



BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS  
MINUTES OF MEETING  
TUESDAY, July 30<sup>th</sup>, 2019  
Approved

A meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners was held in the Burlington Police Department Community Room on Tuesday, July 30<sup>th</sup>, 2019. Vice Chair Hart called the meeting to order at 6:03 PM.

The following Commissioners were present: Vice Chair Shireen Hart, Commissioner Mark Hughes, Commissioner Randall Harp, Commissioner Jabulani Gamache, Commissioner Nyree Miles, Commissioner Yuol Herjok Yuol, and Youth Commissioner Landen Nipper. Also present: Deputy Chief Jon Murad, Deputy Chief Jan Wright, Corporal Kratochvil, Data Analyst Nancy Stetson and Commission Clerk Laura Cheney.

**Additions or Modifications to Agenda**

- None

**Public Forum**

- Martha attended the meeting and spoke of her commitment to community welfare. She noted she was happy to see the shift in representation and wanted to extend her support to the commission.

**Chief's Report**

- Deputy Chief Jon Murad spoke of the recent apprehension of Alfred Wisher after the shooting on Clarke St back in March. In collaboration with local, state and federal, in particular the US Marshal Service, the suspect was taken into custody in the State of Georgia and will be extradited to Vermont to face charges in the near future.
- DC Murad spoke of the Washington metro police incident revealing a compassionate effort by an officer to support an autistic child. While it is great that the Washington Post shared this story, this is not an unusual event. Our officers perform this type of work day after day. Just days ago, officers dealt with two untimely deaths in one day. Officers showed compassion and care for the lives lost and those impacted by this loss.

**Task Force Update**

- No update

**Review Role of Police Commission in Citizen Complaints**

- Vice Chair Hart asked for questions and comments from the new commissioners on the resolution.
- Commissioner Hughes moved to table the discussion to the August meeting so that Chair Asch could further inform commissioners on what has transpired between the Commission and the Public Safety Committee. This was seconded by Commissioner Gamache, all voted in favor.

**Car Stop Data**

- The report was reviewed and discussed.

**Commendations**

- Several commendations received over the previous month were shared.

**Commissioners' Updates/Comments**

- Commissioner Hughes enjoyed the creemee with cop and looks forward to more.
- Commissioner Gamache inquired about transient population and housing.

- DC Murad noted that the Department can address prohibited behavior, and will enforce when necessary. With regard to supporting this community, we do our best to work with the transient population about where they choose to reside.
- Commissioner Hughes noted there is an incredible level of balance in keeping people safe and showing compassion and is appreciative for that consideration. We don't want to criminalize race, homelessness and mental illness.

**Consent Minutes of July 2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting**

- Commissioner Hughes motioned to accept, Commissioner Gamache seconded, all Commissioners voted in favor, minutes approved with minor edits.

**Next Meeting's Agenda Items and Date**

- Next meeting – August 27<sup>th</sup>
- Revisit Car Stop Data
- Role of Police Commission
- Social Media
- Technology, such as facial recognition

**Executive Session**

- None needed

**Adjournment**

- Commissioner Harp motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Hughes, all voted in favor. Adjourned at 7:17pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
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Laura Cheney  
Executive Assistant to the Chief of Police  
Clerk of the Police Commission

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