

CITY OF BARRE POLICE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

(Monday, June 12, 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:** 6:04 pm

2. **Consider approval of agenda:**

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

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

- Bob motions to approve previous meeting minutes, Sandy seconds. All in favor.

4. **Receive guests:**

- Bob Nelson, Kristin Tousignant, Chief Vail, Abby Blum, Teddy Waszazak, and Sandy Rouse. Constance joined via Zoom as well as Ryan from IT later on.

5. **Councilor Waszazak's Report**

- Congratulations to all three re appointments to the Police Advisory Committee; Bob, Abby, and Sandy.

6. **Chief's report**

- Sarah Kuras will go to the Academy in August
- The Barre City Police Department held its first annual awards and recognition ceremony last week.
- Peer Recovery Coach, Mark Farley had 27 contacts in 3 weeks. We share this position with Montpelier.
- Mental Health Clinician position still vacant.
- Body Cameras – State funding will be available to be applied for between June 15th and August 15th. The Barre City Police Department is high on the priority list as we do not have body cameras. Decisions will be made in September. This funding will pay for the initial cost to purchase the body cameras, we will pay for the storage. After, the cost will be added to

the Capital Improvement Fund. 10-year contract, upgrades every 2 ½ years, storage cost will be locked in.

7. Discuss and consider approving Sex Offender Registry policy

- Edits were made directly to policy
- Taken out of statue
- VCIC – sex offender registry, registry sends out quarterly reports. If someone was to move out of state there is no way of being able to know this until there is a violation.
- Photo is provided by VCIC and is the most current that they have.
- State of Vermont will allow “homeless address.” They are, however, hard to check on but officers can add notes as to their last whereabouts.
- Abby motions to approve amended policy, Kristin seconds. All in favor.

8. Discuss and consider approving Traffic Control & Enforcement policy

- Edits were made directly to policy.
- Acceptable to roll your window down halfway, officers are trained to know that it is okay for some one to do this.
- Re examination requires going back to the DMV. Normally this may happen to some one is older, dementia, especially when someone caused the accident.
- You cannot stop someone based on their race or gender.
- Race data is collected when someone is stopped. Since an officer cannot ask someone’s race or gender this data is collected on an officer’s perception. How accurate is this?
- Equipment is calibrated before each shift.
- Who controls the timing of the traffic lights? State and city, there is a study that happens, and a lot actually goes into it.
- Kristin motions to approve amended policy, Abby seconds. All in favor

9. Discuss and consider approving Exculpatory & Incriminating Statements or Evidence policy

- Edits were made directly to policy
- No substantial changes
- Abby motions to approve policy, Sandy seconds. All in favor.

10. Discuss and consider approving Driving Under Influence Evidentiary Testing policy

- There are portable devices officers use on stops, not admissible in court.
- Right to refuse, an officer can then decide to bring them to the Police Department to get tested.
- PBT’s are given at the end.

- Passengers of someone who are pulled over ideally get a PBT as well, but they can refuse. If they take one this is helpful as they can give a statement or help move the car if the driver is unable to.
- Paperwork “due” within 3 business days however, if late they have to go back and make accommodations.
- DRE’s are statewide.
- Abby motions to approve, Sandy seconds. All in favor.

11. Discuss and consider approving Juvenile Operations policy

- All of this language is statutory
- Specific to Barre City
- You cannot hold a Juvenile for more than 6 hours; this includes any travel time. If they do there needs to be an explanation to back it up.
- Abby motions to approve, Sandy seconds. All in favor.

12. Discuss and consider approving Authority Department Organization & Command policy

- Communications – Deputy Chief handles this. However, it would be wise to have some one who deals with this day in and day out over communications.
- Communications uses APCO, like we use CALEA.
- Use most senior officer who is in charge if no rank.
- Kristin motions to approve, Abby seconds. All in favor.

13. Miscellaneous

- Pictures from awards ceremony on Facebook looked Great.
- **No July PAC meeting, we will meet in August**

14. Adjourn

- Bob would entertain a motion to adjourn meeting. Abby motions to adjourn meeting at 7:25, Sandy seconds. All in Favor.