

CITY OF BARRE POLICE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

(Monday, February 13, 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:** 6:00 pm

2. **Facility tour**

- Great upgrades in the dispatching center. Functional and aesthetically pleasing too, lights to be updated. Dispatching for multiple entities
- Six cells total and we will be keeping two of them – effective July 1. There will be a better flow by moving the processing room and evidence room. Having the cells there is a huge liability.
- The building is 16 years old. The typical life span is about 30 years old. Hopefully by doing some of these upgrades it will keep the building around a little longer.
- Power DMS presentation. Looks like a great system – efficient
- There is a link to all of the policies on the site anyone can access when they need it
- When a new document is added and needs review it's sent through power DMS. The system shows when someone views a document, how many times and when a signature has been obtained
- There is a free app officers can get for their phone so they can access a policy at any time

3. **Consider approval or adjustments of the agenda:**

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

4. **Consider approval of previous meeting minutes**

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

5. **Receive guests**

- Bob Nelson, Steve England, Kristin Tousignant, Chief Vail, Abby Blum

6. Councilor Waszazak's report

- Town meeting day is March 7, 2023. Reach out to get ballot
- Council put the budget on the ballot, it turned out to be a good balance
- 4.8% increase, fair

7. Chief's report

- Two more applications, one of them is a current intern. Both are for officer positions
- Community open house hopefully in April or May. Looking to do car seat safety checks and gadgets at the Fire Department – stay tuned
- Promotional process for Sergeant underway
- BCPD sergeants Steve Durgin and Jonathan Houle attended the 888th session of the FBI LEEDA's Supervisory Leadership Institute this week. Sergeant Tucker and whomever is promoted will be going down in the fall.
- Cost is \$3,000.00 but, the BCPD is reimbursed for \$2500.00 through the John Law Scholarship. This is a great program
- Dumpster dive at Wilkin's Harley-Davidson, was a great cause.

8. Discuss and consider approving Canine Operations policy

- CALEA standards, plus the Police Academy looked this over
- Patrol dogs' lives are about 7-8 years
- The handler will deem the property "safe" for the patrol dog to enter.
- Police K9's work well together, they are trained together.
- The decision to deploy the patrol dog is on the handler. If the Supervisor says a dog is not needed, they make that final decision
- There is a difference when it comes to a search versus a "sniff."
- VLCT covers health and care of canines
- Vehicles have automatic ventilation
- Kristin motions to approve, Abby seconds. All in favor

9. Discuss and consider approving Vehicle Search policy

- Do not make arrests based off suspicions
- Polices are for not going out of someone's constitutional rights
- If an owner is present they will give the consent to search the vehicle. If the owner is not present it is up to the person driving the vehicle
- Probable cause = something in plain view
- Some one can say no to an officer to search the vehicle however, with probable cause they can get a warrant and seize the vehicle
- You can revoke consent

- Towing policy has not come out yet
- Abby motions to approve, Steve seconds. All in favor

10. Discuss and consider approving Grievance

- This was run through the collective bargaining agreement, contractual language
- Annual analysis to make sure everything is up to date
- All transparent to the public
- Kristin motions to approve, Abby seconds. All in favor

11. Miscellaneous

- Another Kudo's to Chief Vail for participating in the dumpster dive event at Wilkins Harley-Davidson this passed Saturday. The event raised a total of \$6070.00 for the Dartmouth Children's Hospital.

12. Adjourn

- Bob would entertain a motion to adjourn meeting at 7:59 pm. Steve motions to approve, Abby seconds. All in favor