

# CITY OF BARRE POLICE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

## MEETING MINUTES

(Monday, January 10, 2022 6:00 Pm)

**Location of meeting:** Hybrid meeting: virtual and in-person at the public safety building

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

Phone number: 1 929 205 6099

Meeting ID: 830 5327 6707

1. **Call to order:** 6:03 pm

2. **Consider approval of agenda:**

- Kristin motions to approve agenda, Steve seconds motion. All in favor.

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

- Steve motions to approve previous meeting minutes, Kristin seconds motion. All in Favor.

4. **Receive guests:**

- Bob Nelson, Steve England, Kristin Beaudin, Deputy Chief/Interim Chief Larry Eastman, Teddy Waszazak

5. **Councilor Waszazak's Report**

- The city is currently working on the budget process, almost finalized but nothing major left.
- Starting the list of priorities. The city has about 2.3 million in ARPA funds. Some have already been allocated but, it's a very small amount. City heads can submit a "wish list" for their department.
- Police Chief for Barre City has been narrowed down to two candidates. The committee will submit a recommendation then the city manager will go through the process to decide. An offer should be made around the first week of February.

6. **Chief's report**

- The Police Academy is at full capacity again but, things could very well change due to rising Covid cases. There are also not as many applicants and officers retiring earlier than expected. Next class at the Academy is in March, we'll send 2 or 3.
- New budget requests; Stock Grant, Brianna Murphy, domestic violence. The goal is to keep this position and expand. It's very beneficial, grant expires July 2022.

- The two-dispatch trainees are on their own and are doing Great!
- Hiring panel, will hopefully get this going soon. Four to Five people. Different people from different locations, one PAC member. Ask questions that are important to them.

## 7. Response protocol to Overdose calls - Editing was done on the copy of the policy – these are some key points.

- A lot of things need to be changed. Larry sat down with Joe Aldsworth and our Mental health clinician. Send to crisis response team as well as Chief Peete at the Montpelier Police department. The way it's written should change
- We're trying to provide services and not punishment
- EMS responds – revamp this whole thing
- Sometimes when law enforcement gets there, NARCAN has already been administered by another person however, you can give multiple doses when needed.
- How is NARCAN funded? State funded. This is where the online submission form comes into play as well. This will alert of any usage and when replacements are needed. No cost to the Barre City Police Department.
- The numbers for NARCAN administered by just the Barre City Police Department, not EMS, are July 2020 – July 2021 NARCAN was administered 22 different times. From July 2021 to December 2021 there were 6 different times NARCAN administered.
- The Fire department has NARCAN emergency kits. These kits contain NARCAN, Contact information and resources. The Barre City Police Department would like these. The idea might be that they are “checked out” instead of carried in cruisers due to the different temperatures. Let Teddy know if the Police Department needs anything from council for these.
- How do you help someone who isn't ready for help? You cannot force someone into treatment but, you can give them the resources. Work on It after the 1<sup>st</sup> overdose, not the 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> time.
- Follow up with this person a couple days after and not right after the incident? Would this be more successful? There is a lot going on the time of. Should the Mental health clinician reach out versus an officer? Larry to ask about this. You may not always be able to get a “face to face” follow up.
- Every agency needs a mental health clinician, they are very beneficial.
- How long does Law Enforcement stay when they have been called in for an overdose? Generally, they leave with EMS.
- Bob will send Larry this protocol with all our notes. Larry will send over to Chief Peete to look at as well.

## 8. Miscellaneous

- Hiring panel; time of day? Day of the week? How Often? Bob will send out an e-mail to all the PAC to see if any of us are available.
- Internal affairs/Citizen complaints; consider suggestions and/or amendments from the Diversity and Equity Committee.

## 9. Adjourn

- Bob Motions to adjourn the meeting a 7:38. Steve motions to approve, Kristin seconds motion. All in favor.