

CITY OF BARRE POLICE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

(Monday, September 11, 2023 6:00 Pm)

Location of meeting: Hybrid. Conference room at Alumni Hall, 2nd floor.

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Phone number: 1 929 205 6099

Meeting ID: 830 5327 6707

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

2. **Consider approval of agenda:**

- Chief Vail would like to combine Number 11 and 14 on the agenda, the form from 14 goes with number 11 policy. Abby motions to approve amended agenda, Kristin seconds. All in favor

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

Steve motions to approve previous meeting minutes, Bob seconds. All in Favor

4. **Receive guests:**

- Bob Nelson, Kristin Tousignant, Chief Vail, Abby Blum, Teddy Waszazak, Steve England at 6:02 and Sandy Rouse at 6:05. No one online

5. **Councilor Waszazak's Report**

- Tuesday, July 11th the council went into flood response mode.
- Thank YOU to all first responders, I cannot speak highly enough about what you did.
- 500 + housing units affected. We need continued federal help to get people back into housing and meet people's needs – responsibly.
- There is a nonprofit in the works that will be housed at the old Police Department. This will be a Hub for anyone who needs help. It's independently run and not by the city.
- Bob echo's Teddy's shout out to the first responders, city staff and volunteers. Everyone acted quickly.
- The city is and will be in recovery mode for quite some time. We have a long way to go.

6. Chief's report

- Recognizing that today is September 11th, 22 years.
- We lost the 1st floor at the Barre City Police Department due to the flooding; dispatch is in the training room. RFP contract out to get the Police Department back in order, September 19th. Hopes to get back in there by the end of the year.
- Sarah Kuras is in her 3rd week at the full time Police Academy
- On going recruitment
- SRT grant for the body cameras, waiting on the state grant. If we cannot use both we will choose the better of the two. Hopefully a decision will be reached by the end of this month.
- Two new interns started this week from Norwich, John, and Josh.
- Two Sergeants to attend the FBI LEEDA's Supervisory Leadership Institute in October, there are scholarships for these.

7. Discuss and consider approving 429 Nasal Naloxone

- Officers store in Duty bag when off duty
- It's readily available now.
- Abby motions to approve, Kristin seconds. All in Favor

8. Discuss and consider approving 504 Collision Investigation

- What about non serious Injury? There is a higher training level for collision investigation. There are people that will reconstruct a scene detail by detail. Collision investigation is taught in the Academy.
- All deaths will be in red manilla folder, location of folder is in a separate policy.
- Any death is reported to the State's Attorneys Office, they determine to call the Medical Examiner.
- Abby motions to approve policy, Steve seconds. All in Favor.

9. Discuss and consider approving 508 Assistance to Highway Users

- Any roadway = highway
- Reliable tow company means they need to be on a specific list.
- Steve motions to approve policy, Kristin seconds. All in Favor.

10. Discuss and consider approving 511 Unattended & Abandoned Vehicles

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

11. Discuss and consider approving 603 Missing Persons Investigations and Lost Person Questionnaire

- Missing “letter C.”
- Articulate evidence, proven, spelt out, what’s happened.
- Statue policy
- The follow up is normally where it has fallen apart.
- Susan’s Law, everyone at least 18 years of age and under 21 will be entered into the system.
- Silver alert is 65 and older.
- Amber alert is federal.
- Kristin motions to approve amended policy, Abby seconds. All in favor.

A. questionnaire

- Statewide form to assist Officers to get all the information needed.
- Most Officers carry these in their Duty bag.
- We will not approve this form since it’s a statewide form and can be changed.

12. Discuss and consider approving 604 Response to Crimes of Sexual Violence

- Everyone is “alleged” – we can add that.
- Anyone who has been assaulted will get transported to the hospital.
- Some folks maybe hesitant on evidence processing due to cost. It’s disclosed to them that these costs are covered by various places.
- Victim assistance forms are provided. If they cannot reach out themselves an Officer can help do this.
- Mental Health Clinician can also provide support, we utilize them.
- Evidence kits are destroyed after 40 years, a case has been solved or closed.
- There is a lot of anonymous reporting that happens.
- Abby approves policy, Kristin seconds. All in Favor.

13. Discuss and consider approving 605 Hate Bias Incident Investigations

- Should politics be added under “policy?”
- Bullying can fall under here as well.
- Victims’ perception – being singled out. Consideration is given. You treat it as such until it’s proven otherwise.
- Reports cannot be taken over the phone.
- The Diversity and Equity committee’s name on here will be changed.
- Abby motions to approve policy, Steve seconds. All in favor.

14. **Miscellaneous**

- Thank you everyone, again, some of these policies are very “heavy” and can be difficult to read.
- Thank you, Chief Vail, for the continued Police presence – it’s seen and appreciated.

15. **Adjourn**

- Motion to adjourn at 7:22. Steve motions to approve, Abby seconds. All in favor