Miscellaneous

Chair Nelson asked if changing the meeting day might work better for those in attendance as Monday nights seemed to be extra busy for the majority of the PAC members. This suggestion was met with a positive response and the **new PAC meeting day is the second Wednesday of each month.**

Chair Nelson relayed that he had a number of downtown business & property owners that have had difficulties with pan handlers in and around their businesses. The aggressiveness of the pan handlers and the harsh responses they give if someone says “no” has caused consumers to seek shelter in businesses along Main Street. Chief Vail reported that there was a meeting today (9/9/2024) discussing this very issue with many of the key players in the downtown.

Councilor Waszazak reported he had constituents reach about not only the pan handling but the homelessness issues as well. He also had a constituent reach out about noise issues.

4. **Receive guests:**

- No guests

## **5. Councilor Waszazak's Report**

- Still no CBA with the Police Union. Council has been working on 2023 & 2024 flood recovery. Barre City, in conjunction with the City of Montpelier have applied for a 20 million dollar grant for flood recovery.

## **6. Chief's report**

- Officer Frey is attending Level II training and hopes to attend Level III in February.
- Another candidate is in the background check phase and hopes to attend Level III in February.
- The department welcomed their new Public Safety Administrative Assistant Kimberly Sheltra to the team. She will make the officers and administrators lives much easier.
- BCPD has received a Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) in the amount of \$14,542.00 for the 2024-2026 period to be used towards purchasing necessary equipment.

## **7. Discuss & Consider approving #110 Personal Use of Social Media & Electronic Devices**

- Very little comment
- Steve motions to approve, Sandy seconds motion. All in favor.

## **8. Discuss and consider approving #111 Interactions with LGBTQ+**

- This item had discussion concerning whether it should be a stand alone policy or if the majority of it was covered in the Fair and Impartial Policing policy. Chief Vail relayed that other departments have similar policies and that much of the content was taken from those policies and from John Hopkins.
- Chief Vail explained that the definitions and cultural awareness of them would assist staff in the treatment and handling of these individuals should they be detained or arrested. All in attendance agreed. The content and intent of this item was tacitly approved to be moved to the Fair and Impartial Policing Policy as an addendum or reference guide. Chief Vail will present the updated policy at our next meeting.

## **9. Discuss and consider approving #202 Jurisdiction & Mutual Aid**

- No discussion. Sandy motions to approve, Steve seconds. All in favor.

## **10. Discuss and consider approving #204 Forms Control**

- Very little discussion. A form about forms. Sandy motions to approve, Steve seconds.
- All in favor

## **11. Discuss and consider approving #213 Records Management**

- Steve motions to approve, Sandy seconds. All in favor

## 12. Discuss and consider approving #317 Military Deployment and Reintegration

- This is mostly Federal statute. No discussion. Sandy motions to approve, Steve seconds.
- All in favor.

Prior to adjournment the Chair thanked Chief Vail for his excellent work on the policies and the committee members for their willingness to serve and preparedness in discussing the policies.

## 19. Adjourn

- Steve motions to adjourn, Sandy seconds. All in favor
- Adjourned 6:45 pm

Respectfully submitted 09/10/2024

Bob Nelson, Chair

Police Advisory Committee