

Policing in Hartland Meeting Minutes Monday, September 13, 2023, 5:30 PM

Recorded by Christine Knippenberg

Committee Attendees:

Mandi Potter, Tom Kennedy, Trace Tancreti, Alan Beebe, Robyn Mosher, Christine Knippenberg

Public Attendees:

Robert North, Sherry Clarke, David Singer

Public Comments:

- David Singer remarked on other towns having Police Oversight Committees, suggest that this committee might continue in this capacity once this work is concluded.
- Sherry Clarke asked about options for having a local police department, perhaps with part-time retired State Police.

Discussion for PowerPoint for Public Meeting

Overall goals for the public meeting are to:

1. review charge to committee
2. outline the work of the committee
3. get input from public

Discussion of what to add/ amend to PowerPoint to provide important background

information, answer some of the possible questions townspeople might have including:

- Though we have a contract with VSP, they are only being paid when services provided.
- Any policing services can intervene within the town borders if a situation arises (e.g. jurisdiction not restricted to only contracted policing service)
- Input from townspeople important in the committee making its final recommendations.
- Traffic issues (large number of calls, half related to speeding, to understand that figure.

Preparing for the Public Meeting:

- Kevin Geiger of Two Rivers will moderate.
- Date September 28 at 7:00 PM at Damon Hall
- Mandi will have a handout describing the Safety and Policing Committee's charter for attendees at the meeting.
- Mandi will finish up PowerPoint and send to committee members for a final review.
- Will ask Martin to send out via Listserve
- Language suggested for List Serve announcement:
" Join Us for a Discussion of the future of policing in Vermont. The Safety and Policing Committee want your input at a public meeting on Sept. 28, 2023 at 7:00 at Damon Hall. Bring your questions and comments. "
- Tom will arrange a poster for Damon hall and possible sandwich board at fire station N. Hartland—check with Stacy for best place to post.

Meeting adjourned 6:20 PM