

CITY OF BARRE POLICE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

Monday, May 10, 2021 6:00 PM

Location of meeting: Virtual Meeting: Join Zoom Meeting

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Phone number: 1 929 205 6099

Meeting ID: 830 5327 6707

1. Call to order: 6:03 pm

2. Consider approval of agenda:

- Kristin requests amendment of agenda; add “review taser policy” to Item 7, letter A. Steve motions approval of amended agenda, Kristin seconds motion. All in favor.

3. Consider approval or adjustments of previous meeting minutes:

- Approval of meeting minutes will come at next meeting on June 14th Per Bob.

4. Receive guests:

- Bob Nelson, Steve England, Kristin Beaudin, Tim Bombardier, Teddy Waszazak

5. Councilor Waszazak’s Report

- Union Negotiations, ongoing
- Re appointments to the Police Advisory Committee, upcoming. They will go through the same process as the current members. We currently have 2 “seats” open. Applicants will be chosen in executive session due to sensitive information.
- Several Committees are seeking applicants
- Go Vote on Tuesday

6. Chief’s report

- Response to protocol, just about back to normal – as normal as can be.
- Three open positions. Two of those are pending Polygraph and The Police Academy. There are 15 applications which, is great. One person of interest out of those currently. Two of the three positions are from the COPS Grants.
- Dispatch positions open as well.

7. Review “Response to Resistance” – Direct edits were made to a copy of the policy; these are some Key points that were discussed

- ***We are not going to send our final draft.*** There are some legislative changes coming in the next couple of weeks. We’ll look at the changes and then at ours again – it will be interesting to see the differences and compare. These changes should come around May 22nd.
- Teddy to get severability Language to us, after talking with the Mayor. This will go in all our policies that we review. Policies can change overnight.
- Are there any other policies that will be changing like Fair and Impartial? Chief to look into.
- Should we be looking at another in the meantime? These are the two with most influence.
- Upcoming changes to various policies; notify City manager, Mayor, City Council and PAC chair.
- Motion to approve the current changes and hold off on submitting final draft. Kristin motions to approve the changes, Steve seconds. All in Favor.

A. Review Taser Policy – Direct edits have been made to the policy

- ECD – electronic control device
- Taser usage at the BCPD, once or twice a year. Used more earlier on
- “Those who the officer has reason to believe are in ill health or are pregnant.” Officers can have some previous knowledge of a person(s) but, these conditions would need to be evident to them otherwise.
- X26 tasers used unless authorized and approved by the Chief to use something different.
- “Prior to the use of the taser, if practical, officers should verbally notify those on scene by stating **TASER, TASER, TASER**; indicating the use of the taser is imminent in order to prevent unintentional shootings.” The use of the word *practical* is used, for example, if some one is coming at you and you have 9 seconds to act you may not have time to yell **TASER, TASER, TASER**.
- There are multiple trainings with Tasers at the BCPD
- The use of longer probes in Vermont to get through clothing. 21 feet in length.
- You can drop a Taser and grab a firearm if you are alone, but you would never hold both at once. One officer should cover with lethal force and the other with a Taser.
- Medical Evaluation: there is a form that is filled out with a list of things to go through.

8. Review “Fair and Impartial policing” Policy.

- We are going to hold off on reviewing this until we can get additional changes.

9. Miscellaneous

- From the Diversity and Equity committee, use of algorithm (tool) to check all policies to make sure they are equitable for everyone. We will be getting this to review from The Chief.
- To use on all the polices could be over kill but, once you have something concrete this could be used. Not good to use line for line

10. Adjourn

- Bob adjourns meeting at 7:08. Steve motions approval, Kristin seconds motion. All in favor.